

Regular Monthly Meeting
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
Board Of Supervisors
May 11, 2026

Present were Supervisors Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr., Robert Johnson, and Dominick Scotto, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Advisor Steve Cassens, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present was Wade Yarborough.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto and carried, the April Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for April 23 through May 11 in the amount of \$17,486.36.

Attorney Behn reported that although the Referendum did there are ways to levy future assessments using different funding streams and his firm is working on funding recommendations. A report on funding opportunities shall be provided at the June meeting.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 12 were sprayed for torpedo grass, alligator weed, water lettuce, and dollar weed. Mowing of various rights-of-way, Canal 12 and the Minton Structure has commenced. Wyatt Carlton will remove the large oaks along Canal 2 rather than mulching. This will prevent too much debris falling into the canal. A disintegrated pipe was discovered at Canal 6. It will be remove and the area filled in.

There were no permits recommended for approval.

Two bid proposals for the Canal 7 Bank Restoration were received. Environmental Land Development bid \$946,000.00 and South Florida Land Clearing bid \$1,270,000.00. Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto and carried to offer the restoration project to Environmental Land Development.

Projects under review include Canal 17 at Johnston Road and Gerber Collision (Canal 1). The Gerber Collision project will discharge directly into Canal 1 and maintenance issues were discussed. It was suggested that the removal of all exotics/vegetation be incorporated into the Special Conditions.

The Budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year was discussed. The Board elected to keep the levy at \$25.00 per unit at this time. Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto and carried to keep the levy at \$25.00 per unit.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary