

Regular Monthly Meeting
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
Board Of Supervisors
June 8, 2026

Present were Supervisors Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr. (via teleconference), Robert Johnson, and Dominick Scotto, Attorney Nick Bixley, Engineer Patrick Helms, Advisor Steve Cassens, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present was Wade Yarborough.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the May Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for May 12 through June 8 in the amount of \$32,723.34.

Attorney Bixley presented a Warranty Deed, Quit Claim Deed and Temporary Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Kings Highway Widening Project. Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried to approve the Warranty Deed, Quit Claim Deed and Temporary Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation. Research continues on future funding options, and a formal memo will be issued regarding such. Attorney Bixley stressed that nothing bars the District from Special Assessments for capital improvements. The first step the District must take is to revise the Water Control Plan. The House Bill to increase sovereign immunity is still unsigned.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 20 and 22 were sprayed for torpedo grass, alligator weed, water lettuce, pennywort and dollar primrose and the rocks below the Gate's Structure were treated with herbicide. Mowing of Canals 1 and 17 rights-of-way is complete. A staff gauge and camera were installed at the Gate's Structure. The Canal 17 culvert replacement is complete, and work has started on Canal 16 replacement. Wade Yarborough reported that after a heavy rainfall, the Bedner Farms retention pond blew out into Canal 13. The old pipes were removed to prevent this from recurring. The first 400 feet of the Canal 7 bank restoration is complete.

There were no permits recommended for approval.

A proposal of \$27,800.00 was received from Environmental Land Development to relocate approximately 3,400 linear feet of exiting fence along the west side of Canal 7 to provide additional maintenance access. The Board requested another proposal but, by a motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the Board approved the fence relocation with costs not to exceed \$27,800.00.

A change order was submitted by Environmental Land Development to extend an existing culvert pipe impacted by the Canal 7 bank restoration project. The work is not eligible for reimbursement under the Natural Resources Conservation Service grant and would be funded by the District. The Board elected to table this request.

Installing stage monitoring equipment upstream of the Minton and Gate's Structures was discussed. Initial setup for two units is approximately \$16,000 with an annual cost of \$5,000. Because the County has agreed to pay for one unit, the Board requested Patrick Helms to get a proposal.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary