

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
Board Of Supervisors
July 13, 2026

Present were Supervisors Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr. (via teleconference), Robert Johnson, and Dominick Scotto, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms (via teleconference), Advisor Steve Cassens, and Secretary Patricia Kuta.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the June Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for June 9 through July 13 in the amount of \$603,327.49.

The first pay request for the Canal 7 Bank Restoration Project, amounting to \$634, 110.17, has been signed and a check for \$581,006.32 has been signed for Environmental Land Development. The second pay request should be prepared within the next two weeks. As the District's operating account does not have sufficient funds to cover the request, it may be necessary to use funds from the PNC Certificate of Deposit.

Attorney Behn reported that the Buc-ee's Maintenance Agreement has been signed and recorded. A memo on future funding mechanisms for the District was distributed to the Board. Attorney Behn 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 addressing sovereign immunity caps was vetoed by the Governor but the District should plan on a 10% increase on insurance premiums.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 17, 20, and 21 were sprayed for torpedo grass, alligator weed, and water lettuce. The work on the Canal 16 culvert replacement is continuing, and it appears there is an issue regarding the Canal 18 and Johnston Road culvert on the east side.

Patrick Helms recommended two permits for approval: Johnston Road – TVC Subdivision (Canal 1) and Bedner Farms Commercial (Canal 14). Motion was made by supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto, and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions and the resolution of outstanding review comments.

Engineering coordinated with Florida Power and Light regarding access to the L-20 Canal south of the Florida Power and Light Solar and Saint Lucie County Environmental Resources Department sites. Florida Power and Light provided updated contact information for the appropriate representative to coordinate access within the District right-of-way, as well as ongoing canal maintenance responsibilities.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary