

**Board Of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
July 31, 2025**

Present were Supervisors Steve Cassens and H. M. Ridgely, III, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Supervisor of Works Bill Price, and Secretary Patricia Kuta.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the month of July in the amount of \$176,321.59 were approved as were the minutes of the June Meeting.

Secretary reported payroll tax deposits were made, payment made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices paid for the month of June, invoices for July were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled. The matter of unpaid Florida Department of Transportation invoices was discussed, and it was determined that future Engineering reviews will be discontinued until all invoices are paid in full.

The Supervisor of Works stated that the District is in good shape and water levels are good. Canals 27, 28, 56, 57 and 58 are being cleaned and Canals 27, 28, 55 and 58 are being mowed. There is a collapsed culvert on Pecos Road, and the Board requested a letter be sent to the landowner about this.

Attorney Behn reported that House Bill 4047, to amend the assessment rates for the District, was signed by the Governor on July 2nd. It was necessary to amend the bill to require a referendum of the Landowners to be voted on a by-acre basis. Coordination with the Supervisor of Elections will begin in the coming months on how to coordinate and conduct the referendum. An Amendment for the Higgins's Engineering Contract was presented to the Board for their approval. The amendment adds another employee classification and does not modify any provisions of the original contract. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Cassens, and carried to approve the Amendment.

A Certification Request was received for several parcels within Bent Creek. However, there are maintenance issues along Five Mile Creek and the canals surrounding the development. A letter will be sent to the new Home Owners Association regarding this matter.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Crossroads RV (Canal 40) and Old Dominion Freight Line (Canal 32-East). Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the permits, with Special Conditions.

A meeting was held with the Florida Department of Transportation and AT&T regarding relocating the AT&T pole on the east side of Kings Highway from I-95 to Angle Road. The Florida Department of Transportation and AT&T requested the District provide a permanent easement along the eastern tight-of-way for the pole line and access rights along the Canal 32E maintenance berm for any future maintenance to their poles. The Board denied the request.

Projects under review include Hotwire Communications Crossing (Canal 56), Almeria Residential Villas (Canal 18), LP Asphalt Plant (Canal 101), Comcast Crossing (Canal 101 and 102), White Marsh (Canal 71), U-Hail (Canal 17), and Kings Highway (Canals 32E and 32W).

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

Steve Cassens, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary