

**Board Of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
August 28, 2025**

Present were Supervisors Wes Carlton and H. M. Ridgely, III, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Supervisor of Works Bill Price, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present was Lisa Papparella, Bent Creek Home Owners Association.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried, disbursements for the month of July in the amount of \$69,775.38 were approved as were the minutes of the July Meeting.

Lisa Papparella, representing the Bent Creek Property Management, spoke to the Board regarding their Maintenance Agreement with the District. Their contractor will be coming in September to clean Five Mile Creek and the lakes in the property and it was suggested that the Supervisor of Works be contacted when the contractor is there to ensure the cleaning is being done properly.

Secretary reported payroll tax deposits were made, payments made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices paid for the month of August, invoices for August were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled. The office computer power supply died August 12, and a new system was purchased. MK Computers was able to restore all of the data.

The Supervisor of Works stated that the District is in good shape and water levels are good. Canals 23, 28, 35, 53, 55 and 58 are being cleaned and Canals 53, 54 and 63 are being mowed.

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 which should be completed prior to the next Budget Meeting.

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: Hotwire Communications Crossing (Canal 33), R&L Carriers (Canal 103), St. Lucie Transit Facility (Canal 102) and Almeria Residential Villas (Canal 18). Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried to approve the permits, with Special Conditions.

A washout on Canal 91 was repaired by the LTC Ranch developer/contractor however, a final proposed cross-section was not provided to the District prior to construction, nor was a survey or permit application submittal. The District Counsel will contact the developer/contractor regarding this matter.

A Special Condition for the Pineapple Grove development permit specified that the Canal 33 bank should not be disturbed or destabilized; however, substantial earthwork occurred along the canal. The Board discussed whether the permit should be suspended or revoked until the canal is stabilized. The District Counsel will contact the owner/permittee regarding this issue.

The Canal & Structure Maintenance and Cleaning bids were reviewed and motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried to approve the rankings.

Projects under review include Symphony Lakes (Canal 102), LP Asphalt Plant (Canal 101), Comcast Crossing (Canal 101 and 102), White Marsh (Canal 71), U-Haul (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