

**Board Of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
September 25, 2025**

Present were Supervisors Steve Cassens, Wes Carlton (via teleconference), and H. M. Ridgely, III, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Supervisor of Works Bill Price, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present were James Poole and Bing Wang, Florida Department of Transportation, Patrick Murphy and Sherry McCorkle, South Florida Water Management District, Joel Gaillard, and Lance Fischer, and Melissa Reynolds (via teleconference), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the month of September in the amount of \$94,966.02 were approved as were the minutes of the August Regular and Budget Meetings.

James Poole requested a waiver of the \$63,870.00 Permit application/Engineering review deposit for the Kings Highway Project which includes 2,381 linear feet of canal crossings and 15 outfalls to the District's drainage canals. The Board denied the request to waive the \$58,870.00 Permit application fee. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried to waive the \$5,000 Engineering review deposit.

Lance Fischer showed a Power Point presentation about the final modeling of the C23/24 Stormwater Treatment Area and assured the Board that there would be no harm to the District's system. The Operations Manual should be ready for the Board to review the third or fourth week of October and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asked for comments within six weeks. A copy of the data from the modeling was requested.

Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried to amend the 2024-2025 budget to reflect actual expense.

Secretary reported that payroll tax deposits were made, payments were made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices were paid for the month of September, invoices for September were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled. The Quarterly Report and UTC-6 were completed and submitted. Attorney Fee's wife passed away on September 22, 2025, and the Board requested flowers be sent.

The Supervisor of Works stated that the District is in good shape and water levels are good. Canals 8, 7, 10, 11, 38, 53, 54 and 58 are being cleaned and Canals 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 38, and 5 Mile Creek are being mowed.

Attorney Behn reported that ethics training needs to be completed before the end of the calendar year. There will be an in-house training session at the District office on November 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. and on-line training is also an option. Coordination with the Supervisor of Elections will begin in the coming months on how to coordinate and conduct the referendum, which should be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Comcast Crossing (Canal 102), Comcast Crossing (Canal 102), Mill Creek (Canal 29), Okeechobee Partners, LLC (FMC), and Greenpointe C-91 Restoration. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried to approve the permits, with Special Conditions and application fee payments.

A Petition to Abandon/Vacate an unused portion of 39th Street between Avenue J and Avenue I was received. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to issue a Letter of No Objection to the Petition.

Coordination continues with South Florida Water Management District regarding the Gordy Structure. Work is being done to generate updated flow calculations with the new gate configuration. Also, South Florida Water Management District is looking into monitoring equipment that can be installed to determine gate opening heights.

Projects under review include Symphony Lakes (Canal 102), LP Asphalt Plant (Canal 101), 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