

**Board Of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
North St. Lucie River Water Control District
January 29, 2026**

Present were Supervisors Steve Cassens and H. M. Ridgely, III, Attorney Seth Behn (via teleconference), Supervisor of Works Bill Price, Engineer Patrick Helms, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present were Fernando Gomez, Chuck Ruks, Aaron Watt, and Tommy Ruiz- Savannas Sun Trail representatives and Leah Sams, Evans Properties.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the months of December and January in the amount of \$167,011.74 were approved as were the minutes of the December Regular, Special, and Annual Meetings.

Representatives from the Savannas Sun Trail along Canal 22 addressed the Board regarding several inconsistencies noted during the final walkthrough and inspection. These inconsistencies included:

1. The installation of five equalizer pipes crossing the 10-foot asphalt path. Each crossing consists of two 23" x 14" elliptical pipes, concrete end walls, and rock riprap sumps on each side of the crossing.
2. Bollards were installed within Canal 22 right-of-way at Easy Street and Midway Road. These bollards could impact the ability to perform emergency maintenance.
3. Based on the approved plans, sod should have been installed between the west edge to the asphalt path and top of bank, however, this area was seeded and mulched. Per the permit conditions, "all disturbed areas shall be sodded" and most areas between the top of bank and edge of the path were disturbed.

The Board requested the culverts be filed with rocks to prevent bank washouts and provide stabilization. Berms that were created shall be graded to the District's satisfaction and disturbed areas that were not sodded will be hydro-seeded. A permit modification will be required.

Secretary reported payroll tax deposits were made, payments were made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices were paid for the months of December and January, invoices for December and January were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled.

The Supervisor of Works report stated that the District is in good shape and water levels are good. Canals 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 65, 75, 76, 77, 83 and 90 are being cleaned and Canals 64, 75, 76, and 77 are being mowed. Ten Mile Creek was sprayed.

Attorney Behn requested the ratification of Resolution 2026-1 approving the amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement the Florida Department of Transportation. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to ratify the Resolution. Resolution 2026-2 which orders a referendum to be conducted by mail ballot pursuant to Chapter 2025-241 laws of Florida. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the Resolution. A Draft of the Referendum Notice and Ballot was reviewed by the Board and several minor

changes of the wording were requested. The total cost for the Ballot, including postage, is approximately \$22,000.00.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Comcast Crossing (Canal 45), St. Lucie County Central Water Reclamation Facility (Canal 102), 450 North Rock Road (Canal 44 and he modification of LTC Ranch Force Main and Reclaimed Water Main (Canals 90 & 107). Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions.

There are several culvert washouts along Canal 93 north of Mueller Road. The existing culverts serve as outfalls to Canal 93 for several landowners. Letters were sent notifying them of the failures and the need to replace them.

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

Steve Cassens, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary