

**Board Of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
North St. Lucie River Water Control District**

April 30, 2026

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 Ron Edwards (Evans Properties), Matthew Biondolillo and Jen Gent (South Florida Water Management District) and Joel Gaillard, Lance Fischer, and Melissa Reynolds (Army Corps of Engineers).

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the months of April in the amount of \$142,806.31 were approved as were the minutes of the March Meeting.

Matt Biondolillo described the gate position sensors that are being installed at the Gordy Structure and how they might affect the Stormwater Treatment Area model. Questions arose about the legal indemnification – does South Florida Water Management own the sensors and who has legal responsibility should the sensors break during operation of the Structure gates. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried to approve the installation of the gate position sensors subject to modification of the language regarding legal responsibility. The goal is to install the sensors prior to the upcoming wet season with construction of the new handrail to begin May 10, 2026.

The initial assessment of the Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Treatment Area model has been completed, and Higgins subcontractor will discuss their issues with the Corps. The Preliminary Operations Manual has not been finalized but it will be in use for approximately one year before additional comments are incorporated in it. When asked if there would be comments on the modeling report, Mr. Helms replied yes and he hoped to have a summary by the May Board meeting.

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 April, invoices for April 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 32W, 33, 42, 43 and 88X are being cleaned and Canals 84, 90, 91 and 10 Mile Creek are being mowed. All the grass was cleaned out at Gordy.

Attorney Behn reported that although the Referendum did not pass there are ways to levy future assessments using different funding streams. An economics study would be required to analyze the benefits for properties. It was suggested that the entire District be assessed to determine what capital improvements might be required in the future. Additionally, the Board authorized Attorney Behn to compose a memo to explain the funding options. Because Attorney Behn's firm represents the Seminole Tribe, he requested a conflict waiver to allow discussion of issues regarding the tribe's use of the Canal 51 right-of-way and maintenance consideration along Canals 51 and 51X. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by supervisor Carlton, and carried to grant the waiver.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Crown Castle (Canal 56) and Kings Highway (Canals 32 East and West), Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions. The Kings Highway permit is for the conceptual plans as the final and complete construction plans have not been received.

The Creekside contractor has been using Canal 51 right-of-way for construction access without a permit. The Board requested the development get a permit.

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

Steve Cassens, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary