

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

May 28, 2026

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. Also present were Spencer Spraker, Kimley-Horn, and Nick Bixler.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the months of May in the amount of \$121,481.12 were approved as were the amended minutes of the April 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 May, invoices for May 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 44, 56, 57, 3, 74, 91, 10 Mile Creek, and 11 Mile Creek are being cleaned and Canals 44, 56, 57, 90, 91, and 10 Mile Creek are being mowed. Right-of-ways on Canals 84, 90, and 91 are being bulldozed.

Attorney Behn presented a Quit Claim Deed and Temporary Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Kings Highway Widening Project. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the Quit Claim Deed and Temporary Easement to the Florida Department of Transportation. Research continues on future funding options, and a formal memo will be issued regarding such. Attorney Behn stressed that nothing bars the District from Special Assessments for capital improvements. The first step the District must take is to revise the Water Control Plan and to reach out to South Florida Water Management District to assist with the funding for the revision. A draft description for the District Manager's position was distributed to the Board for their comments. These documents will be emailed to Supervisor Carlton as he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year was discussed. The Board elected to keep the levy to \$25.00 per unit at this time.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: 7-Eleven (Canal 32 West modification and extension), Florida Power and Light Fiber Optic Crossing (Canal 102), Cornerstone (Canal 39) Founders Crossing East and West (Canals 90 & 91), Founders Crossing East/West Roadway (Canal 91), The Meadows (Canal 91), and Canal 91 Restoration). Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions. Additionally, a Quit Claim Deed for The Meadows will be prepared to abandon a section of Canal 91 at the southernmost terminus. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens, and carried to approve the Quit Claim Deed subject to confirmation of the legal entities.

A landowner requested the use of the north bank of Canal 75 to provide secondary access to a proposed office building, workshop and lay-down area. The Board denied the request.

Culverts at Canal 47, located at Pecos Road and Kings Highway, and Canal 84, located at the confluence of Eleven Mile Creek on Midway Road, were identified as failing. The Board recommended removing them.

A scope and fee proposal for an inventory of the District's water control structures located south of Midway Road is being prepared. The proposed work would document structure locations, pipe sizes, invert elevations, gate elevations, general conditions, and other pertinent information to support future maintenance, operations, and planning efforts. This information can also be included in the Water Control Plan revision. Additionally, District staff met with representatives regarding potential installation of canal stage monitoring equipment, rainfall gauges, telemetry and a broader remote monitoring system throughout the District.

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

Steve Cassens, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary