

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

May 28, 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 was Brad Currie, Haley Ward.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Cassens and carried, disbursements for the months of June in the amount of \$125,083.55 were approved as were the amended minutes of the May Meeting.

Brad Currie addressed the Board regarding the use of the Canal 75 berm to access private property for occasional truck and trailer traffic, estimated to approximately 2-4 truck trips per week. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton, and carried to approve the permit, with Special Conditions. This access is exclusive to the property owner/applicant.

Secretary reported payroll tax deposits were made, payment made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices paid for the month of June, invoices for June were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled. Quarterly Report and UCT-6 (Unemployment Compensation) were filed.

The Supervisor of Works report stated that the District is in good shape and water levels are good. Canals 59, 60, 61, 62 and 74 are being cleaned and Canals 59, 60, 61, 62 and 74 are being mowed. There is a large washout on Canal 55 right-of-way. South Florida Water Management District is repairing Canal 60 right-of-way

Attorney Behn provided the Board a memo on future funding mechanisms for the District. 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 formal Resolution authorizing Higgins Engineering to work on the water control plan will be prepared. The requirements for the District Manager's position was discussed and a motion was made by Supervisor Carlton, seconded by Supervisor Ridgely, and carried to advertise for the position specifying an August 14, 2026, submittal date.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Orange Avenue Growers (Canal 45) and Avidan PH 1 (Canal 30). Motion was made by Supervisor Carlton, seconded by Supervisor Ridgely, and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions.

During a site inspection at Pineapple Grove District staff noted additional bank erosion and washouts and the recently installed driveway culvert crossings have become partially silted in restricting flow within Canal 33. A letter will be sent to the developer and the County regarding this situation.

Engineering staff has begun a comprehensive review of the District permit manual, which was last revised in March 2010. Additionally, staff has begun digitalizing the District's historical paper files and

linking the electronic records to the permit's tracking spreadsheet. The bill rate for the intern hired for this project is \$40.00 per hour. Motion was made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton, and carried to approve the bill rate provided monthly progress updates be provided to the Board.

A scope and fee proposal is being prepared to inventory the District's water control structures south of Midway Road. The work would document structure locations, pipe sizes, invert elevations, gate elevations, general conditions, and other relevant information to support future maintenance, operations, and planning. The information may also be incorporated into the Water Control Plan revision. District staff also met with representatives to discuss the 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