

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

July 30, 2026

Present were Supervisors Steve Cassens, Wes Carlton, and H. M. Ridgely, III, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Supervisor of Works Bill Price, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present were Joel Gaillard and Mike Drog (Army Corps of Engineers).

Upon motion made by Supervisor Ridgely, seconded by Supervisor Carlton and carried, disbursements for the months of July in the amount of \$157,401.17 were approved as were the amended minutes of the June Meeting.

Joel Gaillard asked the Board if there were any questions/concerns regarding the model results provided to the Board. The United States Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that it considers the modeling complete and does not believe rerunning the model would affect its intended purpose of establishing operational trigger elevations. Additionally, they indicated that they would no longer be reporting to the District. The Board voiced their concerns about the model not representing existing and future operational conditions within the District's system. Also, the potential infrastructure and monitoring improvements related to the Stormwater Treatment Area were discussed.

Secretary reported that payroll tax deposits were made, payment made and forms completed for the Florida Retirement System, invoices paid for the month of July, invoices for July were mailed, as were the annual permits, and general office correspondence was handled. Due to security issues with the new District computer, there are several reports that cannot be submitted and a request was made to the Board to purchase a backup computer/laptop. This will be researched. An in-kind culvert replacement permit was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Supervisor Carlton, seconded by Supervisor Ridgely and carried to approve the permit.

The Supervisor of Works report stated that the District is in good shape, and water levels are good. Canals 56, 57, 80, 83 and 85 are being cleaned and Canals 56, 57, 58, 71, 73 and 80 are being mowed. A tree was removed on Canal 17 right-of-way. The pump at Pumphouse 1 was rebuilt. Work was done on the Goldsmith Structure.

Attorney Behn stated that it has been a routine month and there are no new issues to report on.

A certification request for the Savannas Suntrail was received from the Florida Department of Transportation; however, following the completion of the project the Florida Department of Transportation will no longer own or maintain the project and St. Lucie County will assume responsibility for the trail. A Maintenance Agreement directly with the County is required. Attorney Behn and Patrick Helms will meet with the County Attorney regarding this Agreement.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permits for approval: Florida Power & Light Crossings (Canals 76, 77, 78), Fort Pierce Utilities Authority permit modification and fee waiver (Canals 99 and 101), Graceway Village (Canal 6) and KRE Warehouse (Canal 32E). Motion was made by Supervisor Carlton, seconded by Supervisor Ridgely, and carried to approve the fee waiver and permits with

Special Conditions. Outstanding comments will need to be resolved prior to issuing the Graceway Village permit.

Following a site inspection at Pineapple Grove, the District directed the developer to immediately remove a temporary ditch block or provide bypass pumping to restore conveyance within Canal 33. The temporary obstruction is restricting flow from Canal 42 and reducing the available drainage capability to the south. A letter will be sent to the developer and the County regarding this situation. Additionally, revised plans for the canal geometry were submitted, which Engineering has no objections to provided the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the developer and/or the Community Development District is executed.

The Board discussed the advertised position for District Manager. Application acceptance is continuing and will be brought to the next Board meeting for review. Additionally, a discussion was held regarding the interest of the Seminole Tribe of Florida to assume the canal and road access to Chupco Landing.

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

Steve Cassens, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary