

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District Held on September 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the South Indian River Water Control District was held on September 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Work Center, 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, Florida, and via Zoom video conferencing. Present in person were Supervisors Susan Kennedy, John Meyer, Elizabeth McElroy, and Bob Berman. Also present were William “Chad” Kennedy, Executive Director; Dustin Fazio, Supervisor of Operations; Ryan Grigg, Chief Financial Officer; Sean O’Brien, Alternate Treasurer; Seth Behn, Attorney; Karen Brandon, Engineer; and Donna DeNinno, Public Information. Approximately 18 landowners were present in person. Approximately 10 landowners were present via Zoom video conferencing, as well as William Capko, Attorney; and Robert Eustice, Engineer.

Ms. Kennedy called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given. Ms. Kennedy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the August Budget Hearing and Board Meeting and requested a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Meyer motioned to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2026, budget hearing and Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElroy, and it carried by a vote of three to one.**

Landowner comment: Mr. Mike Clark of Jupiter Farms asked why, when he does a Google Search for South Indian River Water Control District, that it comes up as Margaret Berman Memorial Park. Ms. Kennedy said this would be referred to staff who would investigate it.

Mr. Kennedy presented the Executive Director’s report. He said the Board has received his report and asked for approval of Resolution 2026-12: Authorization to Proceed with the Invitation to Bid for Repairs to the C-18 Canal (Reese) Bridge & 154th Road Bridge. **Mr. Berman motioned to approve Resolution 2026-12. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer, and it carried unanimously.**

Mr. Kennedy then asked for approval of Board Resolution 2026-13: Authorization to Open an Investment Account with Florida Prime. **Mr. Berman motioned to approve Resolution 2026-13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer, and it carried unanimously.**

Under old business Mr. Grigg discussed Flood Control Assessment for Certain Properties and the District intends to assess the Dalton Land Trust property (Parcel No. 00-42-41-16-00-000-1001) for Fiscal Year 2027-28 and will send a letter to them explaining that it hasn’t been assessed in the past but will be assessed in the future.

Mr. Kennedy noted staff has started a presentation on potential legislative changes to the District’s charter to be discussed at next month’s meeting. Mr. Behn said they had laid out a general timeline, and he will be preparing a clean version of the District’s charter, as it has been amended three times, and this will be sent to the Board. The goal of the October meeting won’t be to make any recommended changes to the charter but instead will be going through the outline and general review of subjects and problematic areas to be looked at in the coming months.

Ms. Kennedy noted that the agenda item – Palm Beach Country Estates Paving Policy – was put on the agenda as it was discussed at the last meeting, however, the plan was to discuss it at the October meeting. As a result, she asked for a motion to table this item until the October meeting. **Mr. Meyer motioned to table the Palm Beach**

Country Estates Paving Policy discussion until the October 15, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berman, and it carried unanimously.

Under new business, there was a short discussion regarding Easement Acquisition Strategy for Critical Water Control Infrastructure. Mr. Kennedy said they have had issues, particularly in Jupiter Farms, with access to District structures and the need for additional easement access to perform maintenance. He spoke about Canal 3 where a landowner had put in a fence and hedge, and the District no longer has access for maintenance. He will be bringing forth something for Board discussion and consideration in the upcoming months.

Under Supervisor Comments, Ms. McElroy said she had listened to the technical report from the South Florida Water Management District for the upcoming dry season, which may be wetter than normal due to a very strong El Nino. There will be another update from them in October, which she will review and bring back additional data at the next meeting.

Mr. Berman said a meeting has been arranged with the Florida Department of Transportation for next Thursday and he asked for Board authorization to attend this. Ms. Kennedy said we are still under the current year's Board committee structure, so Mr. Berman is the designated liaison regarding the Turnpike issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Berman motioned to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer, and it carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Recording Secretary

Approved