



**HOBE-ST. LUCIE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MARTIN COUNTY

**REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
MAY 27, 2026
9:30 A.M.**

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AGENDA
HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Conference Room at Becker Tree Farm
2400 SE Bridge Road
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455
REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
May 27, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District will hold Regular Meetings in the Conference Room at Becker Tree Farm located at 2400 SE Bridge Road, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455 at 9:30 a.m. on the following dates:
October 22, 2025
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025
January 28, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 25, 2026
April 22, 2026
May 27, 2026
June 24, 2026
July 22, 2026
August 26, 2026
September 23, 2026

The purpose of the meetings is to conduct any business coming before the Board. Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Agenda for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 prior to the date of the particular meeting.

From time to time one or more Supervisors may participate by telephone; therefore a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Supervisors may be fully informed of the discussions taking place. Said meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at any of these meetings should contact the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll-free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.
HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
OF HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
September 24, 2025

Pursuant to the above Notice, the Board of Supervisors of Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District held its Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 24, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. at the Becker Tree Farm & Nursery located at 2400 SE Bridge Road, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455.

Present were Rick Melchiori, Robert Brown and Ed Weinberg, Supervisors; Michael McElligott of Special District Services, Inc. as District Manager; Bob Higgins of Higgins Engineering & Surveying, LLC; and Frank Palen, and Frances Bethel, District Attorneys of Caldwell Pacetti Edwards Schoech & Viator LLP; and Mr. Ray Spears, the Grassroots Corp.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Supervisors Meeting was called to order by President Melchiori.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The President announced a quorum was present and it was in order to transact any business to come before the Board.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Melchiori and unanimously passed approving the Minutes of the June 25, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Status Update Regarding RG Reserve

The District Engineer indicated he had nothing to report on this matter. The Board deferred action at this time.

2. Update Regarding Access to Elise J. Property:

The District Engineer stated there was nothing to report. The Board deferred action at this time.

3. Status Unit of Development No. 6 – Water Control Plan

The status of the Unit No. 6 Water Control Plan was discussed. The Board previously requested a letter of intent from SFWMD to HSLCD to purchase the HSLCD lands which will be flooded. The District was still waiting on the letter of intent requested. The Board deferred action at this time.

4. Discussion Regarding Conveying District Owned Property

The District Manager stated a Request to Purchase the District's 40 + Acre Parcel of Land on the NE Corner of the Nine-Gem Property, currently owned by Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District, had been received from Ray Spear of Grassroots Corp.

Attorney Frank Palen discussed the process the District would follow should it decide to convey any District-owned property. Mr. Palen explained that any request for the disposition of an interest in District real property must be submitted in writing and include a legal description identifying the property. He further explained that all legal and engineering fees and costs associated with the request would be the responsibility of the applicant and must be paid prior to final consideration by the Board. Mr. Palen stated that, if the Board determines the property interest may be conveyed, the Board would adopt a resolution declaring the property as authorizing the disposition and execute a contract setting forth the applicable terms and conditions. Following

further discussion, the Board agreed to first obtain an appraisal of the surplus property and defer any additional action until the appraisal is completed.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2025-04 – Adopting a Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule

The District Manager presented the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule. A Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Weinberg and unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2025-04 adoption the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND SETTING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SAID DISTRICT MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Copy filed with District Records)

2. Consider Resolution 2025-05 Adopting a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended Budget:

The District Manager presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended Budget. The District Manager explained the Budget and commented on the individual Units as well as the Balance of the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Weinberg and unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2025-05 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended Budget follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ADOPTING AN AMENDED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET AS AMENDED (“AMENDED BUDGET AS AMENDED”), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 189 FLORIDA STATUTES: AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Copy filed with District Records)

3. Consider Resolution 2025-06 Goals and Objectives Annual Report

The District Manager presented the Goals and Objectives Annual Report provided by the District Attorney. The District Manager explained that pursuant to Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes, the District is required to prepare and annual report based on the Goals and Objectives previously adopted by the District.

A motion A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Weinberg and unanimously passed to approve Resolution 2025-06 Adopting the Goals and Objectives Annual Report as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ADOPTING AN ANNUAL REPORT OF GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Copy filed with District Records)

4. Consider Appointment of Audit Committee & Approval of Evaluation Criteria.

The District Manager introduced the Request for Proposals for District Auditing Services for fiscal years 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027, with two-year option 2027/2028 and 2028/2029.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Weinberg and unanimously passed approving the Appointment of Audit Committee & Approval of Evaluation Criteria.

5. Discussion Regarding FDOT Turnpike Interchange Project

The District Manager presented the FDOT Turnpike Interchange Project. According to

FDOT, there may be two alternatives in a direct connection interchange between the Florida Turnpike and I-95 in Martin County. There was discussion of turnpike surplus water being directed to the tree farm.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. District Engineer's Report

The District Engineer reported on the District's operations and matters as they appeared on the Agenda. There was nothing further to add.

2. District Attorney's Report

The District Attorney reported on the matters as they appeared on the Agenda. There was nothing further to add.

3. Manager's Report

The District Manager reported on matters as they appeared on the Agenda. The District Manager reminded the Board of ethics compliance.

4. Field Operations Report

Mr. Spears commented on damage to trees at the Becker Tree Farm allegedly caused by chemicals used by U.S. Sugar on nearby sugar cane fields. He stated that the chemicals enter the ground and contaminate the irrigation canal serving the Becker Tree Farm.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

NONE

NEXT MEETING

The Board confirmed the next Board Meetings were scheduled for February 25, 2026.

ADJOURN

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

President

Secretary

**MARCH 25, 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 17, 2025

HSLCD Board of Supervisors
Special District Services, Inc.
2501-A Burns Road
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

ATTN: Michael McElligott

Subject: Letter of Intent for Acquisition of Land Interests

Dear Mr. McElligott:

This letter represents the intent of the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") to engage in negotiations with Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District ("HSLCD") for SFWMD's acquisition of certain HSLCD land interests as follows:

1. SFWMD will acquire fee title to approximately 64.7 acres of property interests in Martin County owned by HSLCD identified as County Parcel Folio number 13-40-41-000-000-00060-0. The parcel is shaded in orange on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map enclosed with this letter.
2. SFWMD will acquire fee title to a collective total of approximately 68.7 acres of property interests in Martin County owned by HSLCD identified as the following County Parcel Folio numbers and shaded in blue on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.
 - 17-40-41-000-000-00021-0 (27.38 acres) – Canal
 - 16-40-41-000-000-00020-0 (15.88 acres) – Canal
 - South portion of 15-40-41-000-000-00020-4 (12.33 acres) – Canal
 - South portion of 14-40-41-000-000-00020-7 (13.11 acres) – Canal
3. HSLCD will release the HSLCD easement interests that encumber SFWMD owned property and are shaded in red on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.
4. HSLCD will grant SFWMD a Temporary Construction Easement with respect to the HSLCD owned property shaded in green on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map (the "HSLCD Unit 2 Canal").

In connection with the acquisitions, releases, and construction easement recited in items 1 through 4 above, the following represents the further intent of SFWMD.

Mr. McElligott
October 17, 2025
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SFWMD and HSLCD will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding detailing that, upon SFWMD's completion of the construction activities that will be identified in the Temporary Construction Easement, SFWMD will take over management and responsibilities for the drainage exiting from the east end of the HSLCD Unit 2 Canal and from lands identified as "Unit 6" and "Balance of District" on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.

The parties will endeavor to complete a binding written Acquisition Agreement that reflects the acquisitions, releases, and construction easement recited in items 1 through 4 above, and that incorporates the Memorandum of Understanding. That Acquisition Agreement will be submitted to the Governing Board of SFWMD for approval.

This Letter of Intent creates no binding legal obligations on either the SFWMD or HSLCD but is intended as a framework within which to initiate negotiations for the matters addressed herein. In signing this Letter of Intent, the parties recognize that if negotiations are successfully completed, the parties will need to formally memorialize the terms and conditions of the transaction into a legally binding written agreement. Binding obligations of the parties may only be created upon the execution of such a written agreement in form satisfactory to the parties. Until such agreement is executed, no party has any legal obligation to the other with respect to the subject matter of this Letter of Intent. The agreement will be subject to and contingent upon approval by the Governing Board of SFWMD.

Please acknowledge your consent to these principles by signing the concurrence below and returning the signed Letter of Intent to me. This Letter of Intent may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Sincerely,



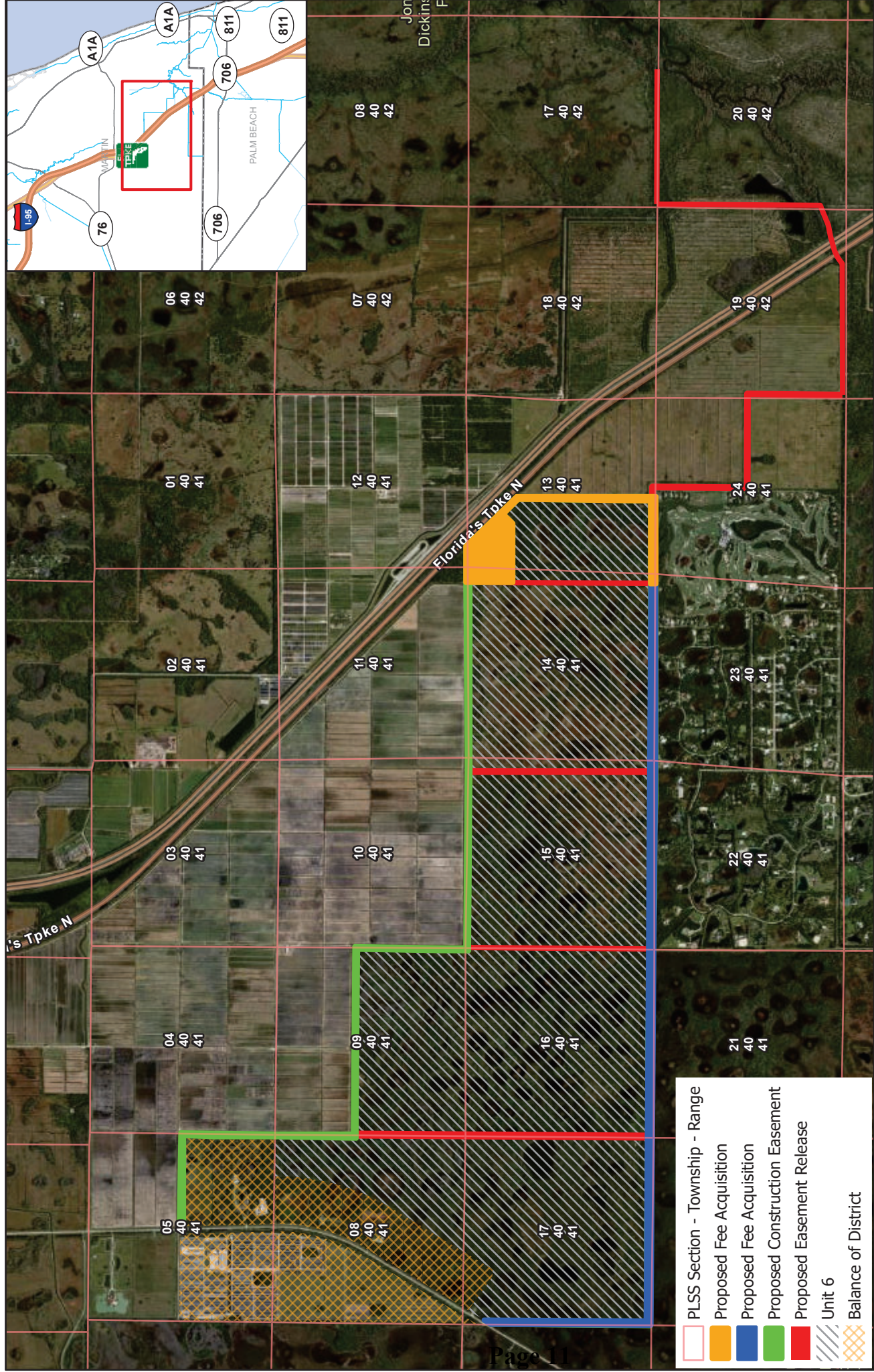
Ray Palmer
Bureau Chief, South Florida Water Management District

CC (via email): Mary Viator, Esquire; Robert W. Higgins, P.E.

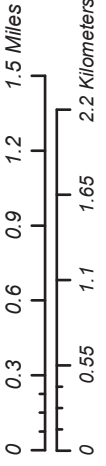
CONCURRENCE:
Hobe St.-Lucie Conservancy District

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

Date: _____



Proposed HSLCD-SFWMD Real Estate Acquisitions



South Florida Water Management District
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- PLSS Section - Township - Range
- Proposed Fee Acquisition
- Proposed Construction Easement
- Proposed Easement Release
- Unit 6
- Balance of District

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