

**MINUTES
PINE TREE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026
AT TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
155 F ROAD
LOXAHATCHEE, FLORIDA 33470**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a meeting was held for the Pine Tree Water Control District Board of Supervisors on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Town of Loxahatchee Groves located at 155 F Road, Loxahatchee, Florida 33470

Members present were:	Ruben Ferrazzano, Acting Chairman Charles Brown, Supervisor
Others Present:	Charles Schoech Eric Grainger Betty Camplin

1. Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order by Ruben Ferrazzano, Acting Chairman, on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 8:33 pm.

2. Consent Agenda

The Board consented agenda through 3-c. The remainder of the agenda will not be addressed at a later meeting.

Motion made by Charles Brown and second by Ruben Ferrazzano to approve the minutes for March 23, 2026 as presented.

Betty Camplin presented the financial report and budget comparison through June 15, 2026 and proposed expenditures through end of fiscal year. Discussion of budget followed.

Judy Phalen: In the past you all have that when you set an amount in the June meeting, you set it higher so that you can bring it back down again, possibly in August. Is that what it is? Yes. Is that what you anticipate here, that this is a higher amount, or is this more like a realistic amount.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Yes. We need to clean all the canals. I'm talking about not the squiggles, not the ones that run north and south, but the ones that east and west. Now, the center canal doesn't look bad. The South End Canal is really bad. So now we got to get a machine in there that's going to have at least a 65, 70-foot reach and then all that material needs to be hauled away. And we're going to have to pay for all of that. We have a lot of grass growing, like, right around your area when I drove by there, and we need to get that cleaned out.

Aldo Disorbo: So, the canal behind my...

Ruben Ferrazzano: yeah, we need to clean that one out, and then behind Charles Brown's property and the one that runs north and south. That needs to be cleaned up. There's a lot of overgrowth. The center canal looks pretty good, and the canal behind my house does not look bad.

Discussion followed possibly hiring an individual to do and PTWCD rent the equipment or other companies, liability and insurance questions. Possibly hiring Wellington to do for us since they have all the tools.

Jim Barnes: For the record, Village of Wellington has done that before. When we used to manage the district for the board, we provided the services. Some of the services we can do internally, some of the services we would farm out.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Somebody I can speak with?

Jim Barnes: Dennis and the folks, the ones you've dealt with before in the past, we'll get them out here to look at them and take a look and see what it would take.

Becky Urbina: Do we need to make a motion for that?

Jim Barnes: The only thing I would say is that we might have to amend the agreement. The agreement may not include us. I think it was very specific to roads, so we would just need to make sure that at the next meeting or whatever, that there's an... if there's a desire that you amend the existing in a local agreement, or at least give us a letter of intent. You want to amend the agreement? That's going to affect all our budget.

Jim Barnes: I actually need to look at the information, but I mean, the question is going to be We just have to make contact from the description of what you guys talked about, I'm guessing that you're going to have to Jet underneath all the driveways to if the pipes are half full of dirt, you'll have to jet. Well, just not that. I mean, you're gonna have to get a grade all in there.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Oh, yeah, no, you'll do... recut that swale a little bit on everybody's property, so we can get better drainage. Can I ask you a question while you're there? You guys have... you guys have fire hydrants, who takes care of the pipes there? Is that something Pine Tree has to take care of?

Jim Barnes: Not for the water. That would be the utility department. So, anything related to potable water would be the.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Well, I'm talking about the pipes for drainage.

Jim Barnes: Oh, the drainage.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Yeah, so in other words, you have a drainage pipe. And then you have a little like walkway that you can get to the fire hydrant. Who does that? Is that part of our...?

Jim Barnes: It would be normally part of the drainage system, which would be pine tree. I mean, if it's something that's affected. if it's something that's affecting the ability to get the hydrant, we'd certainly want to make sure that it's...

Ruben Ferrazzano: It's hard to see the hydrant, but it's in there.

Jim Barnes: We'll make sure that all the hybrids are accessible. So, there's something we need to do that way we'd take care of that.

Discussion of setting the TRIM rate and budget again.

Becky Urbina: I make a motion if that's the right thing to do for Ruben to come up with three bits for the next meeting so we can understand the actual TRIM. Can we do that or do we have to come up with it if we're going to use Wellington? So, if we set the TRIM for 400, that's an extra 120 per acre on top. So that's 120 per 5 acres, what, 600 bucks? So, I mean, that sounds pretty reasonable to me. And then we can bring it down. I think so.

Ruben Ferrazzano: let's get a higher number and then we can always bring it down higher than we can't get a low number and then bring it back up. The good thing about Wellington, Wellington's always given us a fair price. And if you want find some, you know, we'll find the big construction company.

Burke Aubry: With regards to making drainage more effective, we're going to spend a lot of money-making sure water can flow to a point and that point is the 36-inch outfall culvert that's at the middle canal at the end is Skipiks. One 36-inch culvert outfall, no pump. So, in 2012, when we had tropical storm Isaac and got 27 inches of rain, our entire community was flooded all of the perpendicular roads with Flying Cow was flooded for 3 quarters of a mile knee deep. And I call it South Florida Water Management because I had a stake in the game; was a nursery that was under 2 feet of water and I lost \$400,000 worth of plants. I called South Florida Water Management. I said "hey, what's the deal?" And they said, "you're not a priority". And we weren't a priority. And I said, well, I'm going to be a priority because I'm going to get it back going below that dike out. if we improve our drainage in our community, but we have no place for the water to go, we've done nothing. So, in any drainage improvement plan, we need to get South Florida water management to get us an ability to get rid of our water. Release more.

Ruben Ferrazzano: Well, the whole thing that you're talking about, it affected everybody. Water management made a bad decision. And we all had to pay for it. That's for sure.

Burke Aubry: Understood. But if we improve our drainage and we can't drain, then part of it in drainage improvement plan has to include South Florida water management.

Ruben Ferrazzano: And I think that's something our engineer would have to be involved with that. How much water are we going to move? If we had an integrated 25,000 gallons.

Burke Aubry: An inch of rain on an acre landing 25,000 gallons. So, we get 12 inches of rain on 640 acres. That's a lot of water. And Ruben, it's not flowing out of a 36-inch culvert. When there's trillion gallons behind it that have to go forward.

Ruben Ferrazzano: And we're at the mercy of Water Management. Basically, and I agree with you, whatever plans that we do have to include them.

Charles Brown: I move that we set the TRIM rates at \$400 for Rustic Ranches and \$100 for Agriculture and SFWMD and second by Ruben Ferrazzano.

Charles Brown: I make a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented and second by Ruben Ferrazzano.

Mr. Schoech: Then the next item on the agenda is the attorney report. The one thing I want to remind you is that you have received an email from the State ethics department for your financial disclosure form. That's due at the end of the month. So, if you have not completed your financial discussion, you need to do that. And you're required to have 4-hour ethics training every year. The report that you're filing in June is for last year. So, you will need to have the 4-hour ethics training in the next six months. So that a year from now with the financial disclosure form, you can check the box that says that you have taken the 4-hour training. There are 3 different entities that are providing the training, and I can get those links to Betty and then she can make sure you have it. One provider is: It's at your option. You take it when you're ready. The Florida League of Cities does it several times a year, but it's a set time, and so you have to take it the day they have it online at that time they said it's a little less convenient. But there are three different providers, and we'll get that information, and you do need to do it before the end of the year. And that's every year. That's all I have.

Aldo Disorbo: Asked about the Pilot Project.

Eric Grainger: Kerry and I had several discussions since the last meeting about that, obviously, up until tonight, he's been the chairperson, so I've been communicating with him on it. He's already. We've already voted on it, approved it at the last meeting. He was pursuing trying to get some record documents from Wellington, which we've now found out don't exist, or at least can't be found. So, we're moving forward with what we discussed at the last meeting based on the conversation I had with Carrie earlier. As far as payment to me, I start work and I bill them, and they pay me, so there's no nothing holding me up or stopping me. So, at this point, I'm able to move forward. We're not doing core samples; we're using the drawings that have already been prepared as well as some field survey work as a foundation for elevations and we're putting together enough information to be able to bid it out to free contractors and get pricing that's relevant to that job at this point in time. Because right now the pricing we have is relevant to other jobs that are not necessarily as similar, and they're definitely not from current point in time. So, the whole purpose of this exercise is to get enough information to have a basis that's...

Ruben Ferrazzano: Actually, we have an engineer's response.

Eric Grainger: Regarding the swales you're talking about.

Ruben Ferrazzano: A type of water or digging section of it...

Eric Grainger: Yeah, so the bid package is going to basically work from standard roadway design assumptions, you know, and then it'll always be subject to final design changes, but at least we can talk in terms of we believe the number to be this or somewhere in this range and not this 20% more and 100% more. Right now, the numbers are just so widely spread. It's difficult for us to make that decision. So, we're okay. We're moving forward.

Charles Brown made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:14 PM and second by Ruben Ferrazzano.