



**FELLSMERE
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2026
2:00 P.M.**

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AGENDA
FELLSMERE
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Indian River County Commission Chambers
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, Florida 32960
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2026
2:00 P.M.

- A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Proof of Publication.....Page 1
- C. Seat New Board Members & Review Board Member Responsibilities and Duties
- D. Establish Quorum
- E. Election of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
- F. Additions or Deletions to Agenda
- G. New Business
 - 1. Appointment of District Counsel
 - 2. Appointment of District Manager
 - 3. Discussion Regarding District Priorities and Goals
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- I. Comments from the Public
- J. Adjourn

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FELLSMERE DEPENDENT WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors (Board) of the Fellsmere Dependent Water Control District (District) will hold a Board Meeting (Meeting) on October 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Indian River County Commission Chambers located at 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960.

The purpose of the Board Meeting is for the Board to consider any business which may properly come before the Board. In addition, this Board Meeting will focus on administrative issues regarding implementation of CS/HB 4093 (2026) and a proposed Interlocal Agreement with Indian River County outlining the necessary steps to full implementation of the legislative directives codified in CS/HB 4093 (2026).

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Florida law. There may be occasions when District Staff may participate virtually or via teleconference. A copy of the Agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the Districts website (www.fellsmerecontrolwaterdistrict.org) or by contacting the District Manager at (772) 571-0640.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the District Managers Office at least 72 hours/3 days prior to the meeting at 561-630-4922. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)/1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Managers Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised of their obligation to make accommodations to maintain a verbatim record of the proceedings to preserve the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

FELLSMERE DEPENDENT WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND SETTING THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SAID DISTRICT MEETINGS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Fellsmere Water Control District ("District") to establish a regular meeting schedule for fiscal year 2026/2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the District has set a regular meeting schedule, location and time for District meetings for fiscal year 2026/2027 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

Section 2. The regular meeting schedule, time and location for meetings for fiscal year 2026/2027 which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and authorized to be published.

PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this 20th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

**FELLSMERE WATER
CONTROL DISTRICT**

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

**FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2076 MEETING SCHEDULE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) of the Fellsmere Water Control District (“District”) will hold Regular Board Meetings (the “Meeting” or “Meetings”) at the Indian River County Commission Chambers, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

**November XX, 2026
December XX, 2026
January XX, 2027
February XX, 2027
March XX, 2027
April XX, 2027
May XX, 2027
June XX, 2027
July XX, 2027
August XX, 2027
September XX, 2027**

The purpose of the meetings is to conduct any business which may lawfully & properly come before the Board. Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for special districts. Copies of the Agendas for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District’s website www.fellsmerewatercontroldistrict.org or by contacting the District Manager at 772-345-5119 or by email at bsakuma@sdsinc.org and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 prior to the date of the particular meeting. The Meetings may be continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the Meeting.

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

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager’s Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager’s Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.

FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

www.fellsmerewatercontroldistrict.org

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT CHECKING/OPERATING ACCOUNT, DESIGNATING DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND/OR AUTHORIZED STAFF TO REVIEW, APPROVE AND ISSUE PAYMENT OF EXPENDITURES, SELECTING THE SIGNATORIES THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Fellsmere Water Control District ("District") has established a District checking/operating account in order for the District to expend public funds of the District as authorized and required; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of the District shall designate authorized staff and/or District officials to approve expenditures, via electronic or non-electronic approval processes, from the checking/operating account;

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has selected **Ryan L. Butler**, Todd Wodraska, Jason Pierman, Patricia Las Casas, B. Frank Sakuma. Jr. and _____ to serve as the signatories, as required, on the District checking/operating account; and

WHEREAS, all resolutions or parts thereof of the District in conflict with the provisions contained herein are to the extent of any such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted.

Section 2. Each expenditure from the District's checking/operating account shall require at least two (2) approvals through an electronic approval procedure: (a) one from a designated member of the Board of Supervisors, and (b) one from the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller. No payment shall be released until the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller has reviewed and approved the expenditure.

Section 3. When necessary to write checks, the signatures of two (2) of the six (6) signatories named herein will be required on all District checks tendered from the District checking/operating account, as approved.

PASSED, ADOPTED and becomes EFFECTIVE this 20th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

**FELLSMERE
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING AND
ADOPTING AN AMENDED FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
BUDGET (“AMENDED BUDGET”), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 189,
FLORIDA STATUTES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Fellsmere Water Control District (“District”) is empowered to provide a funding source and to impose special assessments upon the properties within the District; and,

WHEREAS, the District has prepared for consideration and approval an Amended Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, THAT:**

Section 1. The Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2. The Secretary/Assistant Secretary of the District is authorized to execute any and all necessary transmittals, certifications or other acknowledgements or writings, as necessary, to comply with the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this 20th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

**FELLSMERE
WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

By: _____
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _____
Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

Fellsmere
Water Control District

**Amended Final Budget For
Fiscal Year 2025/2026
October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026**

**AMENDED FINAL BUDGET
FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

	ANNUAL BUDGET 10/1/25 - 9/30/26	AMENDED FINAL BUDGET 10/1/25 - 9/30/26	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL 10/1/25 - 9/29/26
REVENUES			
Tax Revenue	760,677	777,443	777,443
Revenue Other - Fellsmere Joint Venture LLC	0	71,674	71,674
Other Revenue	64,000	66,254	66,524
Interest Income	12,000	22,100	21,915
Revenue - Permit Fee Income	0	12,368	12,368
Direct Bill	59,232	59,232	59,232
SJRWMD Penalty Payment	10,300	0	0
Reserves for Operations	100,000	0	0
Total Revenues	\$ 1,006,209	\$ 1,009,071	\$ 1,009,156
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES			
Contingency	0	0	0
Conversion Consultant	0	6,307	6,307
Legal and Professional	30,000	90,000	79,206
Management Fees	0	31,135	31,135
Audit Fees	12,400	12,400	12,400
Engineering	14,000	45,000	41,226
Website Management	1,380	3,269	3,269
Bank Service Charge	720	850	753
District Reorganization	50,000	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,000	1,560
Postage	2,400	25	12
Insurance - Admin	17,500	20,245	20,245
Transportation - General Admin	3,600	3,105	3,105
Licenses/Permits	175	0	0
Memberships	2,000	2,000	2,000
Legal Advertising	1,200	2,000	1,279
Maintenance Buildings and Grounds	5,700	3,000	1,914
Utilities	3,400	5,529	5,529
Telephone	2,300	475	418
Office Supplies	2,000	2,750	2,603
Property Taxes	965	1,156	1,156
Property Appraiser Fees	1,800	1,800	1,800
Payroll Processing Fee	624	779	779
Labor	104,000	0	0
Payroll Taxes	7,977	0	0
State Retirement	39,021	3,989	3,989
Workers Comp	2,100	0	0
Group Med/Life Insurance	28,632	8,077	8,077
Lawn Maintenance	0	1,280	1,280
Assessment Roll Preparation	0	500	500
Officer Salary	0	12,000	12,000
Reserve	0	0	0
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$ 334,894	\$ 259,671	\$ 242,542
TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES (Details On Page 2)	\$ 628,360	\$ 357,280	\$ 322,886
Total Expenditures	\$ 963,254	\$ 616,951	\$ 565,428
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ 42,955	\$ 392,120	\$ 443,728
Debt Payments	0	0	0
Balance	\$ 42,955	\$ 392,120	\$ 443,728
Tax Collector Fee	(14,319)	0	0
Discounts For Early Payments	(28,636)	(29,430)	(29,430)
NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$ -	\$ 362,690	\$ 414,298
Fund Balance As Of 9/30/25	\$ 480,286		
Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Activity	\$ 362,690		
Fund Balance As Of 9/30/26	\$ 842,976		

Note:

Fund Balance Includes Designated For Contingency Amount Funds Totaling \$300,000.

AMENDED FINAL BUDGET
FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

	ANNUAL BUDGET	AMENDED FINAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	10/1/25 - 9/29/26
<u>Contract Services</u>			
Aerial Spraying	40,000	7,500	4,281
Contract/Mechanical	93,000	108,055	108,055
Sublateral Spraying	95,000	0	0
Sublateral Mowing	102,000	0	0
Canal Mowing	40,000	95,000	84,377
Water Testing	2,500	2,500	2,142
Sublateral Tree Maintenance	35,000	0	0
Canal Tree Maintenance	25,000	0	0
Contract Sublateral Maintenance	100,000	0	0
Contract Services Subtotal	532,500	213,055	198,855
<u>Ditch Maintenance</u>			
Labor/Equipment Operations - Ditch Maintenance	0	105,000	95,712
Payroll Taxes - Ditch Maintenance	0	918	918
Group Med/Life Insurance - Ditch Maintenance	0	0	0
Equipment R & M - Ditch Maintenance	7,000	15,136	15,136
Supplies/Services - Ditch Maintenance	2,500	2,500	1,325
Gas & Oil - Ditch Maintenance	7,000	7,000	2,465
Insurance - Ditch Maintenance	600	0	0
Transportation - Ditch Maintenance	1,800	1,000	454
Ditch Maintenance Subtotal	18,900	131,554	116,010
<u>Maintenance Personnel - Unit East (less Direct)</u>			
Contract Labor	76,960	0	0
Labor/Equipment Operations	0	0	0
Payroll Taxes - Maint.	0	0	0
State Retirement - Maint.	0	0	0
Workers Comp - Maint.	0	0	0
Group Med/Life Insurance - Maint.	0	0	0
<u>Ditch Maintenance - Personnel Subtotal</u>	76,960	0	0

AMENDED FINAL BUDGET
FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026
OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

	ANNUAL BUDGET	AMENDED FINAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL
MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	10/1/25 - 9/30/26	10/1/25 - 9/29/26
<u>Canal Maintenance - Special Projects</u>			
Contract Labor	0	0	0
Labor/Equipment Operations	0	0	0
Payroll Taxes - Maint.	0	0	0
<u>Canal Maintenance - Special Projects Subtotal</u>	0	0	0
<u>Chemical Control</u>			
Equipment R & M	0	671	671
Gas & Oil	0	12,000	7,350
<u>Chemical Control Subtotal</u>	0	12,671	8,021
Total Maintenance Expenditures	\$ 628,360	\$ 357,280	\$ 322,886

Fellsmere Water Control District

	Grau & Associates	James Moore	
Third Party Audit Fees	\$12,600	\$0	Included with County annual annual with James Moore at no additional cost (F.S. 218.39)

	PNC Bank	TD Bank	
Bank Service Charges	\$760	\$0	County does not pay any fees with TD Bank due to sufficient compensating balances
Interest Earnings	\$19,932	\$31,652	Estimated annual interest earnings 2.10% at PNC vs. 3.20% at TD Bank

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-00

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT ADOPTING AN ANNUAL REPORT OF GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Fellsmere Water Control District (the “District”) is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapters 189 and 190, Florida Statutes, as amended; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2024, the Florida Legislature adopted House Bill 7013, codified as Chapter 2024-136, Laws of Florida, and creating Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the District adopted Resolution 2024-06 on August 5, 2024, establishing goals and objectives for the District and creating performance measures and standards to evaluate the District’s achievement of those goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes, the District must adopt and publish on its website an annual report prior to December 1st of each year, describing the goals and objectives achieved by the district, as well as the performance measures and standards used by the district to make this determination, and any goals or objectives the district failed to achieve.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has the annual report of the District’s goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit A** (the “Annual Report”) and presented the Annual Report to the Board of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Supervisors (“Board”) finds that it is in the best interests of the District to adopt by resolution the attached annual report of the goals, objectives and performance measures and standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals so stated are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated into and form a material part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The District Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Annual Report regarding the District’s success or failure in achieving the adopted goals and objectives and directs the District Manager to take all necessary actions to comply with Section 189.0694, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

FELLSMERE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: Annual Report of Performance Measures/Standards

Exhibit A

Program/Activity: District Administration

Goal: Remain compliant with Florida Law for all district meetings

Objectives:

- Notice all District regular, special, and public hearing meetings
- Conduct all post-meeting activities
- District records retained in compliance with Florida Sunshine Laws

Performance Measures:

- All Meetings publicly noticed as required (YES)
- Meeting minutes and post-meeting action completed (YES)
- District records retained as required by law (YES)

Program/Activity: District Finance

Goal: Remain Compliant with Florida Law for all district financing activities

Objectives:

- District adopted fiscal year budget
- District amended budget at end of fiscal year
- Process all District finance accounts receivable and payable
- Support District annual financial audit activities

Performance Measures:

- District adopted fiscal year budget (YES)
- District amended budget at end of fiscal year (YES)
- District accounts receivable/payable processed for the year (YES)
- “No findings” for annual financial audit (NO)
 - If “yes” explain

Program/Activity: District Operations

Goal: Insure, Operate and Maintain District owned Infrastructure & assets

Objectives:

- Annual renewal of District insurance policy(s)
- Contracted Services for District operations in effect
- Compliance with all required permits

Performance Measures:

- District insurance renewed and in force (YES)
- Contracted Services in force for all District operations (YES)
- Permits in compliance (YES)

Monthly Supervisor's Report

Fellsmere Water Control District

September 2026

Summary- Along with the routine ditch maintenance, the machine operator has been removing mature cabbage palm trees that inhibit proper ditch maintenance. Ditches U-12 and U-9, particularly, had heavy concentrations of the trees. Other areas are being identified for future removal. Note; It is the Supervisor's deduction that the machines used in the past by the District, were not equipped with a hydraulic thumb which did not allow tree removal while trees were at a smaller stage. The District, in partnership with the City of Fellsmere, removed ground, tree branch mulch that was accumulated in the bottom of sub-lateral PL-18, using a City supplied truck with driver. There was a total of 5,850 feet of ditch that was cleaned for that project. The

permanent and/or temporary repairs of washouts, sinkholes and compromised ditch banks, were promptly dealt with as they were discovered or reported by concerned citizens. All ditch bank mowing has been completed, work verified and invoice approved. All Park Lateral, sub-lateral herbiciding has been completed and verified except noted areas that were overlooked. U-20 through U-12 sublaterals have been sprayed per vendor's report but unverified until evidence of the spraying can be observed. The District employees have been working with and excepting guidance from County officials in order to assist in facilitating a smooth and efficient transition to better serve the citizens and landowners within the District.

Ditch Maintenance Details – 3.38 miles/17,850 linear feet of sub-laterals cleaned/maintained. Zero (0) blockages cleared, eight (8) washouts filled and Forty-Nine (49) sumps re-dug.

Permits – Ten (10) applications received, ten (10) processed and one (1) inspected/closed.

Citizen Complaints – Three (3) documented complaints. All damaged culverts caused by contractor boring were documented through the permitting process.

Machine/Operator Hours – 115.6 machine hours logged for the month of September. 159.0 operator hours logged equating to 19.875 eight (8) hour working days. The daily average machine usage equates to 5.81 hours per day.

Maximum Allowed Machine Hours - As of 10/13/2026, there are 2,885 hours logged on the excavator. There is an estimated, up to 70 working days, with 7 hours max per day left between now and the full-term contract date of 01/30/2027. That equates to 490 hours added to the current hours, putting the total at 3,375 hours.

The maximum allowed, without penalties, is 3,500 hours.

Rain Accumulation – 5.57 inches of rainfall recorded from field office gauge.

Monthly Operator/ Machine Hours

Month: September

Year: 2026

Hours/Month Beginning	2728.1	Hours/Month End	2843.7	Total	115.6
Operator Hours	159				
Operator Work Days (8 HR)	19.88				
Daily Average Machine Usage	5.81	Average Hours Per Every 8 Hour Work Day			

