

PLANTATION ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 10th, 2026

1701 NW 112th Avenue, Plantation, FL 33323

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Jorge Santana
Commissioner Pete Gilmore
Commissioner William Beazley
Commissioner Charlie Kline

PRESENT:

Jake Schiff, District Attorney Representative
Bealinda Pell, District Engineer
Deborah Smith, District Accountant
Carmen Mirones, District Manager

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chairman Santana called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A roll call was conducted, confirming that all listed members were present. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONERS BY SOCIAL MEDIA (ZOOM) OR TELEPHONE:

Chairman Santana explained that due to an unexpected internet connectivity issue at the District Office, the Plantation Acres Improvement District was unable to transmit the Special Meeting via Zoom.

District Manager Mirones stated that upon discovering the issue, promptly contacted Comcast Business to report the service interruption. Comcast Business has scheduled a technician to visit the District Office tomorrow morning to diagnose and resolve the problem. A service ticket, No. CR263123518, has been created and is currently being addressed by Comcast Business.

The District apologizes for any inconvenience and appreciates the public's understanding.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Santana introduced the agenda item regarding the election of a new Vice Chairman for the Plantation Acres Improvement District Board of Commissioners. He explained that, following the vacancy in the Vice Chairman position, the Board needed to formally appoint a Commissioner to serve in that role.

During the discussion, it was noted that there had been previous conversations regarding the position; however, no formal action had been taken by the Board to elect a Vice Chairman.

Chairman Santana opened the floor for nominations and discussion.

Commissioner Gilmore's name was presented for consideration. Prior to proceeding with a motion, Board members confirmed Commissioner Gilmore's willingness to serve in the position.

Commissioner Gilmore stated that he would accept the appointment and was willing to fulfill the responsibilities of Vice Chairman.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Klein to appoint Commissioner Pete Gilmore as Vice Chairman of the Plantation Acres Improvement District Board of Commissioners and seconded by Commissioner Beazley.

Chairman Jorge Santana	Yes
Commissioner Gilmore	Yes
Commissioner William Beazley	Yes
Commissioner Charlie Kline	Yes

The Motion to appoint Commissioner Pete Gilmore as Vice Chairman of the Plantation Acres Improvement District Board of Commissioners was approved unanimously. (4-0).

Chairman Santana congratulated Commissioner Gilmore on his appointment as Vice Chairman.

The Board welcomed him into his new leadership role and expressed appreciation for his willingness to serve the District and its residents in this capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Santana opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and invited members of the public to address the Board.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik - 11550 NW 17th Ct. addressed the Board regarding political advertisement signs that had been placed on various Plantation Acres Improvement District (P.A.I.D.) properties and along major roadways within Plantation Acres.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik stated for the public record that political campaign signs had been placed on public lands owned by the District. She referenced prior statements allegedly indicating that the Board and District staff did not object to the placement of political signs on District property provided permission had been obtained.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik questioned who had requested such permission and who had authorized the placement of the signs.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik further asserted that P.A.I.D., as a limited-purpose special district, does not possess authority to override municipal ordinances established by the City of Plantation. She stated that all District-owned property lies within the City limits and is therefore subject to City regulations, including those governing signage, public property, safety, and land use. She expressed her opinion that, absent a specific exemption under state law, the District must comply with municipal ordinances and cannot authorize activities prohibited by the City.

Additionally, Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik referenced Florida Attorney General opinions regarding political signs on public property and stated her belief that governmental entities are required to remain neutral in political matters and therefore should not permit political signs on publicly owned lands. She concluded her remarks and thanked the Board.

Chairman Santana thanked **Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik** for her comments and invited additional public comments.

Resident, Ms. Kathleen Fong-Huo, addressed the Board and requested clarification regarding signage regulations. She questioned whether political signs differed from informational signs commonly placed within the community, such as homeowners' association announcements and District meeting notices.

Resident, Ms. Kathleen Fong-Huo asked who owned the property where such signs are typically displayed and sought clarification regarding the distinction between political signs and informational notices.

Chairman Santana responded that informational signs related to meetings may be treated differently; however, he stated that he was not an attorney and did not wish to engage in a discussion regarding election-related matters at that time.

Resident, Ms. Kathleen Fong-Huo, thanked the Board for the clarification.

Resident, Mr. Michael Sheff - 12061 NW 26th Street addressed the Board regarding a fence permit issue affecting his newly constructed residence.

Resident, Mr. Michael Sheff explained that he had purchased his home approximately two months earlier and was excited to become part of the Plantation Acres community. He stated that his intention upon purchasing the property was to install a perimeter fence to create a secure outdoor area for his family, including two young children, a future stepdaughter, and family pets.

Resident, Mr. Michael Sheff reported that after retaining a fencing contractor and beginning the permitting process, he received comments from an engineer indicating that a canal maintenance easement along the side of his property restricted the proposed fence location. According to Mr. Sheff, the comments would require the fence to be placed significantly closer to the residence, substantially reducing the usable yard area.

Resident, Mr. Michael Sheff, stated that he had obtained a professional survey prior to purchasing the property and understood that portions of the land extending toward the canal were included within his property boundaries. He further noted that several neighboring properties in the immediate vicinity appeared to have fences located substantially closer to the canal than the setback being required for his property.

To support his concerns, Mr. Sheff indicated that he had photographs and documentation showing nearby fences located within four to eight feet of the canal and requested that the Board review the information. He expressed concern that the proposed restriction would significantly diminish the value and functionality of his property.

Resident, Mr. Michael Sheff provided supporting documents and contact information for the Board's review and requested assistance in resolving the matter.

Chairman Santana accepted the materials and thanked Mr. Sheff for his comments.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci - 461 W. Mount Vernon Drive, addressed the Board regarding the scope of the District's authority and responsibilities.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci stated that, as a long-time resident of Plantation Acres, he had been researching the functions and authority of the District and remained unclear regarding which matters fall within the District's jurisdiction and which are governed by the City of Plantation.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci, referenced prior concerns involving neighboring properties where fill material had allegedly been placed on lots, resulting in elevation changes that he believed adversely affected surrounding properties. He stated that complaints had been submitted but no corrective action had occurred, leaving uncertainty regarding which governmental entity held enforcement authority.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci noted that residents frequently encounter confusion regarding whether issues such as grading, drainage, fencing, permitting, and property improvements should be directed to the District or to the City.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci expressed concern that residents are often referred between agencies without receiving clear guidance or resolution.

Resident, Mr. Bruce Cianci requested that the District consider providing residents with a written explanation or informational guide outlining the District's responsibilities, approval authority, enforcement capabilities, and the

relationship between District oversight and City jurisdiction. He stated that such information would help residents better understand how to address future concerns and navigate governmental processes more effectively.

Chairman Santana thanked Mr. Cianci for his comments and observations.

Resident, Ms. Yamile Stevenson - 11580 NW 24th Street, addressed the Board regarding the status of a fence permit application for his property.

Resident, Ms. Yamile Stevenson stated that he and his family had resided in Plantation Acres for approximately thirty-three years. She explained that portions of the property were already fenced; however, the western side remained open, and he had applied for a permit several months earlier to install a fence and front entry gates.

Resident, Ms. Yamile Stevenson indicated that the required application had been submitted through his fencing contractor and forwarded to the appropriate agencies. He expressed frustration regarding what he perceived as a lengthy delay in the review process and stated that the proposed fence would not interfere with drainage facilities or District infrastructure.

Resident, Ms. Yamile Stevenson questioned why the project had not advanced and stated that the lack of progress was disappointing. She expressed concern that residents seeking relatively minor property improvements were experiencing unnecessary delays.

Chairman Santana asked whether all required paperwork had been submitted and was informed that the application had been provided through the fencing contractor.

Chairman Santana requested that Ms. Stevenson leave his contact information before departing and stated that the matter would be reviewed and investigated.

Resident, Ms. Yamile Stevenson agreed to provide his information.

Chairman Santana called for any additional public comments. Hearing none, the Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed, and the Board proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF 4D6138-RESO PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027

The Board reviewed Resolution 4B613B, approving the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. The resolution was read into the record as a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Plantation Acres Improvement District approving the proposed budget and providing an effective date.

District Accountant Smith clarified that the budget presented was a proposed budget only, not the final adopted budget.

The Board noted that the final budget would be considered later, prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, 2026.

The proposed income was presented at \$2,184,000, based on maintaining the current tax rate and billable acreage.

The Board discussed projected expenses, including accounting and auditing, legal services, utilities, canal maintenance, pump station maintenance, propane, engineering, health insurance, payroll, tax collector costs, and reserves for future capital projects.

District Accountant Smith explained that the District had better financial data available this year due to improved accounting records and review of actual expenses.

The proposed budget included reduced building repair expenses compared to the prior year, when all six pump

station roofs and the District office roof required significant repairs.

The Board also discussed canal maintenance, including mowing, spraying, and canal cleaning, as well as pump station maintenance involving Pantropic, Star Controls, and other service providers. Engineering costs were projected to increase due to ongoing work related to the Plantation Acres South drainage improvements and future Pump Station No. 7.

Public questions were received regarding health insurance costs, retirement expenses, historical budget comparisons, banking fees, interest earnings, capital reserves, and public access to financial information.

Chairman Santana noted that monthly financial reports are posted at the District office, and the Board discussed the possibility of making financial information available online.

The Board further explained that the District currently maintains funds in a money market account earning approximately 3.5% interest, after moving funds from Truist to BrightStar, where the prior rate was approximately 0.75%. The capital reserve was discussed as necessary for future major projects, including the planned seventh pump station.

Copy of the proposed budget was requested by a resident, and it was noted that the request should be submitted through the District Manager.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmore to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget and seconded by Commissioner Beazley.

Chairman Jorge Santana	Yes
Commissioner Gilmore	Yes
Commissioner William Beazley	Yes
Commissioner Charlie Klein	Yes

The Motion to Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget was approved unanimously. (4-0).

UPDATE OF THE PAS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT REPORT

District Engineer Pell presented an update regarding the Plantation Acres South Drainage Improvement Project, including the proposed future Pump Station No. 7. She provided a detailed timeline of the project history, current status, anticipated next steps, permitting requirements, and projected schedule.

District Engineer Pell stated that on October 27, 2025, she and Commissioner Gilmore met with representatives from the South Florida Water Management District and received verbal authorization to proceed with the concept of a seventh pump station, subject to proper modeling, design, and permitting.

District Engineer Pell explained that on November 20, 2025, the Board authorized her office to prepare a preliminary project scope, timeline, and cost estimate. On December 10, 2025, District Engineer Pell and Chairman Santana met with the City of Plantation to discuss City participation and potential financial contribution toward the project.

District Engineer Pell reported that on February 26, 2026, she presented the Plantation Acres South project to the Board and residents at the District office. She noted that the presentation included the project scope, estimated costs, timeline, and the four proposed project phases.

District Engineer Pell further explained that in March 2026, she and Attorney Tolces worked on the Interlocal Agreement between P.A.I.D. and the City of Plantation, which is required for the City to contribute funding. On April 29, 2026, Ms. Pell met again with City representatives to review the draft agreement and incorporate City comments.

District Engineer Pell stated that the Interlocal Agreement was finalized and approved by the Board on May 28,

2026, and was subsequently sent to City Engineer Samira Shalan and City Chief Administrative Officer Jason Nunemaker for City review. She noted that the agreement was not on the City Council agenda for that evening but was expected to be placed on an upcoming agenda following additional City legal review.

District Engineer Pell advised that once the City approves the agreement, the surveying and data collection portion of the project may begin immediately. She stated that Stoner and Associates is prepared to begin the surveying work and that she will coordinate with Stoner, District Manager Mirones, and the District.

District Engineer Pell explained that the initial survey phase is expected to take approximately six to eight months, depending on weather and unforeseen conditions. The City is expected to contribute approximately \$138,000 toward the first portion of the project, while the District's portion is estimated at approximately \$160,000.

District Engineer Pell stated that after the survey is complete, the District will proceed with modeling, which is expected to take several additional months. Following the modeling phase, conceptual drainage plans will be developed and presented to the Board. At that stage, the District will further evaluate the anticipated costs for Phases 2, 3, and 4, including final design, engineering, permitting, bidding, and construction.

District Engineer Pell emphasized that permitting will be a lengthy process and may take between one and two years. Required permits will include review by the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers because the proposed discharge would connect to the North New River Canal, a federal waterway.

District Engineer Pell estimated that construction could take approximately six to seven months once permitting, bidding, contractor selection, insurance verification, and notice to proceed are completed. Overall, the project is anticipated to take approximately four to five years, with the total estimated cost currently projected at approximately \$3.5 million, not including future inflation.

District Engineer Pell stated that the City has expressed continued interest in participating financially as the project progresses and that quarterly meetings with the City are expected to continue.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney - 11381 SW 1st St. asked whether project updates would be provided after quarterly meetings with the City.

District Engineer Pell responded that she provides an Engineer's Report to the Board every month and will continue to include updates on the Plantation Acres South project throughout the duration of the project.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney also asked whether the reports would be posted digitally on the District website. Ms. Pell stated that she submits the reports to the District and that there are public records available upon request.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney, asked about the green shaded areas shown on the project exhibit and whether those properties would be affected.

District Engineer Pell explained that the dark green areas identified properties requiring detailed topographic survey work because they are located near the proposed connection area between Tara Park, nearby ponds, and the proposed discharge point. She stated that surveyors will gather detailed elevation, drainage, swale, structure, and finished floor elevation data.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney expressed concern about existing landscaping, including mature cypress trees, and asked whether future drainage improvements could require removal of trees or impacts to private property.

District Engineer Pell explained that any use of drainage easements would require coordination with affected residents and the Board. She referenced prior North Acres work where impacted residents were invited to specific meetings, and the District coordinated fence removal and replacement, irrigation, sod, and other restoration items.

District Engineer Pell stated that residents in affected areas would be notified before surveyors enter private property and that the District would coordinate with residents regarding scheduling and access.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik - 11550 NW 17th Court, asked whether Pump Station No. 7 was still conceptual or final.

District Engineer Pell responded that the project is currently in the conceptual and data collection phase, but the District is moving forward with the pump station location in the Tara Park/South Acres area based on support from the City of Plantation and South Florida Water Management District.

Resident, Ms. Veronica Niemtschik asked when the District would know whether the plan is final.

District Engineer Pell explained that after surveying is completed, the District will proceed with modeling and conceptual drainage planning, which is expected to take approximately one year before more definitive design decisions are presented.

Chairman Santana and **District Engineer Pell** explained that the upcoming Tara Park event would provide residents with information about the proposed project, allow residents to ask questions, and collect feedback from the community. They noted that the District intends to provide exhibits and forms for residents' comments and questions.

District Engineer Pell and **Chairman Santana** explained that the pump would move stormwater out of the South Acres area and is expected to pump approximately 20,000 gallons per minute. They stated that South Acres, including the Tara Drive area, is lower than surrounding areas and is known to experience flooding.

District Engineer Pell further explained that the new pump station would be more complex than older pump stations because current regulations require water to pass through a holding tank, screening system, and related treatment structures before discharge.

District Engineer Pell explained that the tanks would be primarily in-ground but elevated as required for gravity flow and system function. She stated that the District does not intend to place large visible tanks in the middle of the park.

District Engineer Pell acknowledged the concern regarding the noise and stated that design considerations would be reviewed as the project advances.

A resident also asked whether cleaning the canals or increasing the capacity of the existing pumps could resolve the South Acres drainage issue instead of constructing Pump Station No. 7.

District Engineer Pell explained that canal cleaning alone would not solve the South Acres flooding issue because the area is lower than surrounding areas and is larger than the areas served by other existing pump stations.

District Engineer Pell concluded by stating that the District intends to continue moving forward with the project and will continue to coordinate with residents, the City, and regulatory agencies throughout the process.

District Engineer Pell explained that canal cleaning alone would not resolve the flooding concerns in South Acres because the area is substantially larger than other pump service areas and is located at a lower elevation than surrounding neighborhoods.

District Engineer Pell concluded her presentation by reaffirming the District's commitment to advancing the Plantation Acres South Drainage Improvement Project. She stated that the District will continue coordinating with residents, the City of Plantation, regulatory agencies, consultants, and project stakeholders as the project progresses through planning, design, permitting, and construction phases.

PUMP STATIONS ENGINE OIL TEST RESULTS

Chairman Santana provided an update regarding the recent oil analysis performed on the District's pump station engines.

Chairman Santana stated that a resident had recently approached him with concerns regarding the condition and reliability of the District's pump station engines and specifically asked whether the engines were nearing the end of their useful life. In response to those concerns, the District elected to perform another comprehensive oil analysis to evaluate the current condition of the equipment.

Chairman Santana reported that the most recent oil samples were collected and submitted for laboratory testing approximately eight months after the previous analysis. He advised that the results were very encouraging and closely mirrored the findings of the prior report.

According to the laboratory analysis, the engines exhibited only minimal metal wear particles, commonly referred to as metal shavings, indicating that the internal engine components are functioning properly and are not experiencing abnormal wear.

Chairman Santana explained that low wear-metal readings are a positive indicator of engine health and reliability.

Chairman Santana further reported that the laboratory found no evidence of water contamination, no antifreeze contamination, and no abnormal conditions that would indicate internal mechanical problems. All measured parameters remained within acceptable operating ranges and at very low levels.

Based on the laboratory findings, the testing company concluded that the District's pump station engines remain in excellent operating condition and recommended that the District continue its current maintenance practices.

Chairman Santana noted that despite many of the engines being approximately 20 years old, the results demonstrate that the equipment has been properly maintained over the years. He credited the District's ongoing preventative maintenance program, including regular servicing and oil changes, for helping preserve the condition of the engines.

Chairman Santana explained that engine oil is generally changed twice per year, although the maintenance schedule is ultimately determined by engine operating hours and manufacturer recommendations. He noted that the most recent analysis was performed after approximately 50 operating hours since the last oil change.

District Engineer Pell emphasized that the positive test results provide confidence that the District's pump station engines remain reliable and capable of supporting drainage operations throughout the District.

Chairman Santana informed the Board and residents that copies of the laboratory report were available for review and that any resident interested in examining the results could request a copy from the District. He concluded by stating that, based on the laboratory recommendations, the District intends to continue its current maintenance program and does not anticipate any immediate issues with the pump station engines.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A question raised for clarification regarding House Bill 4067, specifically whether it became law after being approved by the Governor.

The Board clarified that the Governor's signature made the bill law, and that the bill would also have become law if the Governor had taken no action within the required timeframe, unless vetoed.

➤ Canal Cleaning Permit and FDEP Waiver

Commissioner Gilmore reported that he had participated in a second call with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regarding the permit process required for canal maintenance, pumping, and dredging activities.

Commissioner Gilmore explained that because the District's main canals were constructed before March 1970, the District may qualify for a waiver that reduces certain permitting requirements. He stated that District Engineer Pell provided documentation, including aerial photographs, confirming the age of the canals.

Commissioner Gilmore advised that the application would include District information, a narrative describing the proposed pumping and maintenance process, documentation proving the canals were constructed before March 1970, and canal cross-sections showing existing and proposed conditions. He noted that FDEP requested the cross-sections be shown using absolute elevation data.

Commissioner Gilmore stated that the District expects to submit the application to FDEP by the end of the week or early the following week.

➤ **Canal Sediment Testing**

Commissioner Gilmore also reported that the District collected soil/sediment samples from Canal C-1, near the east side of NW 118th Avenue, and submitted them to Florida Spectrum, a local laboratory used by the South Florida Water Management District.

Commissioner Gilmore explained that the District requested a TCLP analysis, which tested approximately 194 items, including metals, pesticides, volatile organics, and chlorinated herbicides.

Commissioner Gilmore stated that almost all results were listed as non-detect, meaning the substances were not detected. The only item detected was barium, at approximately 0.197 mg/L, which was well below the EPA limit of 2.0 mg/L.

Commissioner Gilmore stated that additional samples should be collected from other canal locations to ensure the District is not relocating or placing material inappropriately.

➤ **Canal Muck Placement and Cost Savings**

Chairman Santana discussed the possibility of placing removed canal muck along canal banks, where permitted, rather than hauling all material off-site. He explained that this approach could significantly reduce disposal and transportation costs. He noted that the material could potentially be placed on the banks and covered with sod, subject to permit approval and proper handling.

➤ **New Canal Cleaning Equipment**

Chairman Santana reported that the District's new canal maintenance equipment is expected to arrive within approximately two to three weeks. He stated that, once permits are approved and the crew completes training, canal cleaning could begin within approximately one month.

Chairman Santana explained that the equipment includes both digging and pumping capabilities and is better suited for the District's narrow canals than the City's equipment, which had difficulty operating in similar conditions.

➤ **Drainage Pipes and Ponds**

Chairman Santana explained that the District's initial focus will be on cleaning all six main canals. After that, the District intends to review and clean underground drainage pipes, likely using jetting equipment. He stated that ponds may also be evaluated after the canals and pipes are addressed.

➤ **Website, Minutes, and Public Records**

Resident, Anita Manning asked whether meeting minutes and conceptual designs would be made available online.

District Manager Mirones stated that approved meeting minutes are posted online after Board approval at the following meeting.

District Manager Mirones advised that minutes had been uploaded through the May 13, 2026, meeting and that

additional documents, including conceptual designs, would be posted soon.

District Manager Mirones also stated that requested year-to-date financial information could be provided upon request.

➤ **Banking Update**

Chairman Santana reported that the District opened new accounts with BrightStar Credit Union, including checking and money market accounts. He stated that most District funds are being transferred from Truist to BrightStar.

Chairman Santana explained that BrightStar is paying approximately 3.5% interest, compared to approximately 0.74% at Truist. He stated that the District is protected up to approximately \$5 million through credit union insurance backed by the federal government and estimated that the move could generate more than \$50,000 in annual interest.

➤ **Future Drainage Improvements and Sluice Gates**

Chairman Santana also discussed potential future drainage projects, including the possible installation of sluice gates between Canal C-1 and Canal C-2. He explained that the gates could help separate South Acres from the central canal system during high-water events, allowing Pump Station C-1 and the future Pump Station No. 7 to focus more directly on South Acres drainage.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney - 11381 SW 1st Street asked whether Canal C-1 is located in South Acres and where the proposed gates would be located.

Chairman Santana explained that C-1 serves South Acres and that the proposed sluice gates would be placed between C-1 and C-2, along the A and B canal system.

Chairman Santana stated that he believes the sluice gates, together with future Pump Station No. 7, could provide meaningful drainage benefits to South Acres.

Chairman Santana briefly reviewed several operational matters related to canal maintenance and ongoing coordination with outside entities.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney addressed the Board and referenced previous discussions concerning the maintenance of the canals adjacent to American Heritage School.

Resident, Mr. Mark Mooney, stated that the matter had been discussed for an extended period and asked for an update regarding the school's progress in cleaning and maintaining its canal system.

Commissioner Beazley responded that District staff had recently inspected the area and confirmed that maintenance activities had been performed.

Commissioner Beazley reported that the canals had been sprayed for aquatic vegetation control and that she personally visited the site on multiple occasions to verify the work.

Chairman Santana stated that the canal located along the front portion of the school property showed evidence that the vegetation treatment had been effective, with vegetation visibly dying back following application of the herbicide.

Chairman Santana further noted that the interior canal located within the school property had also been treated and that the vegetation was beginning to turn yellow, indicating that the treatment was working as intended.

Resident, Ms. Lori Bernardi – 11681 NW 6th St. asked whether spraying alone would satisfy the maintenance requirements or whether accumulated muck and sediment would also need to be removed from the canal.

Chairman Santana explained that while vegetation control had been completed, there was likely still sediment and accumulated material within portions of the canal system.

Chairman Santana clarified that the responsibility for maintaining the canal, including any necessary cleaning or sediment removal, remains with American Heritage School under the terms of their maintenance obligations.

Resident, Ms. Lori Bernardi questioned who would ensure that the required canal maintenance is ultimately completed.

Chairman Santana advised that District staff continue to communicate directly with representatives of American Heritage School and are closely monitoring compliance. She further stated that maintenance work had already been performed along portions of the canal system, including trimming and removal of overgrown vegetation, brush, and trees along canal banks. She noted that some portions located within the active school grounds present logistical challenges because work must be coordinated around school operations and student activities.

Chairman Santana explained that maintenance activities occurring within the school property may need to be scheduled after school hours or on weekends to ensure safety and minimize disruption to school operations.

Resident, Ms. Lori Bernardi then asked whether the District's recently acquired Weedoo aquatic maintenance vessel would be utilized to perform muck removal within the American Heritage canals.

Chairman Santana clarified that American Heritage School remains responsible for its canal maintenance obligations and that any costs associated with canal cleaning or sediment removal would be the responsibility of the school. She noted that the maintenance agreement requires the school to properly maintain its canal system and that the District continues to monitor compliance with those requirements.

Resident, Ms. Lori Bernardi, encouraged the District to ensure that any future services provided to the school are billed appropriately and reflect the actual cost of maintenance activities.

Chairman Santana reiterated that the District intends to continue monitoring the situation and ensuring compliance with maintenance obligations.

No additional questions or comments were raised regarding canal maintenance.

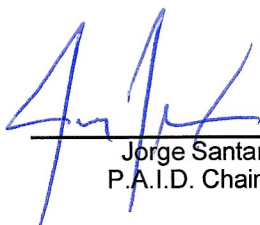
Chairman Santana then asked whether there were any additional Commissioner comments or questions. Hearing none, the Board indicated that all agenda items had been completed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmore to Adjourn the Special Meeting and seconded by Commissioner Kline.

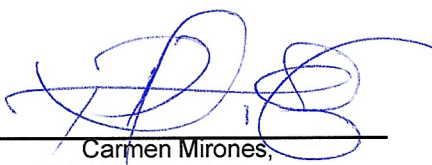
Chairman Jorge Santana	Yes
Commissioner Gilmore	Yes
Commissioner William Beazley	Yes
Commissioner Charlie Klein	Yes

The Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting was approved unanimously. (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm. By Chair Santana.



Jorge Santana,
P.A.I.D. Chairman



Carmen Mirones,
P.A.I.D. District Manager