

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF THE
SAN CARLOS ESTATES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT AGENDA**

MONDAY May 18, 2026, 6:00 PM.

GULF SHORE CHURCH, 25300 BERNWOOD PKWY, BONITA SPRINGS FL 34135

1. Call Meeting to order. 6:00p.m.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Supervisors: Chair and President, Jim Bradford (Jim); Vice-Chair and Vice President, Jennifer Finazzo (Jennifer) – via phone and Supervisor, James Gilchrist (James) ; Engineer Ron Edenfield, Attorney Richard Pringle, Shanelle Cruz, Interim Manager and Superintendent of Operations, Shanelle Cruz Secretary/Treasurer and guests: 15 (approx.) James Gilchrist via phone.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

4. Receive Engineer's Report on District Works:

-Applications

Open: 32 Received: 2 Finalized: 1 Inspections: 37

-Continuing to investigate the illegal dumping along the Moriah canal

-Working with District council to get draft water control plan over to the Water District

- Received a second bid for the canal maintenance project

-Discussion on the Thrasher contract

-Attended the statewide FDEP MS-4 meeting and still waiting on a new permit

-Received application from outside district last month and need to work on making decisions with respect to permit conditions

- Licensed approved contractor did not follow district rules and will now be on probation and will be required to have a preconstruction meeting for every culvert they put in for the next 6 months. Chairman has requested that if there is a second offense they are not to do work in the District for at least a year.

-Conversation on permit signs being posted, need to rectify the situation.

5. Manager's Report

-Interviewed candidates that have applied for the manager position and gave recommendations to the board

- Ordered one car at a time signs for the gate.

- Updated the website over the course of the month, per direction of the auditor

6. Treasurer's Report

- Audit is done and the auditor will be here next month to give an update.

7. Chair's Report

- Discuss as the items come up throughout the meeting.

8. Attorney's Report

- Last week the formal request for Water Management District to review the water control plan amendment was submitted. The formal adoption will occur over the next few months.

- Montiero lawsuit has filed a notice of appeal

- Montiero permit application

9. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda –

Jim motioned to add items

c) Montiero lawsuit – Jennifer seconded, all approved

d) Montiero permit application – Jennifer seconded, all approved

e) Manager Position – Jennifer seconded, all approved

10. Public Input on Business Agenda items (3-minute limit) - NONE

11. Business Agenda items (Agenda Items Requiring Action)

a. Meeting Minutes Approval – for April 20, 2026 Board Meeting.

Jim motioned to approve, Jennifer seconded, all in favor.

b. Financial Reports Approval – 04/30/2026 Bank Statements and 04/30/2026 Financial Reports.

Jim motioned to approve, Jennifer seconded, all in favor.

c. Updates on Montiero lawsuit, selection of attorney to represent District in appeal

- The Montieros have filed a notice of appeal in the litigation where they have sued the district. Attorney Pringle suggests continuing to use Attorney Lebedeker in the appeal case.

Jim motioned to approve Attorney Lebedeker represent the District in the appeal case, Jennifer seconded, all in favor.

d. Montiero permit application

- Attorney provided the board with a draft of general conditions and some special conditions for the board to consider in regards to the use of District owned land by the Montieros and the flow of water into District property. There are two blanks that need discussed : expiration date and user fee.

Jim made a motion to approve the special permit for the Montiero property located at 8991 Strike Ln. where the fee will be tied to the annual landowners fee, an expiration date as the board decides otherwise, and a permit for construction of 12 months. Jennifers seconded, all in favor.

e. Discussion of Manager Position

- Jim motioned to extend an offer of employment to Adrian Cruz for the manager position as a W-2 part-time employee, with a salary of \$43,888/year, there will be a year probationary period, and the role is to be updated as necessary. Jennifer seconded, all in favor

12. Public Input (3-minute limit)

- Landowner asked about interlocal agreements with the City

-Landowner asked about funding

- Landowner asked that the agenda items be listed on agenda and not amended.

- Landowner addressed the Montiero case, address of Board member, contested 2024 annual meeting vote

-Landowner asked about new housing development being built on old 41 and impact on our canals

13. Supervisor Comments

- James asked about legal reimbursement from insurance

14. Adjournment 7:15pm