

**Bermont Drainage District  
Annual Landowner Meeting and Regular Board Meeting  
January 14, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

January 14, 2026, Annual Landowner Meeting and Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm at the Paradise Park Meeting Room at 46900 Bermont Rd. Punta Gorda, FL 33982

**2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication that the notice of the Meeting had been published in the Daily Sun on Friday December 19, 2025, is attached.

**3. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

It was determined that attendance of the following Supervisors constituted a quorum, and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Linda McHugh	Present
Austin Bessette	Present
Marie Thomlinson	Absent

Also present was Nicholas Bixler, General Counsel from Lewis, Longman & Walker “LLW”

**4. ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING**

A motion was made and passed unanimously electing Austin Bessete as Chairman for the Annual Landowners Meeting

Determine number of Voting units represented or assigned proxy

Status	# Landowners	# Acres
Present	11	504
Proxy	2	946
Total	12	1,450

Mr. Bessette noted that Linda McHugh’s term as supervisor expires on Jan 31, 2025.

Mr. Behn asked if anyone would like to fill the Supervisor position, and a motion was made by Ariel Morales and seconded by Linda McHugh for Jack Porter to fill the open position immediately and unopposed. He was sworn in effective 01-14-2026 and expiring 01-14-2029.

Officers for the remainder of the fiscal year of the District ending Sept 30, 2026 were then elected. On motions made, seconded and unanimously carried the following individuals were elected to the noted offices

President	Austin Bessette
Vice President	Jack Porter
Member at Large	Marie Thomlinson
Secretary/Treasurer	Linda McHugh

The Annual Landowners meeting was then recessed, and the Regular Board Meeting was opened.

## 5. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

It was determined that attendance of the following Supervisors constituted a quorum, and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Austin Bessette	Present
Jack Porter	Present
Marie Thompson	Absent

Also present was Nicholas Bixler, General Counsel from LLW

A motion was made by Mr. Austin Bessette, seconded by Mr. Jack Porter and passed unanimously approving the minutes of the May 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

The FYE 09-30-25 and Fiscal Year to date 9-30-26 Financial Results were presented by Linda McHugh, Treasurer. The Board Members had no questions.

The Supervisors then considered various maintenance projects for the current fiscal year. There is \$10,000 in the budget available for repairs.

- Prioritize repair & maintenance for next 9 months (remainder of fiscal year). First priority is the 2 Bermont owned Drain Pipe blockages. See attached map # 1 & 3.
  - After the 2 blockages are completed. Kevin Ostrander of Knockout Siteworks, LLC & Ariel Morales will send other proposed repairs to Austin Bessette. He will approve invoices and forward to Linda McHugh, Treasurer, for subsequent payment.
  - Open items
    - Send legal letter to 2 landowners who have blocked culverts.
    - Can we remove trees without owner approval that are in or alongside the ditch and block access for repairs?

## 6. OTHER COMMENTS FROM LANDOWNERS

- Ron Dittleberger, Paradise Park asked if we were required to have a District Engineer.
  - Nick Bixler, Attorney pointed out the small size of our S298, that we would likely not be required to have an engineer.
  - Linda McHugh reminded everyone that funds are currently not available and would need to be added to future budgets. Estimates attained in prior years were \$10,000.
  - Ariel Morales presented a map (see attached) that laid out primary ditches and drain pipes. This agrees with original engineer drawing created in 1985 (available at bermontdd.org) and there have been no changes since then.

## 7. COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISORS

There were no comments at this time.

## 8. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Paradise Park Meeting Rooms

Topics: Determine Ad Valorem Rate and Prepare and Approve Annual Budget for next fiscal year.

10. Meeting adjourned Jan 14, 2026 at 7:10 pm.

## Bermont Drainage District

### Net Position as of 12/31/2025

	<u>12 Months Ended</u>	<u>Current FY</u>	<u>EOY Forecast</u>
	<u>09/30/2025</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>9/30/26</u>
Cash - Operating	13,789	15,310	3,685
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,789</b>	<b>\$ 15,310</b>	<b>\$ 3,685</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Position, Unrestricted</b>	<b>13,789</b>	<b>15,310</b>	<b>3,685</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 13,789</b>	<b>\$ 15,310</b>	<b>\$ 3,685</b>

### Changes in Net Position as of 12/31/2025

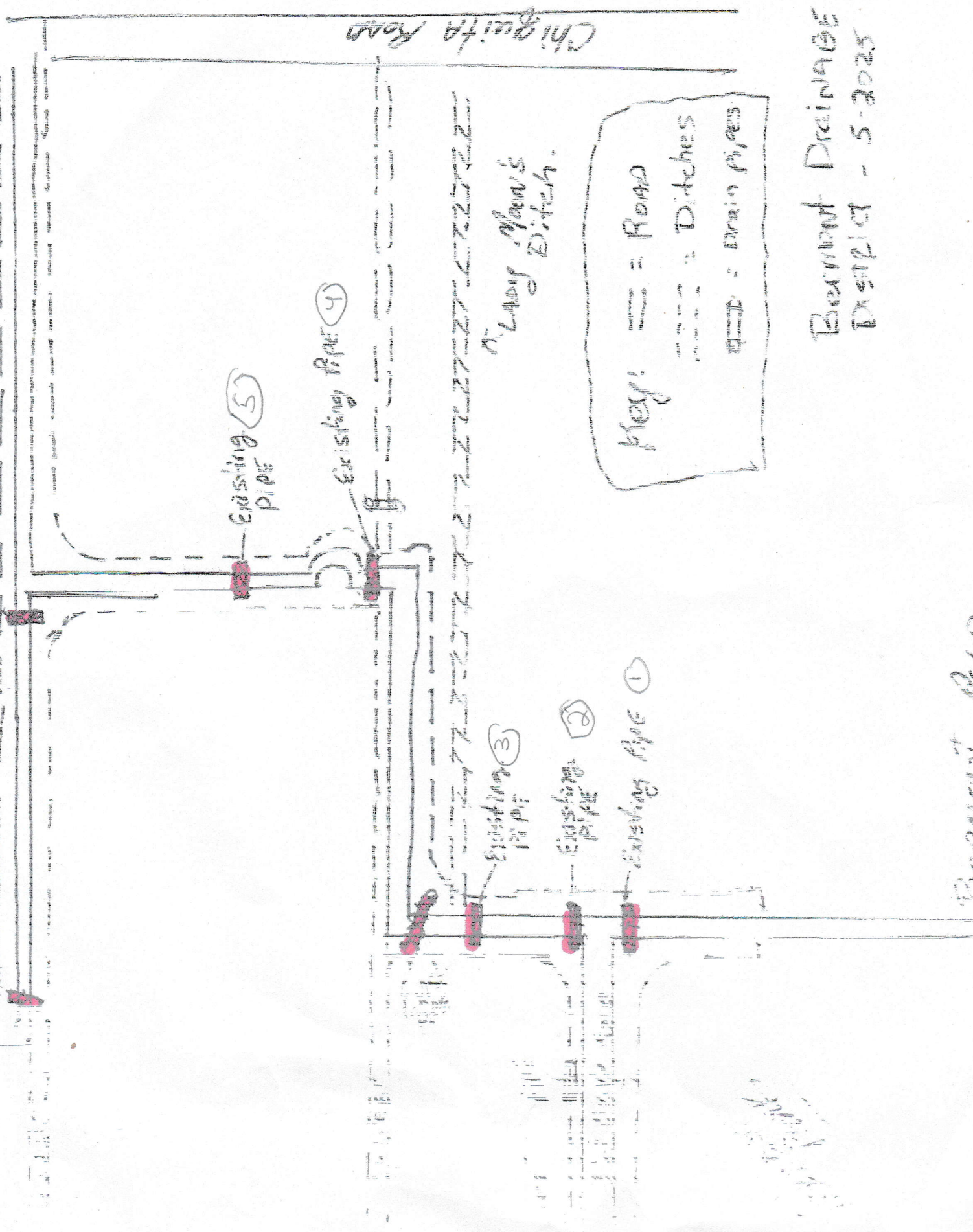
	<u>12 Months Ended</u>	<u>Current FY</u>	<u>EOY Budget</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
	<u>09/30/2025</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>EOY Budget</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Tax Revenue	27,800	12,124	28,343	16,219
Donations Received	1,500	0	0	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 29,300</b>	<b>\$ 12,124</b>	<b>\$ 28,343</b>	<b>\$ 16,219</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Repair & Maintenance	(3,630)	0	(10,000)	(10,000)
East Charlotte DD	(1,554)	0	(1,647)	(1,647)
Legal Expense	(5,237)	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Lobbying Fees	(20,000)	(10,000)	(20,000)	(10,000)
Office Expense	(1,177)	(603)	(800)	(197)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(31,598)</b>	<b>(10,603)</b>	<b>(38,447)</b>	<b>(27,844)</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (2,298)</b>	<b>\$ 1,521</b>	<b>\$ (10,104)</b>	<b>\$ (11,625)</b>
Cash, beginning	\$16,087	\$ 13,789	\$ 13,789	
Change in Cash	(2,298)	1,521	(10,104)	
Cash, Ending	<b>\$ 13,789</b>	<b>\$ 15,310</b>	<b>\$ 3,685</b>	

One time 2025 Renewal of District. \$40,000 total. \$20,000 FY 2025 and \$20,000 FY 2026

Total Acres	2,693	2,693	2,693
Tax per Acre \$	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total Ad Valorem tax Acres \$	26,930	26,930	26,930
Total Parcels (136 acres)	314	314	314
Tax per Parcel \$	4.50	4.50	4.50
<b>Total Ad Valorem tax PP \$</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,413</b>
Total All Ad Valorem Tax \$	28,343	28,343	28,343
Actual Received	27,800	12,124	28,343
<b>Balance Due \$</b>	<b>(543)</b>	<b>(16,219)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

AND PIPE 6

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Chiguita Road

Meadow Man's Ditch

Key:

- = Road
- - - = Ditches
- = Drain Pipes

Bexmont Drainage District - 5-2025

Bexmont Rd

Name	Address	Acres
Karin Askaner	46370 Bermont Rd	10
<del>MARK HUNT</del>	<del>46370 Bermont Rd</del>	<del>10</del>
	2105 PP	2105 PP
		<del>CHIFFINER RD</del>
		CHIFFINER RD
Karen Mills	46810 Bermont Rd	10
Don Ray	46900 Bermont Rd	50
Charlene Spears	4721 Chiquita Dr	36
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Ariel Morales	4740 Berghol Rd	40
Ken Dittelberg	46900 Bermont Rd	2105
Austin Bessie	46300 Bermont Rd	50
Jack Riker	46950 Bermont	298
Lady Moon Farm	47270 Bermont	666
		LMF Realty
Seff Moore	46100 Bermont	280
		ERF Sarasta
Linda McHoy	47050 Bermont	70



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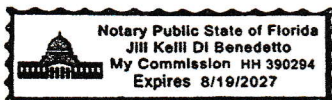
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(Signature of Notary Public)



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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF BERMONT DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Supervisors of the Bermont Drainage District will be holding a Meeting followed by the Annual Landowners' Meeting on January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paradise Park Meeting Room, 46900 Bermont Rd, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982.

The Annual Landowners' Meeting will be for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years. Candidates must own land in the District and must be residents of Charlotte County.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

At the election, each and every acre of assessable land in the district shall represent one share, and each owner shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy in writing duly signed, for every acre of assessable land owned by him or her in the district, and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as supervisor.

Landowners owning less than 1 assessable acre in the aggregate shall be entitled to one vote. Landowners with more than 1 assessable acre are entitled to one additional vote for any fraction of an acre greater than 1/2 acre, when all of the landowners' acreage has been aggregated for purposes of voting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the Board of Supervisors Meeting and the Annual Landowners Meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District at (941) 661-2461.

Dated this 19th day of December 2025.

Board of Supervisors  
Bermont Drainage District  
By: Linda McHugh, Supervisor  
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