

Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District

Special BOS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026

Time: 8:00am

Location: 200 NW 5th Street Conference Room

Chairman Corona called the meeting to order at 8:02am.

Mariano Corona-Chairman- Present

Jared Figley-Supervisor- Present

Donald Sellers, Jr.-Supervisor- Present

Douglas Burnham-Supervisor-Present

Glynn Rutledge-Treasurer-Present

- I. Motion to provide a public comment statement against the Proposed Amendment on Special Technology Opportunity Centers to the Okeechobee County Comprehensive Plan (Sellers/Figley). Motion passed unanimously. *Action: Chairman Corona will speak on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.*
- II. Supervisors and Public Comment: Members of the public present stated they were against the amendment language prior to Board vote.

Special Technology Opportunity Centers

To facilitate economic development opportunities and broaden the County's tax base, properties with close proximity to high voltage electric infrastructure may be allowed to develop as a Special Technology Opportunity Center, which may include information technology and data infrastructure, communication and data center facilities, management and operation of computer and data processing facilities, and accessory uses

and structures. This land use is allowed anywhere in the Structured Growth overlay. This unique land use designation is limited to properties with close proximity to 230 KV high voltage electric infrastructure; access to arterial or collector roadways; ability to provide enhanced package treatment plants suitable for connection to public utilities in the future; available public or private water sources; demonstrated ability to provide significant employment or other economic benefits; and adequate buffers and setbacks from surrounding properties.

- III. Chairman Corona adjourned the meeting at 8:34am.

Approved at the May 13, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.