

SOUTHERN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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MIAMI, FLORIDA.

Dear Sir:—

The Board of Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District did on the 15th day of June, 1917, pursuant to authority vested in it by the Act of the Legislature, Chapter 7599, Laws of 1917, levy a Uniform Tax of Twenty-five (25c) cents per acre upon all lands embraced in the District.

Enclosed please find statement of the taxes due by you to the Southern Drainage District. This tax is now past due and became delinquent on September 15th, 1917.

This tax of 25c per acre is, according to law, levied uniformly upon every acre of land in the District. When the surveys are completed and a Plan of Reclamation adopted and approved by the Circuit Court for Dade County all further and additional taxes will be levied according to benefits—each acre or tract of land paying only for the benefits received by it and no more—as determined by the Plan of Reclamation and the Commissioners appointed by the Court.

You will also find enclosed a copy of a news article which appeared in the Miami Herald of September 2nd, 1917, which gives an outline of the organization of the District and conveys some idea of the purpose and intention of the Board of Supervisors as to the reclamation of the lands within the District.

There is also enclosed for your information copy of a map showing the proposed main canals. While no plan of reclamation has been adopted the lines shown as canals and dykes have been suggested by the Chief Engineer of the District, and the locations shown are subject to change before the adoption of the plan of reclamation. The State of Florida will in a few days advertise for bids for the expenditure of \$100,000.00 (derived from the sale of lands in the District) in the widening and extension of the Snapper Creek Canal shown on the map. The Tamiami Trail canal is under construction by the County of Dade, incidental to the building of the Tamiami Trail road, and has reached a point within about ten miles of the western boundary of the Southern Drainage District. This canal will only require the widening of the proposed outlet to serve the purpose of a main drainage canal for the District. The expenditure by the State of this \$100,000.00 within the District and the digging of the Tamiami Trail Canal by the County will greatly facilitate and hasten the work of draining this District, besides materially reducing the cost of the project.

The Board of Supervisors earnestly request that you make immediate remittance of the amount of your taxes to Mr. R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector of Dade County, Miami, Fla., in order that the work of draining and reclaiming the land in the District may proceed with all dispatch.

Your interest will be best served by prompt action in this matter. The sooner the land is drained the sooner it will have a stable market value or be available for use.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.