

June 10, 1931.

SUBJECT: Southern Drainage District.

Mr. J. W. Hoffman, Vice-Pres.,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Fla.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 6th enclosing proxies of the Model Land Company and Perrine Grant Land Company, for voting at the annual meeting of the Southern Drainage District, which was held on Monday, June 8th.

As per your request, the writer attended this meeting, and as you have already been advised, it seemed desirable and advisable not to oppose the re-appointment of Mr. Highleyman as Supervisor, and for the sake of harmony we joined in with the others interested in re-electing Mr. Highleyman, and did not even bring up or discuss the name of Mr. Kerr as a Supervisor.

In a report of the Commissioners to the landowners it was brought out that the District is not in debt by way of bond issue or otherwise, and has in the bank a balance of forty-nine dollars and some cents, I believe. The Commissioners stated that they had collected in something like \$7000.00 last year, which had been used in building a couple of dikes and cleaning out some of the canals already in existence, and they expressed their policy of continuing along this same line for the coming year. It was also brought out that in view of what is known as the Evans Everglades Drainage Bill passed at the present Legislature it would not be advisable to abandon the Southern Drainage District, as in such case the same property would likely be taken in under this new bill which provides for a minimum tax of 50¢ per acre right on, and everybody present agreed that it would be better to levy and collect such a tax ourselves and spend it on our own territory rather than have it levied and collected by someone else and spent in some other territory.

Yours very truly,

PEPPER AND POTTER, INC.

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