

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
and
Board of Commissioners
Of Everglades Drainage District.
of the State of Florida.

Tallahassee, Florida.
May 25, 1921.

Mr. J. E. Ingraham,
Model Land Company,
St. Augustine, Florida.

Dear Mr. Ingraham:-

In compliance with your request that I write you with reference to any change proposed or contemplated by the Broward Drainage District, I beg to advise that this district has been the subject of discussion here for the past two or three weeks, but nothing definite has been arrived at until two or three days ago. This district was in such straits that a complete reorganization of the whole project appeared necessary. To this end a complete new law has been drafted defining the boundaries of the district, providing for the appointment by the Governor of three Supervisors to act as the governing Board of the said district, and the levying by the Legislature of 50¢ per acre per annum tax on certain lands of the district, and 10¢ per acre per annum on other lands of the district.

There is handed you herewith a map showing the boundaries of the district and the boundary or certain areas within the district upon which the 50¢ tax is levied. On the lands outside of these two included areas the tax as levied is 10¢ per acre per annum.

In recreating, reorganizing and redrafting the district it was considered advisable to greatly reduce the size of the district. The district under the original Act was so large as to make the whole cumbersome and top heavy, and so much objection had been raised under the original law, the legal status of said law in many parts was so unsound and in other parts uncertain, that a complete new Act was drawn, which Act is based substantially upon the Everglades Drainage District Act and not upon the General Drainage Law as was the former Broward Act.

Under the new act for Broward District the possibilities of satisfactory operation and drainage is much encouraged. I sincerely hope and trust that this district will work out its salvation under the new provision. Incident to this new Act the expenses of the district will be tremendously reduced and the operation of the same simplified.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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(signed) F. C. Elliott
Chief Drainage Engineer