# **CANDIDATES**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

The biographical information below has been provided by the candidates and none of the candidates' statements have been endorsed or approved by the District or the Board of Supervisors.

#### Name: Thomas Powell, Non-resident

**Comments:** Serving as a supervisor since 1981, I continue to be a strong advocate for the landowners of the District. My belief is that the desires of the people should come first. Whether it's maintaining the existing infrastructure or initiating a new capital project, it should be driven by the wishes of the people *not the Board*. Several major drainage system improvement programs and road improvement programs have been completed with the support of the landowners during my "watch."

Back in the day, a main road regularly washed out, and with it, access to my hands-on building of our home in SIRWCD. And so, began my involvement along with the overriding belief that, above all, affordability is key. From drainage to roads, a balance between the level and quality of maintenance in the District and the cost to the landowners is very important. I will continue to strive for the best balance, and will continue to serve the wishes of the landowners, both residents and non-residents.

#### Name: Bob Berman, East side resident

**Comments:** Resident since 1980 and involved with every issue affecting SIRWCD: 1) Helped form the PBCE Landowners Association and served as President and now as Secretary; 2) Built current entry signs to PBCE; 3) Facilitated the paving of all County owned roads; 4) Brought potable water to PBCE; 5) Donated land for the community park; 6) 9,000 volunteer hours to the COP program; 7) Developer of Egret Landing; 8) Served 1999-2010 on SIRWCD board.

Current board is completely out of control. Change requiring 90% vote for capital improvements is ridiculous. A democracy is majority rule. PBCE and Jupiter Farms need supervisors elected separately ONLY by and for those respective areas. The current board lacks balance. Absolutely nobody is more qualified or experienced to represent the interests of Palm Beach Country Estates and Egret Landing. Please vote for me to bring common sense and good judgment back to the board of SIRWCD. As always my goal "Do those things that improve the quality of life and increase property values".

### Name: John Jones, East side resident

**Comments:** I'm a native Floridian, born and raised in Miami. I attended Florida State University, graduating cum laude with a BS in Economics. I returned to FSU to study accounting and have been a licensed CPA since 1987. I have held a variety of professional positions in both private industry and public accounting. I am currently in private practice with John Andrew Jones CPA PA where my focus is on accounting and taxation for individuals and small businesses.

I have been a resident of Palm Beach Country Estates since 1999. There, along with my wife and partner of 37 years, Donelle Rausch Jones, we designed and built our current residence and raised our four children.

As a native Floridian, I have witnessed firsthand the damage to our environment that results from overdevelopment. I am committed to maintaining the quality of our water and to improving our water management infrastructure. As a member of the SIRWCD Board of Supervisors, I will apply my education and experience in accounting and finance in service to the people of the District so as to preserve, protect and enhance our unique community and to bring a greater measure of accountability and fiscal responsibility to the District's activities.