

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY, FLORIDA IN CHANCERY

No. 1842 "J" Kelly

IN RE: )  
RIDGE DRAINAGE DISTRICT)

DECREE CREATING AND INCORPORATING  
RIDGE DRAINAGE DISTRICT

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard on Tuesday, May 4, 1971, upon the Petitioner's Motion for Entry of A Decree Creating and Incorporating Ridge Drainage District under the provisions of Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended, otherwise known as "The General Drainage Law". The Court being advised in the premises, finds that:

I. On March 12, 1971, the Petitioner, HIGHLAND GENERAL CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, filed its sworn petition for the creation of said district.

II. The Petitioner caused to be published as required by law, a Notice of Application to Form a Drainage District, requiring the owners of lands within said district to show cause why said district should not be organized as a public corporation; the return date being April 30, 1971.

III. No owner or holder of lands within the boundaries of the proposed district, or any other person whomsoever, has filed any answer or objection in writing or otherwise to said Petition, opposing the organization and incorporation of said district on or before the return date of April 30, 1971.

IV. It therefore appears to the Court, and the Court finds that all of the lands embraced in the Petition herein lie in a contiguous body and are wet and overflowed and subject to overflow, and that in their present state and condition, said lands are unsuited for agricultural purposes or other public benefit or utility, on account of their low and wet condition and their liability to overflow; and that by proper system of drainage and reclamation, said lands can be made well suited for agricultural and other public benefits and utility; and

the establishment of the drainage district and the improvements to be made thereunder as prayed in the Petition, will be for the advantage of the owners of the real property in the district, and the same will be in the interest of the public health, convenience and welfare.

Therefore, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

1. The prayers of the Petition are granted, and all of those certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land in Highlands County, Florida, mentioned and described in Exhibit A attached to the Petition, and included and contained within the boundary lines, described on Exhibit A (1) attached to the Petition, are created and established into a drainage district and declared and decreed to be a public corporation of the State of Florida under Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended.

2. The drainage district shall be known and designated and shall use the corporate name of RIDGE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, and shall have a corporate existence of 99 years after the date of this decree.

3. RIDGE DRAINAGE DISTRICT is declared and decreed to be a public corporation of the State of Florida, and it is granted and vested with all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, annuities and franchises specified and provided in Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Sebring, Florida, this

4th day of May, 1971.

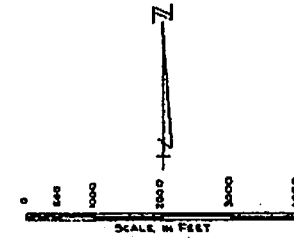
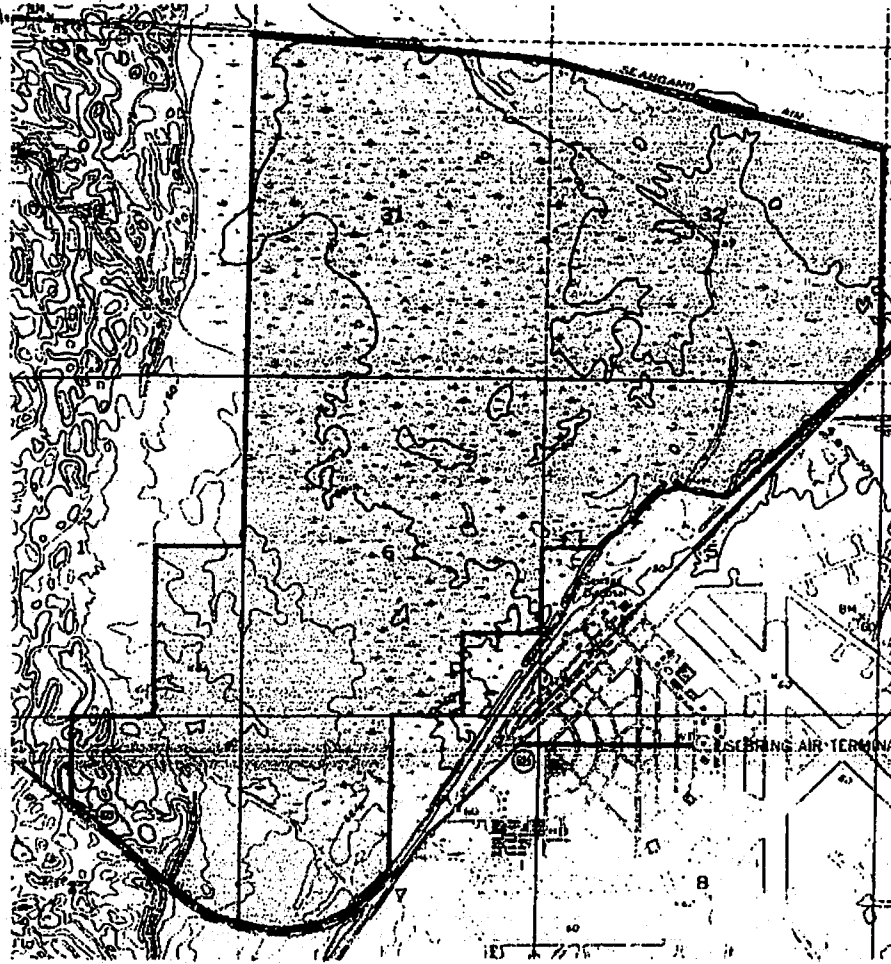
Clinton Kelle  
Circuit Judge

277549

FILED AND RECORDED

MAY 4 10 51 AM '71

EARL RICH, CLERK  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLA.



**DESCRIPTION**

All of Section 31 lying South of the Seaboard Airline Railroad right of way;

All of Section 32 lying South of the Seaboard Airline Railroad right of way and West of the County Road, all in Township 34 South, Range 30 East;

All of Section 6, less the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, all of the North 1/2 of Section 5 lying North of the Airport Canal and North and West of the County Road, all of the West 1/2 of Section 7 lying North of State Road No. 623, all in Township 35 South, Range 30 East;

All of the East 1/2 of Section 12 lying North of State Road No. 623 and East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, all in Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida; said lands consisting of 2,323.9 acres, more or less.

GEE & JENSON CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.  
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

RIDGE DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOUNDARY MAP

71-16

U. R. BOOK 382 PAGE 586