

CANDIDATE

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: Rick Clegg – Non-Resident Landowner

I am a long-time Jupiter-area business owner and outdoor recreation enthusiast and have built my career around stewardship and responsible recreation of local land and water resources. I opened my real estate company in Jupiter in 1982, and in 1997, I founded the Jupiter Outdoor Center and Guanabanas in 2004 on The Jupiter River.

I first paddled the Loxahatchee River in 1976 and my love for it grew as I developed the Jupiter Outdoor Center. In 1998, I purchased land along the C-14 canal in South Indian River Water Control District, with the intention of creating a launch point for paddling to Trappers and the ocean with friends and family. My daughter and I would often camp on the property before I built the first home in Palm Beach County from upcycled shipping containers. Soon after that I became involved with local environmental groups in their fight for meaningful minimum flows of fresh water and a restoration plan for our Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River.

My love for the area and our unique ecosystem has grown through the years and I am fortunate that in 2018, we secured the concession agreement for Riverbend Park for the expansion of Jupiter Outdoor Center. We are able to provide multiple opportunities for eco-tourism in our area, including paddling The Indian River, Lake Worth Lagoon and our Wild and Scenic freshwater Loxahatchee River, bicycle riding in the historic Riverbend park, or fishing trips by kayak. I am most proud of our extensive youth program, including our summer camps, where the next generations can learn how special their backyard is through fun experiences.

As a candidate for the South Indian River Water Control District Board of Supervisors, I bring a practical understanding of the relationship between development, flooding, habitat preservation, and quality of life. As a longtime local landowner, I believe I am qualified to make informed decisions that serve District residents and protect the area's unique natural resources.