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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NO. 741

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IN RE:
SOUTHERN LAKES DRAINAGE DISTRICT)

ORDER CREATING AND INCORPORATING
A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard on the Petition filed in this Court by CPI, INC., a Florida corporation, to and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 298 of the Florida Statutes, otherwise known as the General Drainage Law, and

It appearing to the Court and the Court finding that the Petition is in due and proper form and has been signed and executed by a majority in acreage of the owners of all the lands embraced by the proposed Drainage District and notice of such application to form Drainage District has, as required by Section 298.02 of the Florida Statutes, been duly given and published in regular and proper form for four consecutive weeks in the OKEECHOBEE NEWS, a newspaper published in Okeechobee County, Florida, as and in the manner required by said statute requiring all persons interested in the land properly described as set forth in said Petition and affected by the formation of said Drainage District and rendered liable to taxation for the purpose of paying the expense of organization in making and maintaining the improvements that may be necessary to affect the Reclamation of the lands included in such district to appear at the Office of the Clerk as required by said notice, and

It further appearing to the Court that no objections to the creation of this district being duly filed in said Court, and

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It further appearing to the Court and the Court finding from the evidence submitted that all of the said lands embraced in the Petition herein lying in a contiguous body are wet and overflowed

of subject to overflow and in their present state and condition, said lands are unsuited for sanitary or agricultural purposes or other public utility or benefit on account of their wet condition and their liability to overflow and that by a proper system of drainage and reclamation, said lands can be made well suited for agricultural, sanitary and other public utility and benefit conducive to the public health; that the purpose of the Drainage District is to have the lands described herein reclaimed and protected from the effects of water for sanitary and agricultural purposes and to be rendered conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and of public utility or benefit by drainage or otherwise, and

It further appearing to the Court and the Court finding and being of the opinion that the establishment of said Drainage District and the improvements to be made as prayed in said Petition will be for the advantage of the owners of the real property in the said Drainage District and will benefit all of the lands in said Drainage District and that the same will be in the interest of the public health, convenience and welfare, and

It further appearing to the Court and the Court finding that all of the allegations, statements and representations of said Petition contained are true and that the prayers thereof should be granted and the Court being fully advised in the premises.

Thereupon, upon consideration thereof, it is
ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. The relief claim by said Petition be and the same is hereby granted. All of those said pieces, parcels and trusts of land in Okeechobee County, Florida, mentioned and described in said Petition as follows:

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All of Sections 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, in Okeechobee County, Florida, all of which is shown by Southern Colonization Company Plat of said sections recorded in Plat Book "B" at pages 69-73 of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida,

be and the same is hereby created and established into a Drainage District and declared to be a public corporation of the State of Florida, by, under and pursuant to and authorized by the aforesaid Chapter 298 of the Florida Statutes.

2. That the said Drainage District shall be known and shall be designated as and shall use the corporate name of Southern Lakes Drainage District and shall have corporate existence of ninety-nine (99) years next after the date of this judgment.

3. That the said Southern Lakes Drainage District is hereby declared and decreed to be a public corporation of the State of Florida and that it shall be and is hereby granted and vested with all rights, powers, duties, privileges, immunities and franchises specified and provided in said Chapter 298 of the Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Vero Beach, Florida, this

23 day of June, 1971.


D. C. SMITH
Circuit Court Judge