

# International Union of Operating Engineers Local 139: On strike protesting unfair labor practices by GFL Everglades Holdings, LLC

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PEWAUKEE, WI - On May 4, 2022, Local 139 of the International Union of Operating Engineers commenced an unfair labor practice picket against GFL Everglades Holdings, LLC. The company has unlawfully delayed and bargained in bad faith for an initial collective bargaining agreement after its Seven Mile Creek employees voted unanimously for representation by Local 139 in February of 2021. In the course of delaying negotiations, the Company has further unlawfully failed to maintain the status quo and retaliated against its newly-organized employees after they voted for the Union by failing to provide regular wage increases. Local 139 President/Business Manager, Terry McGowan, said that Local 139 will “continue to fight for the employees, ensure that the company satisfies its legal obligations to bargain in good faith and reach agreement on a fair first contract.” The unfair labor practice charge is being investigated by Region 18 of the National Labor Relations Board, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.