

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator *TED*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA.*
DATE: August 19, 2009
RE: Approved Surveyor List for FY 2009/2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the following list of contractors for survey of District projects during Fiscal Year 2009-2010:

<u>Surveyor</u>	<u>Firm</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jon Bowan	A & J Land Surveyors	Jacksonville
Thomas Hughes	Bartram Trail Surveying	Green Cove Springs
Kevin W. Hewett	Causseaux, Hewett & Walpole	Gainesville
L. Dale Rowell	Delta Land Surveyors, Inc.	Perry
Glenn L. Lusink	Dyer, Riddle, Mills & Precourt	Jacksonville
David D. Kealy	GCY Surveyors	Tallahassee
Michael L. Harbert	George F. Young, Inc.	Gainesville
J. Sherman Frier	J. Sherman Frier Associates	Live Oak
Michael Givens	King Engineering	Jacksonville
Darryl Thies	L D Bradley Surveyors	Jacksonville
Gary C. VanPool	Mulkey Inc. - FL	Jacksonville
John M. Clyatt	Pickett & Associates	Bartow
Walton Poppell	Putnal & Associates	Madison
David L. Lampp	Robert M. Angas Associates	Jacksonville
Thomas K. Meade	Southeastern Surveying & Mapping	Madison
Thomas C. Whidden	Whidden Surveying & Mapping	West Palm Beach

BACKGROUND

As part of the acquisition process, boundary survey and marking is conducted on parcels before closing. From time to time certain other parcels which were not surveyed or need to be updated are included. To ensure a consistent level of quality in this surveying process and to reduce administrative costs, the District maintains a list of contractors who are pre-qualified for District assignments.

The request for qualifications process was conducted in 2008. At that time there were 27 surveyors approved to bid on District projects. In July of this year staff reviewed its bid respondents and discovered that 11 of the 27 surveyors on the

original list had not responded to request for bids within the last year. A memo was sent to all the surveyors on last year's approved list explaining our intent to delete those non-respondents from the list of approved surveyors. None of the non-respondents protested the elimination of their firms from the list.

Procedures allow for qualified surveyors to be re-approved for up to two additional years upon mutual agreement of District and Contractors. Upon Board approval, this list of contractors will receive requests for bids for surveys during FY 2009-2010.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Richard Rocco, Land Acquisition Projects Coordinator
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CH*
DATE: August 20, 2009
RE: Approved Environmental Auditor List for FY 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the following list of contractors for environmental audit and baseline inventory of District projects during Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

American Compliance Technologies	Bartow
BCI Engineers & Scientists	Lakeland
BEM Systems	Orlando
Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.	Gainesville
Environmental Services Inc.	Jacksonville
Florida Environmental and Land Services, Inc.	Tallahassee
Geovac Environmental Services, Inc.	Jacksonville
GLE Associates	Gainesville
MACTEC	Tallahassee
Madison Engineering, LLC	Madison
PBS&J Environmental Sciences	Tallahassee
Spectra Engineering and Research, Inc.	Tallahassee
William Szary, PG	Tampa

BACKGROUND

As part of the acquisition process, phase I environmental audits and baseline inventories are conducted on properties before closing. To ensure a consistent level of quality in these audits and to reduce administrative costs, the Suwannee River Water Management District maintains a list of contractors who are pre-qualified for District assignments.

The request for qualifications process was conducted in 2008. At that time 17 environmental audit firms were approved by the Governing Board to bid on District projects. In July of this year staff reviewed its bid respondents and discovered that 4 of the 17 environmental audit firms had not responded to request for bids within the last year. A memo was sent to all the firms on last year's approved list explaining our intent to delete those non-respondents from

the list of approved environmental audit firms. None of the non-respondents protested the elimination of their firms from the list.

District procedures allow for this type of list to be re-approved on a yearly basis for up to two additional years upon mutual agreement of District and Contractors. Upon Governing Board approval, this list of contractors will receive requests for bids for environmental audit work to be done during the upcoming fiscal year.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Randy Hall, Forester
THRU: David Still, Executive Director DS
Charles H. Houder, III, Deputy Executive Director CA
DATE: August 17, 2009
RE: Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with Suwannee Lumber Company, Inc., for the Steinhatchee Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Suwannee Lumber Company, Inc., for the Steinhatchee Timber Sale. As high bidder, Suwannee Lumber offered \$11.50/ton for pine pulpwood, \$17.00/ton for pine chip-n-saw, and \$33.00/ton for pine saw-timber. Based on the bid results from this 255-acre per unit sale, the estimated revenue from the thinning operation is \$204,000.

BACKGROUND

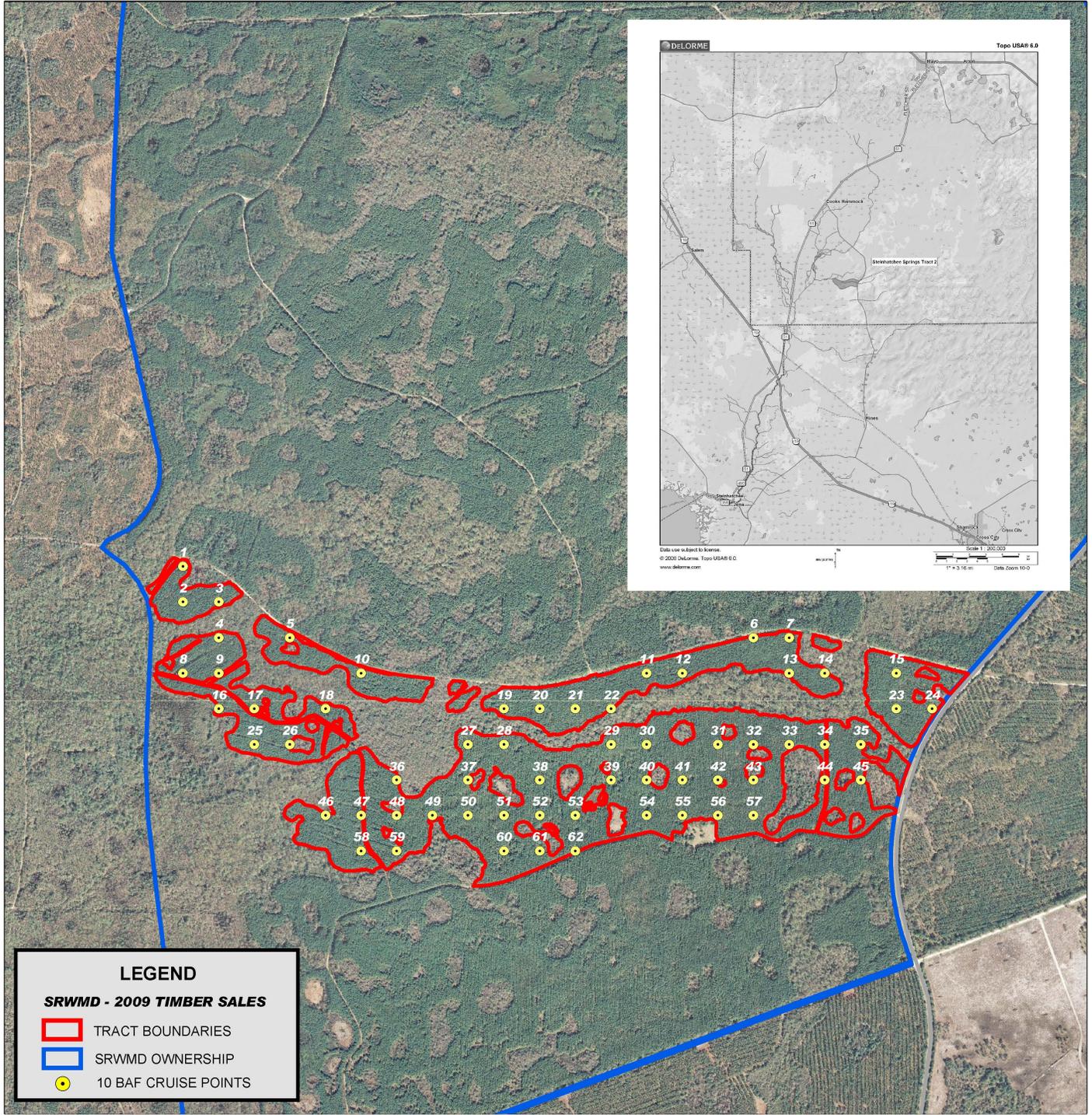
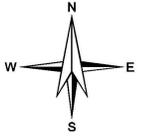
A request for bids for the Steinhatchee Timber Sale was posted on the District's website on July 22, 2009. The harvest area is a slash plantation estimated to have been planted in 1991. This is a thinning to leave the best (dominant and co-dominant) pines. It is a pay-as-cut sale for pine timber only. Eight responses were received, and the results from the bid opening on August 14, 2009, are listed below.

Summary of Bids

Bidder	Composite Price	Total Estimated Revenue
Suwannee Lumber	\$12.61	\$204,031.00
Nature Coast	\$11.02	\$178,317.00
M.A. Rigoni	\$10.92	\$176,548.00
Greenville Timber	\$10.73	\$173,582.00
North Florida	\$10.50	\$169,830.00
Loncala	\$10.16	\$164,350.00
Smurfit Stone	\$10.03	\$162,244.00
VanAernam	\$9.81	\$158,660.00

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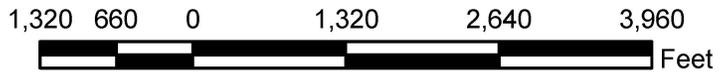
SRWMD - 2009 TIMBER SALES
TRACT - STEINHATCHEE SPRINGS TRACT # 2
LAFAYETTE CO., FLORIDA
ACRES - 255.14
PLOTS - 62, GRID 6CH X 6CH



LEGEND

SRWMD - 2009 TIMBER SALES

- TRACT BOUNDARIES
- SRWMD OWNERSHIP
- 10 BAF CRUISE POINTS



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PROJECTION: NAD 83, STATE PLANE, FLORIDA NORTH, FEET

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THE FORESTRY COMPANY
 JOHN BOGUE
 502 W. GREEN ST.
 PERRY, FL. 32347
 (850) 564-3387
 06/22/09

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Beau J. Willsey, Environmental Scientist
THRU: David Still, Executive Director
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director
DATE: September 8, 2009
RE: Authorization to Contract with ATS Partners, LLC, to Provide Containerized Wiregrass Tubelings during FY 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization to enter into contract with ATS Partners, LLC, to provide containerized wiregrass tubelings to plant at the Troy Springs Conservation Area during the 2009-2010 planting season. The contract amount will not exceed \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

The District entered into a cost-share agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to accept funding in the amount of \$45,000 for sandhill habitat restoration at the Troy Springs Conservation Area. Sandhill restoration has included removal of fire-intolerant oaks, rejuvenation of ground cover with prescribed fire, and reforestation of 251 acres with longleaf pine.

FWC is matching the funds spent on reforestation to reestablish native groundcover plants. In addition, the National Wild Turkey Federation has awarded the District \$2,500 to aid in the purchase and planting of wiregrass plugs. The District will plant the tubelings in order to reestablish wiregrass for the purpose of managing the natural community with prescribed fire.

The table below shows the results of the request for bids. References for recommended bidders were contacted to verify the firm's ability and quality. ATS is located in Bainbridge, Georgia, and has two partners: Certified Public Accountant Charles Whittaker and Registered Forester Joe Livingston.

Contractor	Price/ Tubeling	Delivery to Troy Springs	Estimated Cost of 126K Tubelings
ATS Partners, LLC	\$ 0.165	\$ 750.00	\$ 21,540.00
International Forestry	\$ 0.19	\$ 630.00	\$ 24,570.00
Superior Trees, Inc.	\$ 0.21	\$ 100.00	\$ 26,560.00
Sandhill Native Growers, Inc.	\$ 0.31	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 40,210.00

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TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator

THRU: David Still, Executive Director
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 19, 2009

RE: Approval and Execution of an Easement to Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval and execution of a right of way easement granted to Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., on District lands on the Town of Suwannee's spray field in Dixie County, Florida.

BACKGROUND

The District has granted a lease to Verizon Wireless (formerly Alltel) to construct a cell phone tower on District property near the Town of Suwannee. Verizon has requested the District provide Central Florida Electric Coop (CFEC) a 30-foot power line right-of-way for electric service to the tower. The line will run from an existing line powering the sewer plant and will result in very little or no clearing. CFEC verified this is the shortest route to the tower from an existing feeder line. The 30-foot strip of land, totaling 0.03 acres, is shown as an exhibit in the proposed easement. This easement format has been approved by both parties and their respective legal counsels.

Staff feels it is in the best interest of the District and the Town of Suwannee to grant this specific easement to CFEC on behalf of Verizon.

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Attachment

Prepared by and return to:
William J. Haley, Esquire
Brannon, Brown,
Haley & Bullock, P.A.
Post Office Box 1029
Lake City, Florida 32056-1029

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, (hereinafter called the "District"), having a mailing address of 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, whose Tax Identification number is 59-1520101, for good and valuable consideration does hereby grant unto **CENTRAL FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a non-profit membership corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") whose post office box is P.O. Box 9, Chiefland, Florida 32644, the right to enter upon the lands of the District situated in Dixie County, Florida, for a power line easement over lands, more particularly described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE

The right to enter upon the lands (hereinafter "Easement") shall include the right to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain for such period of time as it may use the same, or until the use is abandoned, on the said lands, an electric transmission or distribution line and system only, and to cut and trim trees and shrubbery, only within the Easement area, which may interfere or threaten to endanger the operation and maintenance of said electric transmission or distribution line or system.

1. All poles, wires, guys, anchors, ground connections, attachments, surface testing fixtures, equipment and accessories (hereinafter referred to as "Facilities"), including main service entrance equipment, installed on or above the described lands at the Cooperative's expense shall remain the property of the Cooperative, removable at the option of the Cooperative, upon termination of service to or on said lands.
2. This Easement shall automatically terminate upon Cooperative removing said Facilities and failing to use the Easement for any consecutive six (6) month period. Upon the District filing an

affidavit in the public records of the County in which the above described property is located, stating that the Facilities have been removed and have not been replaced for a continuous six (6) month period, such affidavit shall be noticed to all of the termination of Cooperative's rights under this Easement and all persons or parties dealing with the property may rely on the affidavit and the fact that the Easement has been terminated.

3. Cooperative shall have the right to erect, install, improve, repair, rebuild or remove said Facilities, including the right to increase or decrease the number of wires and voltage, the right to patrol and inspect, together with all other rights and privileges described. Cooperative shall also have the right to trim, cut and keep clear trees, limbs and undergrowth in Easement area only. Cooperative shall have the further right to enter upon the premises and, after notice to and consent from the District, other adjoining lands of the District, for the purpose of exercising the rights herein granted.
4. District hereby agrees that no building or permanent structures other than fences shall be constructed or located within the Easement area, provided however, the District reserves the right to use said Easement area for other utility services and any other purpose which will not unreasonable interfere with the safe operation, maintenance, or repair of said Facilities of Cooperative.
5. Cooperative does hereby indemnify and hold the District harmless from any and all claims, losses, demands, suits, liabilities, judgments, debts and expenses caused by Cooperative's use of the Easement, construction and maintenance of the Easement and Facilities whether a claim for damages to person or property including attorney's fees and costs.
6. Upon the Cooperative's cutting or trimming trees and shrubbery, all trees or shrubbery and debris shall be removed from the Easement area within thirty (30) days of the date of the cutting and trimming.
7. In the event either party employs the services of an attorney to enforce the rights hereunder, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
8. District covenants that it has the right to convey the said Easement area and that Cooperative, its successors and assigns, shall have the quiet and peaceful possession, use and enjoyment of said Easement.

9. All covenants, terms, provisions, and conditions hereof shall insure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective, successors or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has set its hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Donald J. Quincey, Jr.
Chairman of the Governing Board

Print Name: _____

Attest:

Georgia Jones
Secretary/Treasurer

(SEAL)

REVIEWED AS TO CONFORMANCE
TO DISTRICT BUDGETARY AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

By: _____
Charles H. Houder, III
Deputy Executive Director

By: _____
William J. Haley, Legal Counsel

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SUWANNEE**

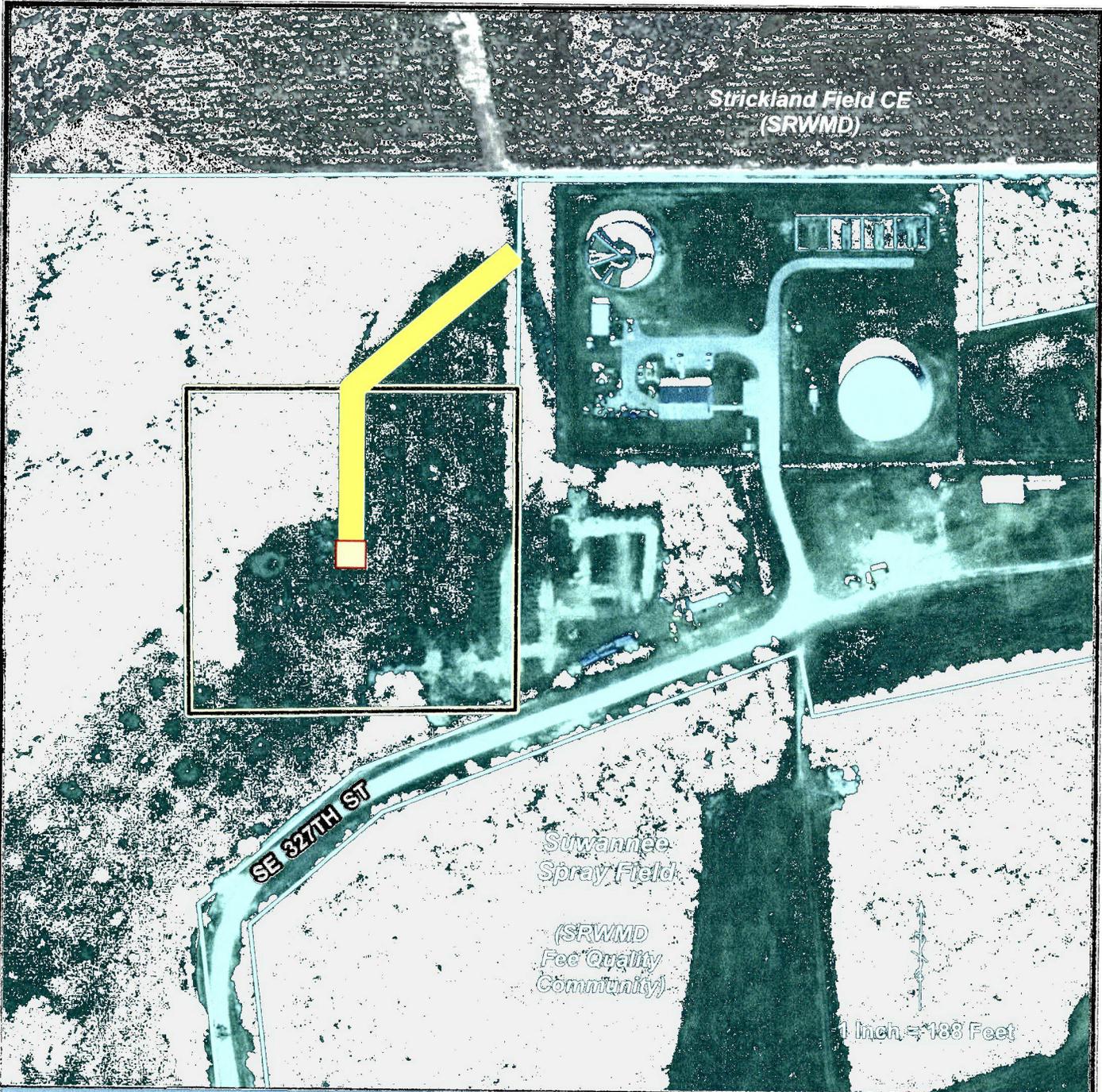
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2009, by Donald J. Quincey, Jr., as Chairman and Georgia Jones, as Secretary/Treasurer, of the Suwannee River Water Management District, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, on behalf of said District, who are personally known to me.

Print Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission Number: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

The Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc. accepts the Easement and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions set forth above.

**Central Florida Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____



Central Florida Electric Co-operative

Utility Easement
Dixie County, FL

-  Utility Easement to CFEC
-  Verizon Lease Area (Tower Fall Zone)
-  Proposed Tower Location (Not To Scale)
-  SRWMD Fee Quality Community
-  SRWMD CE Easement



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Date: 08/14/08
File: 04170

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Gwen Lord, Business Resource Specialist IV

THRU: David Still, Executive Director
Charles H Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 19, 2009

RE: Authorization to Initiate Rule Development for Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the initiation of rule development for Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code.

BACKGROUND

In May 2009, major revisions were adopted to chapter 40B-9, the District rule that regulates land acquisition and land management activities. Additional minor changes are now needed, such as incorporating the "Public Use Guide" approved by the Board at its July 2009 meeting. Additional changes to the rule may also be needed to assist in the management of the R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park.

Staff will seek public input throughout the rule development and adoption process.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Amendment to Contract 98/99-098 with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Enhanced Law Enforcement for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends amending contract 98/99-098 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for Enhanced Law Enforcement for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.

BACKGROUND

The District entered a cooperative management agreement with FWC in 1999. The agreement was amended in 2003 to include enhanced law enforcement on District lands. The original budget was set at \$50,000 and was maintained through 2008. The budget was increased to \$60,000 in 2009 but, due to budget constraints, was reduced to \$30,000 in January 2009.

Enhanced law enforcement is those hours spent patrolling and investigating complaints on District lands in addition to regular patrols. The District's Land Management Specialist meets on a regular basis with the supervising FWC Lieutenant to prioritize areas for additional patrol. During the enhanced patrol program from October 24, 2008, through July 2, 2009, the officers worked 669 hours and checked 585 users—issuing 30 tickets and 17 warnings.

The amendment is for changes to mileage and the per hour rate for ATV use during patrols. Exhibit A lists unit rates and includes the changes to the mileage rate for vehicle usage from 29 cents per mile to 44.5 cents and reductions to the ATV rate from \$10.00 per hour to \$5.25.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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98/99-098

Exhibit A

Enhanced Patrol Billing Rates

Position	Activity	Rate/hour
Officer	Patrol	1.5 x hourly salary
Lieutenant	Administrative	\$30.00 per hour
Lieutenant	Patrol	\$25.00 per hour
Vehicle		\$.445 per mile
ATV		\$5.25 per hour
Administrative	Billing	1.5 x hourly salary

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resources Coordinator 

THRU: David Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder, III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 19, 2009

RE: Authorization for the Executive Director to Continue Special Use
Authorization 99/00-002 with Neal and Virginia McCall

RECOMMENDATION

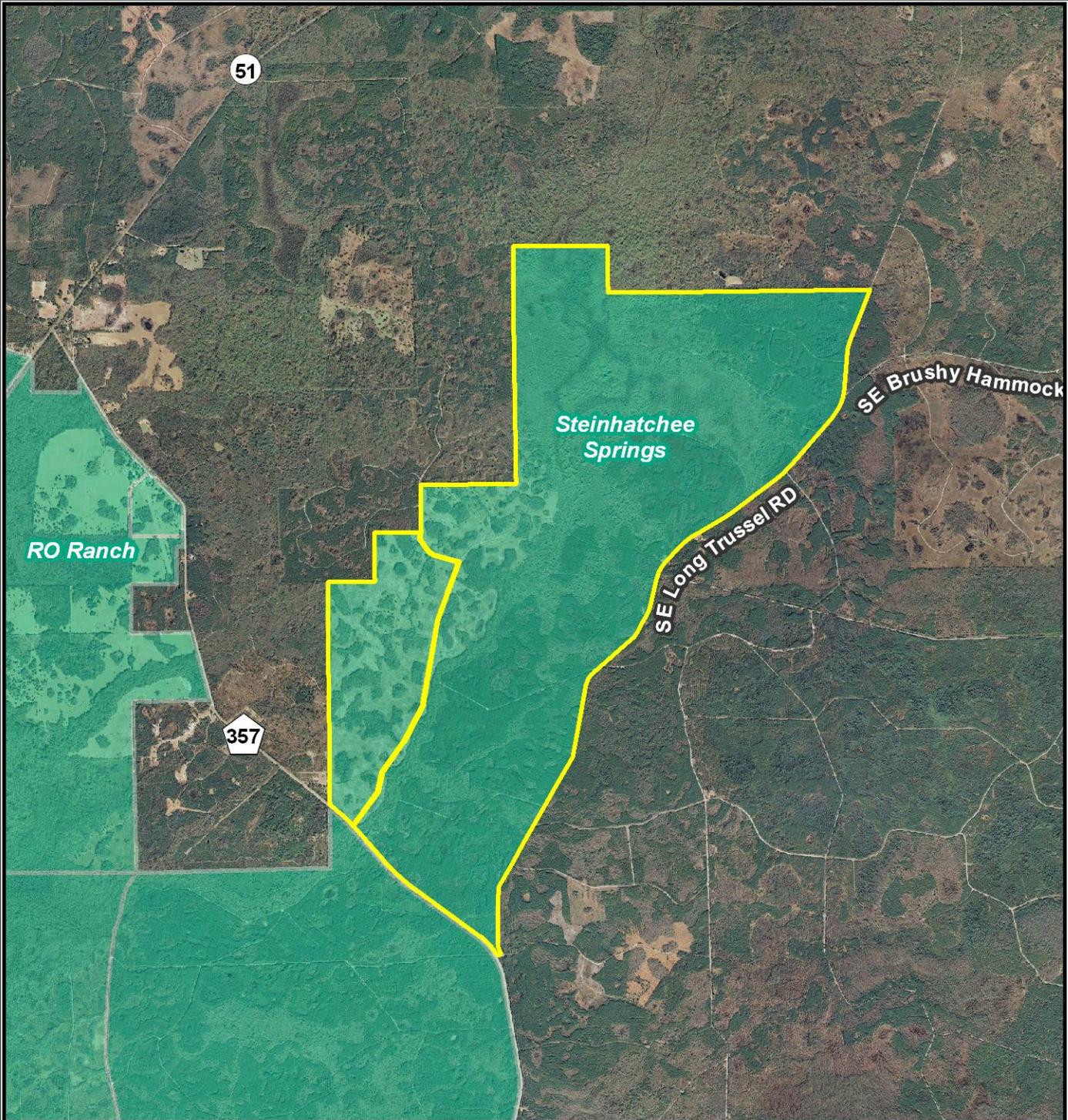
Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to continue Special Use Authorization 99/00-002 with Virginia and Neal McCall to graze cattle on 3,076 acres located in Lafayette County.

BACKGROUND

The McCalls have grazed cattle on the referenced parcel since before the land was acquired from Foley Timber and Land Company. In order to avoid the substantial cost of fencing and as one method of keeping parts of District property cleared for fire protection this lease has been renewed every year since FY 1999.

This authorization allows use of District-owned lands for cattle grazing under terms similar to adjacent leases from Foley amounting to \$0.95 per acre for 1,455 usable acres (\$1,382.25 total). The term of the new authorization would continue through September 30, 2010.

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99/00-002



-  Lease Area
-  SRWMD Lands



McCall Cattle Lease Lease Renewal Lafayette County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

To: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Authorization for Executive Director to Continue an Agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Fund a Public Use Specialist at the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to continue the agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to pay one-half of the salary and benefits for a Public Use Specialist at the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

BACKGROUND

Through a memorandum of Understanding with the District, the USFWS manages Atsena Otie Key as part of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge. The USFWS protects the island and provides for outdoors, wildlife-oriented recreation and interpretation on Atsena Otie Key and all islands of the refuge.

In January 2001 the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with USFWS to fund one-half of the salary and benefits for a Public Use Specialist to assist in meeting the demands for public use, environmental education and interpretative tours of the refuge islands. The agreement was set up for renewal on a yearly basis, with the intent of both parties to renew it for ten years.

The position was hired as an employee of the USFWS. In addition to one-half of the salary and benefits, USFWS provides uniforms, transportation, office space, training, equipment, and materials required for successful performance of the position.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Sr. Land Resources Manager

THRU: David Still, Executive Director
Charles H. Houder, III, Deputy Executive Director *CH*

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Florida State University, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Rare Species and Natural Community Mapping Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Amendment to Contract 01/02-121 with Florida State University for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for FY 2010.

BACKGROUND

Florida State University, through Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), has been doing this work for the past ten years. The first three years they were selected through a competitive selection process. The District is encouraged, by statute, to utilize the State Universities for projects where they may provide assistance.

The baseline assessment inventory work this year is slated for about 1,500 acres of lands throughout the District that were acquired in FY 09. Deliverables include data on presence or absence of rare or exotic species and natural community mapping on these parcels. This effort costs about \$7.00 per acre based on last year's experience.

FNAI will also map and categorize natural communities of approximately 18,000 acres to update the SRWMD Natural Community GIS layer for lands in the Lower and Middle Suwannee River Basins. This information is used for all decision making in the management plan process. This effort costs about \$2.00 per acre. It is anticipated that natural community mapping will have been completed on all existing ownership by the end of this fiscal year.

Funding for this project is included in the FY 2010 budget, and the recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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SRWMD Contract # 01/02-121

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*

DATE: August 17, 2009

RE: Continuation of Contract 05/06-011 with Keen Forest Management, Inc., to Provide Excavation, Fill and Grading services at the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to extend Contract 05/06-011 with Keen Forest Management, Inc., to provide excavation, fill and grading services at the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park until September 30, 2010. No increase in funding is requested.

BACKGROUND

In June of 2008, the Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to add the excavation, fill and grading services needed for construction of the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park to Keen Forest Management's contract. Keen was already under contract with the District to provide these services in the Steinhatchee region and agreed to maintain their hourly rates established in 2005 through a request for bids process.

The authorization added \$925,000 to the contract for the construction of 1.5 miles of entrance road from Highway 51, the installation of 3 large aluminum culverts and 800 feet of 18-inch culvert, the entrance road and turn lane from County Road 357, campground loops and roads, parking lots, and 10 retention ponds. Three of the ten retention ponds are very large wet ponds. Asphalt was not included as part of this contract and would be bid separately.

Construction started in September 2008 and progressed very well for eight months during the dry weather conditions. All of the items listed above are complete except for the installation of the three large aluminum culverts, one dry retention pond, and some final grading. Due to the current wet conditions, staff recommends the District extend the contract and install the large culverts this fall or winter when the water table is low. Tens of thousands of dollars can be saved if we do not have to dewater the site. The last dry pond will be built at the same time to provide fill for the aluminum culverts. The project is well within budget with \$283,219.57 remaining on the contract.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Scott Gregor, Natural Resource Specialist

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CH*

DATE: August 14, 2009

RE: Continuation of contract 07/08-070 for Stump Removal Services with Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients (formerly Hercules Inc.) for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for Stump Removal Services with Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients (formerly Hercules Inc.) for Fiscal Year 2010. The Contractor agrees to pay the District \$5.00/ton for all stumps removed.

BACKGROUND

In November 2007, Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients (AAFI) was the only firm to respond to a Request for Proposals (RFP) initiated by the District for Stump Removal Services. This RFP was also posted on the District's website and noticed in the Florida Administrative Weekly. AAFI submitted a proposal for \$5.00/ton for all stumps removed.

The removal of pine stumps on upland areas provides a source of revenue to conduct District activities and enhances the ability to successfully conduct other land management practices. From November 2007 through September 2008, 4,048 tons were removed from the Mallory Swamp and Santa Fe Swamp tracts totaling \$20,242. From January through April 2009, 1,568 tons were removed from Mallory Swamp totaling \$7,842.70. The District will continue to be paid for all stumps removed on a monthly basis.

District procedures allow contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the second time this contract is eligible for renewal.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Sr. Land Resource Manager

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*

DATE: August 19, 2009

RE: Approval of Amendment to Contract 08/09-007 with Perpetual Contracting, Inc., for Land Management Services for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of an amendment to the Agreement with Perpetual Contracting, Inc., for Land Management Services for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$156,000 in FY 2010.

BACKGROUND

Perpetual provides road maintenance and construction services in the District. These services include grading, road improvements, installation of culverts and low water crossings for hydrologic enhancements and hauling fill and rock. They will also be involved in recreation improvements on public roads and parking lots.

The majority of planned work for FY 2010 is to improved public use roads in the Aucilla basin. Very little has been done in this area due to ongoing timber interests of the previous owner. Most of that timber has now been harvested, making the investment in road improvements effective at this time due to removal of trees along the roads and no planned heavy equipment use for years to come.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first renewal of this contract.

Funding for this contract is included in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget and is contingent upon final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder, III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Authorization to Continue Contract 08/09-016 with B & B Porta-Toilets
D/B/A B & B Sanitation to Provide Portable Restrooms for Fiscal Year
2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with B & B Porta-Toilets D/B/A B & B Sanitation for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$ 22,000.

BACKGROUND

B & B Sanitation provides portable sanitation services for the west region of the District, which includes Steinhatchee Falls, Tennille Trailhead, RO Ranch, Econfina River Boat Ramp, Goose Pasture. Services are also provided at Mallory Swamp and Steinhatchee Springs while the hunter check stations are operated.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract is eligible for renewal.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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08/09-019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Continuation of contract 08/09-017 for Land Management Services for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with Glover Landscape and Irrigation for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$94,000.

BACKGROUND

Glover Landscape and Irrigation provides land management services for the northwest region of the District, recreation site maintenance for Devil's Hammock, recreation facilities upgrade, site cleanup, and sign installation.

Land management services contractors provide general maintenance on District lands which includes mowing roads and parking areas, removing litter, and maintaining all public access on District lands. Recreation site maintenance is a higher level of service where the contractor may open and close gates daily and have a daily presence on the property.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract is eligible for renewal.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget; this recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Continuation of Contract 08/09-018 for Land Management Services for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with M & L Contracting for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$ 93,100.

BACKGROUND

M & L Contracting provides land management services for the southwest region of the District; recreation site maintenance for Steinhatchee Falls, Tennille Trailhead, Econfina Boat Ramp and Goose Pasture; and mowing services.

Land management services contractors provide general maintenance on District lands which includes mowing roads and parking areas, removing litter, and maintaining all public access on District lands. Recreation site maintenance is a higher level of service where the contractor may open and close gates daily and have a daily presence on the property.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract is eligible for renewal.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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08/09-018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist 

THRU: David A. Still, Executive Director 
Charles H. Houser III, Deputy Executive Director 

DATE: August 21, 2009

RE: Continuation of Contract 08/09-019 with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for Land Management Services for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2010. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$99,400.

BACKGROUND

Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., provides land management services for the northeast and southeast region of the District and recreation site maintenance for Blue Sink, Suwannee, Falmouth and Anderson Springs.

Land management services contractors provide general maintenance on District lands which includes mowing roads and parking areas, removing litter, and maintaining all public access on District lands. Recreation site maintenance is a higher level of service where the contractor opens and closes gates daily and has a daily presence on the property.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract is eligible for renewal.

Funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2010 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the FY 2010 budget.

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08/09-019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Hall, Forester

THRU: David Still, Executive Director DS
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director CA.

DATE: August 17, 2009

RE: Continuation of Contract 08/09-032 for Land Management Services with Natural Resource Planning Services for Fiscal Year 09/10

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with Natural Resource Planning Services Inc. (NRPS) for fiscal year 09/10. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00

BACKGROUND

Land Management Services such as forest management and timber sale support are important activities occurring on District lands. These practices are instrumental in helping the District meet its vegetation management and forest management goals as well as protecting against the damaging effects of wildfire and beetle infestation.

NRPS provides forestry consulting and timber sale preparation and supervision services in the District's northeast and southeast regions. These services include timber and seedling inventories, GIS mapping, timber marking, sale contract supervision and monitoring, wood security system, scale ticket reconciliation, and other general forestry services.

District procedures allow for this type of service contract to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract has been presented for renewal.

Funding for this contract is included in the fiscal year 2010 budget under Timber Sale Administration and Forestry Consulting codes 132586631000209001 and 132586631000209002, respectively.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Hall, Forester

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*

DATE: August 17, 2009

RE: Continuation of Contract 08/09-033 for Land Management Services with
The Forestry Company for Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends continuing the contract for land management services with The Forestry Company (TFC) for fiscal year 09/10. This contract is for an amount not to exceed \$110,000

BACKGROUND

Land Management Services such as forest management and timber sale support are important activities occurring on District lands. These practices are instrumental in helping the District meet its vegetation management and forest management goals as well as protecting against the damaging effects of wildfire and beetle infestation.

TFC provides forestry consulting and timber sale preparation and supervision services in the District's southwest and northwest regions. These services include timber and seedling inventories, GIS mapping, timber marking, sale contract supervision and monitoring, wood security system, scale ticket reconciliation, and other general forestry services.

District procedures allow for service contracts to be renewed twice, provided the District is satisfied with the contractor's work and the contractor agrees to maintain the same rates. This is the first time this contract has been presented for renewal.

Funding for this contract is included in the FY 09/10 budget under the Timber Sale Administration and Forestry Consulting account codes 132586631000209001 and 132586631000209002.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*

DATE: August 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Activity Report, Land Acquisition

The attached report summarizes the status of current projects and describes significant activities of staff for the preceding month. Staff will be prepared to address any tracts of particular interest the Board may wish to discuss at the September 2009 Governing Board meeting.

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PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT	STATUS
Champion, Roger/Mt. Gilead Addition CE Madison & Jefferson Counties 181 acres +/-	Closing took place on August 14, 2009.
Feagle, A./Bonnett Lake CE Alachua County 445 acres +/-	Governing Board approval for purchase of this conservation easement was granted on July 14, 2009. Survey, environmental baseline inventory and title commitment are underway. Closing is scheduled for September 30, 2009.
APPROVED PROJECTS	STATUS
Anderson, Doug and Lisa/Yellow Jacket Addition Dixie County 180 acres +/-	Appraisals were reviewed and finalized as of April 14, 2009. An offer authorization was circulated for Governing Board review. Discussions have reached an impasse with the landowner, and the project is inactive.
Dixie County/Guaranto Springs Addition 17 acres and 0.7 acres	These properties were approved for detailed assessment on April 14, 2009. Title work has been requested, and appraisals are due by August 31.
Foley Land & Timber/Steinhatchee Springs Exchange and Addition Lafayette County 40 acres +/- (Foley Rock Pit) 91 acres +/- (SRWMD/Steinhatchee) 83 acres +/- (Foley Roads)	This parcel is completely surrounded by District property, but contains an active limerock borrow pit. Discussions are continuing with the landowner.
Jackson, Kevin & Patrice/ Jackson CE Lafayette County 150 acres +/-	This property was approved for detailed assessment on May 14, 2009. Title work and review of the conservation easement document has been completed. The appraisal tour took place on August 14 with first drafts of the appraisal due September 14.
Limited Access Properties Inc./ Gilchrist Regional Well Field Gilchrist County 125 acres +/-	This property was approved for detailed assessment on April 14, 2009. Title work has been received, and appraisal reports are under review.
Mangels, Henry/Shingle Spring CE Suwannee County 240 acres +/-	The property is an approved priority project of the 2008 Florida Forever Work Plan. Appraisal and timber valuations have been finalized, and a formal offer was sent to the landowner. The Mangels family has tendered a counter offer to the District.

<p>N.G. Wade Investment Co./ Gilchrist Regional Wellfield Gilchrist County 105 acres +/-</p>	<p>This property was approved for detailed assessment on May 14, 2009. Title work has been received and appraisal reports are under review.</p>
<p>Osceola Land & Timber/ Santa Fe CE Alachua County 451 acres +/-</p>	<p>Appraisals and timber valuation have been reviewed, and final reports are complete. The Alachua County Forever program has agreed to be a 25% purchase partner in the project. Appraisals are under review.</p>
<p>Santa Fe River Hammock LLC/ Santa Fe River Hammock CE Bradford County 176 acres +/-</p>	<p>Approval for detailed assessment was given on May 14, 2009. Title review and abstract is complete. Terms of a conservation easement have been agreed to with the landowner. Legal counsel is preparing the final conservation easement draft.</p>
<p>Suwannee River Development LLC/Ace Ranch CE Lafayette County 694 acres +/-</p>	<p>On April 14, 2009, this property was approved for detailed assessment of a conservation easement. Staff and owners have agreed on the easement document. The appraisals are currently under review.</p>
<p>Taylor, Gary & Peggy/Gilchrist Regional Well Field Gilchrist County 260 acres +/-</p>	<p>This property was approved for detailed assessment on April 14, 2009. Title work has been received, and appraisal reports are under review.</p>
<p>Thomas, Winton & Linda/Deep Creek Addition CE Columbia County 214 acres +/-</p>	<p>This property was approved for detailed assessment on September 9, 2008. Final conservation easement details have been completed. Title work and appraisals have been received, and an offer authorization is under review.</p>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CA*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
DATE: August 22, 2009
RE: Land Management Activity Report

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Yearly inspections were done by staff on the following conservation easements. All areas were found to be in compliance with the conservation easement documents.

- Anderson/Columbia Strickland Field conservation easement in Dixie County
- David and Sarah Meeks conservation easement in Levy County
- Jack and LoyAnn Mann conservation easement in Levy County

Staff worked with the Columbia County attorney and Public Works Director to gain better access to the Ft. White Wellfield Tract.

Staff met with the Newberry Parks and Recreation Director and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials regarding additional archery educational plans on the Newberry Wellfield Tract.

District staff coordinated a cultural resource survey on the Boston Farms Tract where the Hydromentia Project was constructing facilities in an archaeological sensitive area. No significant artifacts were found, and it was determined the project would have no negative impact on the resource.

District staff met with the planning committee for the Wacissa Spring Park at the Wacissa Head Spring to discuss a conceptual plan for the park's development.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The Falmouth Springs timber harvest operation, which included hardwood chipping and thinning of planted pine, has been completed. Phase two of this upland restoration project will continue with a herbicide application on hardwood regeneration in the spring of 2010.

Mechanical site preparation has been completed on approximately 30 acres on the Lower Steinhatchee in Dixie County, and 104 acres on the Middle Aucilla in Taylor County. Staff expects the mechanical site prep operations to be complete by September 15, 2009.

RECREATION FACILITY MANAGEMENT

District contractors have been working with the District and Otter Springs staff to complete upgrades to parking areas at the swimming pool and at the canoe launch as part of the Otter Springs reorganization plan. Two-rail fence was installed around the parking areas to delineate parking at the pool and canoe launch. Informational and directional signs were installed around the park.

District staff has remarked the multi-use trails at Mattair Springs, Linville, Suwannee Springs, Fox Trail, and Allardt Tracts. The painted trail blazes were replaced by aluminum blazes.

The Scanlon Tract was added to the Lower Econfina River Wildlife Management Area on July 1. District staff has reposted the boundaries with District and WMA boundary signs, and the entrance sign has been updated. The Lower Econfina WMA is open for a 16-day archery season, 3-day muzzleloading gun season, small game season and a 9-day spring turkey season.

District staff assisted four Boy Scouts with Eagle Scout projects on District lands. Three projects came together for completion of a group camp area on the Bay Creek Tract on the Upper Suwannee. One project was to construct a stone fire ring encircled with five benches, the second project was to clear a camping and cooking area and install a wooden bench, and the third was to terrace the erosion scar to provide river access and slow the water flow. The fourth project was marking a four-mile trail at Otter Springs. This loop trail is on the south side of the springs and loops through the Blackjack Camping Area and then to Little Otter Springs and the river.

District staff completed a parking area at Owens Springs and opened access for the public to drive to Owens Spring.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT

District staff completed an update and printing of the District's Boat Ramps and Canoe Launches map. The updated map extends from the Suwannee River to the Okefenokee Swamp, numbers the ramps and launches by river mile, adds GPS coordinates for each and includes Suwannee River Wilderness Trail destinations.

The table below shows Special Use Authorizations issued during the last month:

Recreation	Temporary Ingress & Egress	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	RO Ranch	Goose Pasture Camping	Other	Total
16	3	0	0	8	1	28

SUWANNEE RIVER WILDERNESS TRAIL

The Dowling Park River Camp was reopened on August 1, 2009.

The table below shows Suwannee River Wilderness Trail use during the last month.

River Camp	Day Users	Overnight Users	Total
Woods Ferry	0	149	149
Holton Creek	0	194	194
Peacock Slough	17	96	113
Adams Tract	0	137	137
Total	17	576	593

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*

DATE: August 20, 2009

RE: R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park Monthly Activity Report

The R.O. Ranch Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on August 6. Six members of the public attended the meeting, three of whom came specifically to encourage the Board to move forward with an open-air arena. Due to the budget situation, the R.O. Board was considering whether to postpone the construction of the planned covered arena for a couple of years or build an open-air arena. Based on the public input, the Board agreed to move forward with an open-air arena that can be covered when the financial situation improves. The next scheduled meeting of the R.O. Board of Directors will be at the Morgan Building on September 3, 2009.

Wet conditions continue at the park, and final grading has slowed in order to reduce rutting and erosion. Due to these wet conditions, staff recommends the District extend the site work contract with Keen Forest Management, Inc., and install the large aluminum culverts this fall or winter when the water table is low. Tens of thousands of dollars can be saved if we do not have to dewater the site to build the concrete footers for the arched culverts. A memo requesting approval to extend the contract is included in the September Governing Board agenda.

A contract with McInnis Construction to build the visitor center has been executed, and a building permit has been filed with the Lafayette County. The sod and top soil have been removed, and foundation crews are laying out the foundation. Construction is expected to be complete by June 2010.

District legal council is currently reviewing a request for bids (RFB) for construction of the campground bathhouse. The RFB will be advertised as soon as legal review is complete.

The District's inmate work crew repaired three kiosk panels on District land in the White Springs area. The crew also performed building maintenance on the steel building at the park which included replacing an outside office door and resealed the roof. They also completed their routine landscaping duties such as cleaning and mowing at the Morgan Office, trailhead, and river access points along the Steinhatchee River.

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