

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator *TED*

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

DATE: September 22, 2009

RE: Bryan Guerry Exchange

RECOMMENDATION

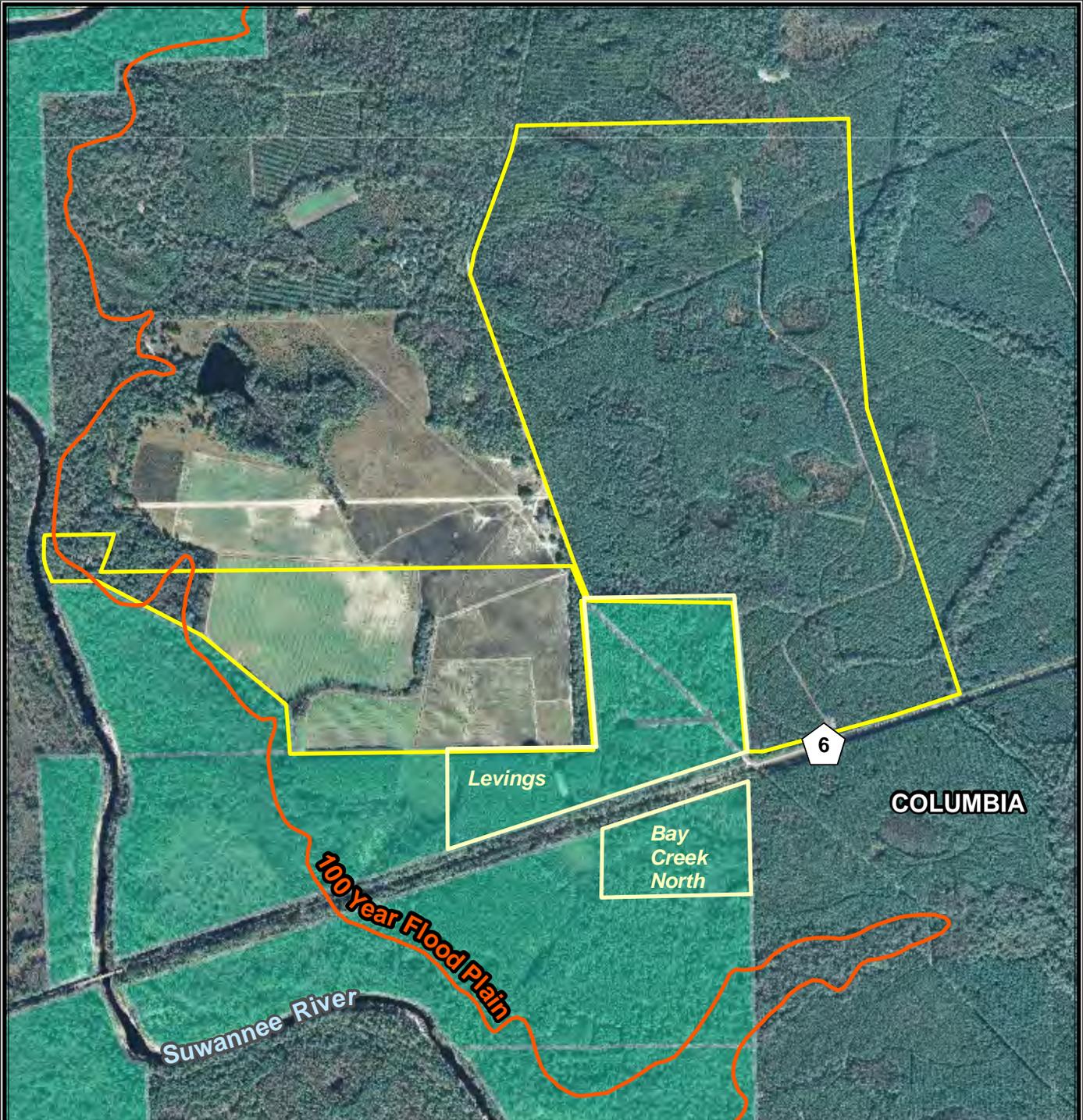
Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Bryan Guerry on an exchange of lands in Columbia County.

BACKGROUND

Bryan Guerry and his family recently visited the District to propose an exchange of property rights in northern Columbia County. He is interested in the District's Levings and Bay Creek North Tracts previously designated by the Governing Board as land for potential surplus. Staff's approach with Mr. Guerry was the possibility of selling him the District's property, but encumbered with a conservation easement. In exchange, the District would acquire a conservation easement on a part of the Guerry property. Our approach included a value for value exchange. Mr. Guerry agreed that such an approach would be acceptable to him and his family.

With Governing Board approval, staff will work with Mr. Guerry to clearly define the areas of exchange, research the title and procure appraisals for these properties. The resulting information will then be provided to Board members prior to discussing values with the Mr. Guerry.

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- Bryan Guerry Lands
- Potential Surplus Lands
- SRWMD Lands



Bryan Guerry Exchange Columbia County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry E. Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator 

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

DATE: September 14, 2009

RE: Lease Amendment with Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District

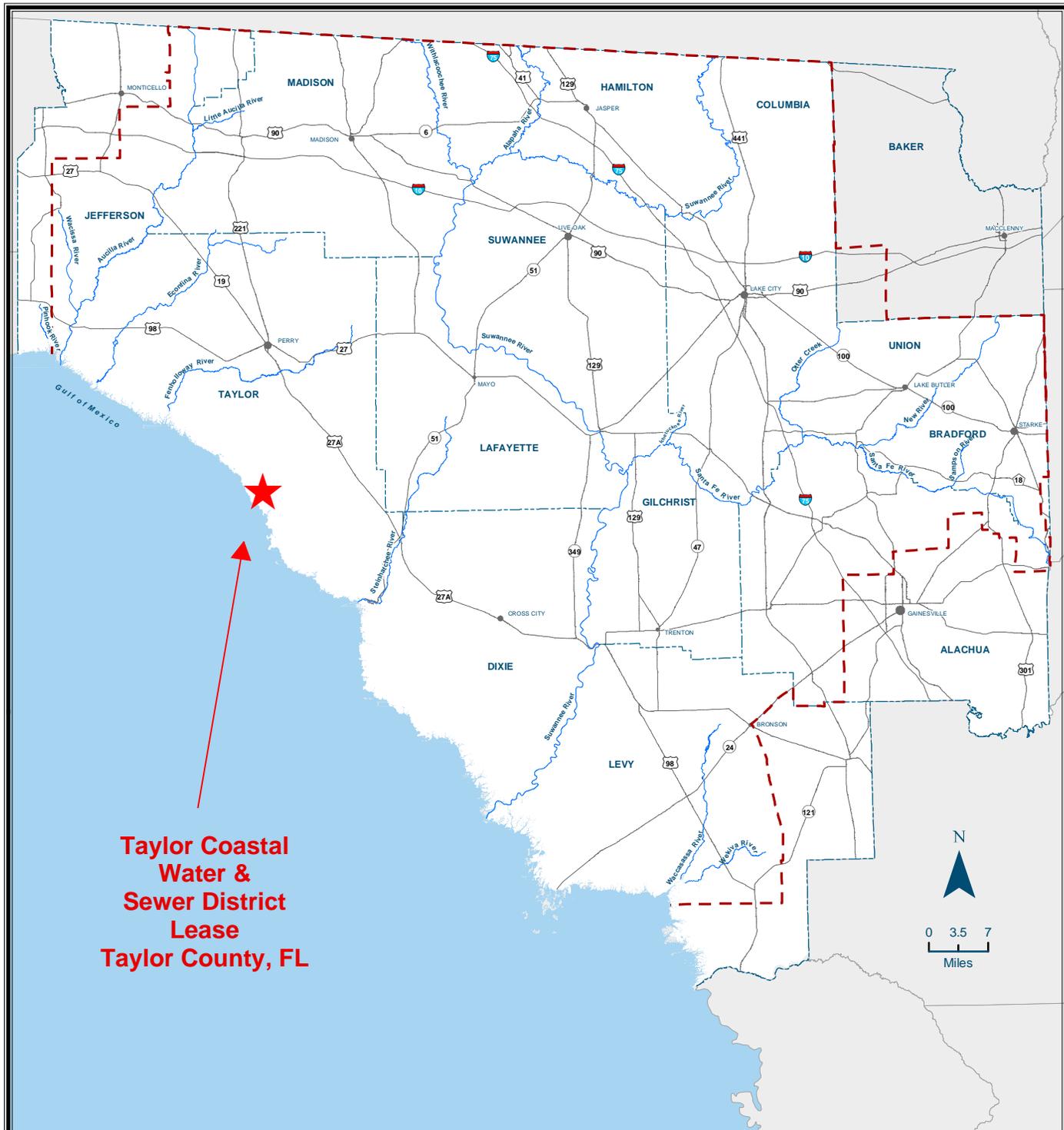
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval and execution of a lease amendment to correct an error in the legal description for property leased to Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District.

BACKGROUND

On July 10, 2008, the Governing Board approved a lease to Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District for approximately 0.25 acres on which they would place their headquarters building. The legal description attached to the original lease contained a scrivener's error. This First Amendment to Lease strikes the original legal description and replaces it with the correct description.

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**Taylor Coastal
Water &
Sewer District
Lease
Taylor County, FL**

-  SRWMD Boundary
-  Project Location



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-  T.C.W.S.D. Lease Area
-  SRWMD Lands

Taylor Coastal Water & Sewer District Lease Taylor County, FL



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FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE

This First Amendment to Lease ("Amendment") made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 2009, between the **SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**, a Florida Statutes Chapter 373 Water Management District, having a mailing address of 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060, ("LANDLORD") and **TAYLOR COASTAL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**, having a mailing address of 18820 Beach Road, Perry, Florida 32348, ("TENANT").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, LANDLORD and TENANT entered into a Lease Agreement ("LEASE") dated June 10, 2008, and recorded July 28, 2008, in Official Records Book 626, pages 180 - 189, public records of Taylor County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, LANDLORD and TENANT desire to modify and amend the legal description, attached to said LEASE as Schedule A, to correct a scrivener's error.

NOW THEREFORE, the LANDLORD and TENANT, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the mutual benefits flowing from each to the other, do hereby agree and amend said LEASE as follows:

1. The legal description as shown on Schedule A of the said LEASE is hereby stricken and in its place and stead is the amended legal description consisting of 1 page attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. This Amendment to said LEASE shall be at no additional cost or reimbursement to either party.
3. All other terms and conditions of said LEASE, as amended, remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

"TENANT"

TAYLOR COASTAL WATER &
SEWER DISTRICT

Witness

Print/Type Witness Name

Witness

Print/Type Witness Name

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2009, by _____ and _____, as Chairman and Secretary of Taylor Coastal Water and Sewer District, on behalf of said District, who is personally known to me or who produced _____, as identification.

Print Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida

"LANDLORD"

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Witness

Print/Type Witness Name

Witness

Print/Type Witness Name

Reviewed as to Conformance to
District Budgetary and
Administrative Procedures:

By: _____
Charles H. Houder, III
Deputy Executive Director
Land Acquisition and Management

By: _____
Don Quincey, Jr.
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Georgia Jones
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved as to form and legality:

By: _____
William J. Haley
Legal Counsel

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

Print Name: _____
Notary Public, State of Florida

EXHIBIT "A"

TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST

SECTION 23: A parcel of land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the SW corner of Lot 21 Oak Ridge Estates, Unit 1 as described in Plat Book 1, page 183, public records of Taylor County, Florida; run N 00°40'20" W, 57.53 feet; run S 89°16'45" W, 330.61 feet to Easterly Right of Way of County Road 361 (Keaton Beach Road) and the Point of Beginning; run N 89°16'45" E, 100.00 feet; run N 00°40'20" W, 100.00 feet; run S 89°16'45" W, 100.00 feet more or less, to the Easterly Right of Way line of County Road 361; run Southeasterly along the Easterly Right of Way line of County Road 361, a distance of 100.00 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Terry Demott, Senior Land Resource Coordinator *TD*

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

DATE: September 22, 2009

RE: Contract for Real Estate Broker Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends entering into contract with Poole Realty Inc. for Real Estate Broker Services for listing and sale of ten acres and a house for a commission not to exceed six percent of the sales price.

BACKGROUND

Four proposals were received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP) 08/09-119 LM. This RFP is for real estate broker services to list the house and ten acres in Hamilton County the District recently purchased from Albert and Jessie Wooten.

The selection committee, made up of Joe Flanagan, Charlie Houder and Jon Dinges, met at 2:00 p.m. September 16, 2009, to rank the firms. Staff member Terry Demott was also in attendance. After discussion, the firms were ranked as follows:

1. Ronnie Poole, Poole Realty Inc., Live Oak
2. Baynard Ward, Crapps Realty, Live Oak
3. John Hill, J. W. Hill & Associates, Live Oak
4. Charlie Sparks, Westfield Realty, Lake City

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brian Kauffman, Facilities Director *BCK*

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

DATE: September 17, 2009

RE: Appointments to R.O. Ranch Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board appoint Heath Davis to serve as its representative on the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors and appoint Louis Shiver to serve the remainder of the term held by Mr. Danny Liles.

BACKGROUND

According to the By-Laws of R. O. Ranch, Incorporated: The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have five (5) members. The Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District shall appoint up four directors, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Governing Board. The Governing Board member shall be the chair the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors. All appointed directors serve four year staggered terms at the pleasure of the Governing Board. Frank E. Schulte may serve as, or appoint one director. Upon his death or in the event that he is unable to appoint a director, the Governing Board may appoint one additional director. Any member except Schulte's appointee may be removed, with or without cause, by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Mr. Heath Davis has expressed a willingness and interest in representing the Governing Board on the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors and if appointed would serve as Chairman of that board.

Danny Liles from Cross City, Florida, recently resigned his position on the Board of Directors. Mr. Shiver's appointment would fill Mr. Liles' position and complete the remainder of his term, which ends January 2012. Mr. Shiver faithfully served on the District's Governing Board for eight years. He also served on the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors as the Governing Board's representative. His appointment would provide good continuity and leadership as the project progresses from planning and construction to operations.

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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: September 14, 2009

RE: Approval for Purchase of Fencing, Recreation Area Equipment and Furniture from Pride Industries.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization to purchase wood rail fencing, picnic tables, grills, garbage can receptacles and furniture for District projects from Pride Industries, for an amount not to exceed \$46,000.

BACKGROUND

The District's purchasing procedures allow purchases from a vendor extending State of Florida Contract, Federal GSA Contract, PRIDE, RESPECT, Florida Association of Counties, National Association of Counties, or other governmental contract established prices in lieu of obtaining its own bids on any particular item. In some cases, when these contracts are awarded the vendors extend these prices to other governmental entities and the District is eligible to take advantage of this discount.

The PRIDE mortise fencing, picnic tables, grills and garbage can receptacles are a standard for District public use facilities. Approximately \$8,000 will be spent on fencing for District lands. An additional \$38,000 will be spent for fencing and materials to complete the campground at R O Ranch and furniture for the visitor center.

Funding for these purchases is included in the FY 2010 budget.

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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: September 14, 2009

RE: Renewal of Contract 07/08-211 with Red River Specialties, Inc., for
Chemical Site Preparation Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to renew the contract for chemical site preparation services with Red River Specialties, Inc., for a fee not to exceed \$60,000 for fiscal year 2010.

BACKGROUND

As part of the FY 2010 work plan, staff identified the need for chemical site preparation on approximately 600 acres of cutover land in the Middle Aucilla and Upper Suwannee Basins.

In May 2008 the District requested bids for this type of work and awarded the contract to Red River Specialties, Inc. District procedures allow for this type of agreement to be continued for up to two additional years if satisfied with the product delivered.

Red River has routinely delivered a good product to the District. The unit rates of \$95/acre for skidder application and \$78/acre for aerial broadcast are the same as those used for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. If approved, this would be the second renewal of this contract. Operations would commence upon notice to proceed and be completed by September 15, 2010.

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SRWMD Contract # 07/08-211

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TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Hall, Forester 

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

DATE: September 15, 2009

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-006 with M.A. Rigoni, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization for the Executive Director to renew contract 08/09-006 with M.A. Rigoni, Inc., for fiscal year 2010 land management services for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

BACKGROUND

As part of the FY 2010 work plan, staff has identified the need for mulching services to rehabilitate numerous logging ramps throughout the Upper Suwannee Basin. Mulching will allow the District's road mowing contractors to maintain these openings as wildlife foraging areas by including them in their annual road mowing schedules.

District procedures allow for this type of contract to be renewed twice, if the District is satisfied with services performed. M A Rigoni, Inc., has routinely provided quality mulching services to the District for fuel reduction, fireline construction and log deck rehabilitation.

Rigoni has agreed to extend the same rate for his mulching services for FY 2010 as was charged to the District last year. If approved, this would be the first renewal for this contract. Operations would commence upon notice to proceed and be completed by September 15, 2010.

Funding for this contract is included in the FY 2010 budget, and is identified under Budget Code 132586631000209008.

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SRWMD Contract #08/09-006

2. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: (Please list all available equipment such as bush-hogs, Brown tree cutters, roller choppers, mulching equipment, bat-wing mowers, side-arm mowers, boom-mounted mowers, Whole Tree Chippers, etc.) **Please list any additional equipment and corresponding rates on the Equipment List provided in Section-6.**

| EQUIPMENT LIST | EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION (list type, horse-power, deck size, boom length, roller chopper height and width, etc.) | HOURLY RATES | UNIT RATES | MOB/DEM RATES |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Bush Hog | New Holland TL-90 Rhino 6' | \$ 95. ⁰⁰ /hour | \$ 31.60 /acre | 230. ⁰⁰ |
| Bat Wing Mower | | \$ /hour | \$ /acre | |
| Brown tree cutter | New Holland TL90 w/ Brown 6' | \$ 95. ⁰⁰ /hour | \$ 126.66 /acre | 230. ⁰⁰ |
| Mulchers/Grinders (less than 200 HP) | Super Trac 120 5' head | \$ 220. ⁰⁰ /hour | \$ 880. ⁰⁰ /acre | 230. ⁰⁰ |
| Mulchers/Grinders (greater than 200 HP) | GyroTrac GT18 Tigercat 724m | \$ 250. ⁰⁰ /hour | \$ 750. ⁰⁰ /acre | 230. ⁰⁰ |
| Medium Chippers (less than 500 HP) | | \$ /hour | \$ /acre | |
| Hardwood Chipping and Removal (greater than 500 HP) | Mor Bank NCL 30 850-1000 hp | NA | \$ 50. ⁰⁰ /acre | Ø |
| Roller Choppers | Cut 525 B 10' x 60" Chop | \$ 85. ⁰⁰ /hour | \$ 42.50 /acre | 230. ⁰⁰ |
| Boom Type Mower | | \$ /hour | \$ /acre | |
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| | | \$ /hour | \$ /acre | |

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FROM: Randy Hall, Forester 

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

DATE: September 15, 2009

RE: Renewal of Contract 08/09-064 with Superior Forestry Service, Inc. for
FY 2010 Tree Planting Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to continue contract 08/09-064 with Superior Forestry Service, Inc. for tree planting services for a not to exceed fee of \$60,000.

BACKGROUND

As part of the FY 2010 work plan, staff has identified the need for reforestation on approximately 1,300 acres of cutover land. Superior Forestry Service, Inc., provided this service to the District in 2009, and delivered a good product. Listed below are the unit rates used in 2009. These rates will remain the same for this year's planting services.

If approved, this will be the first renewal for the current contract. Operations will commence around the first week of December, and should be completed by February 15, 2010.

Funds for this service are budgeted in the Land Management Program in account code 13 2586 6 3100 02 09 005.

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| Bare-root slash | \$34.70 per acre |
| Bare-root longleaf | \$43.90 per acre |
| Containerized longleaf | \$39.70 per acre |

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TO: Governing Board

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

THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*

DATE: September 15, 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 October 2009 Governing Board meeting.

Staff received two offers of real property during the last month.

- 10.25 acres on the Suwannee River in Suwannee County. The offer was declined based on the asking price.
- 215-acre conservation easement in Lafayette County. This offer was declined since it met no criteria other than some wetland acreage and a small lake.

Staff has also begun preparation of the Florida Forever Work Plan annual report.

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| PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT | STATUS |
|--|--|
| 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 being finalized. Closing is scheduled for October 30, 2009. |
| APPROVED PROJECTS | STATUS |
| 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, appraisals have been received and appraisal review is pending an approved reviewer. |
| 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. The District and Foley have reached an impasse on negotiations. |
| Jackson, Kevin & Patrice/ Jackson CE Lafayette County 150 acres +/- | This property was approved for detailed assessment on May 14, 2009. Title work and appraisal reports have been received. Appraisal review is pending an approved review appraiser. |
| 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 and appraisal reports have been received. Appraisal review is pending an approved reviewer. |
| 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. Discussions with landowner have reached an impasse, and the project will be regarded as inactive. |
| N.G. Wade Investment Co./ Gilchrist Regional Wellfield Gilchrist County 105 acres +/- | This property was approved for detailed assessment on May 14, 2009. Title work has been received and appraisal reports have been received. Appraisal review is pending an approved reviewer. |

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| <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 being reviewed by an outside reviewer.</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, and legal counsel has prepared 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 by a third party reviewer.</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 and appraisal reports have been received. Appraisal review is pending an approved reviewer.</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. Appraisal review is pending an approved reviewer.</p> |

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
DATE: September 15, 2009
RE: Land Management Activity Report

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

The Drummond Conservation Easement in Levy County was inspected. This easement remains in compliance with the original terms.

Staff and attorneys continue to work with Perry Pines LLC on the exchange of lands and easements in Taylor and Jefferson Counties. Maps of required crossings over the rail line and a request for greater detail of the rail right-of-way across District property were sent to a contractor representing Perry Pines.

Tyler Futch and Terry Demott reestablished property corners and inspected boundary lines at the site of the Fletcher's Landing Suwannee River Wilderness Trail campsite in Levy County.

Staff assisted the Water Resources team with the correct boundary lines and terms of the Santa Fe River Ranch property agreement in Alachua County.

Florida Gas Transmission Co. is proposing a new gas line through District property in Madison County. Terry Demott met with representatives to explain preliminary terms of an easement.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The 33-acre thinning operation on the Tyree Tract in Hamilton County began on September 1, 2009, and should be complete by the end of September.

The 221-acre River Road timber sale, which included a combination of thinning and clear cutting, began on August 31, 2009. Staff anticipates this sale to be completed ahead of the 12-month term set forth in the License to Cut Timber.

Mechanical site preparation operations have been completed on approximately 120 acres at Middle Aucilla in Taylor County, 30 acres at Lower Steinhatchee in Dixie County, and 233 acres at the Lake City Wellfield tract in Columbia County. The mechanical site preparation operations are expected to be complete by September 25, 2009.

WETLAND RESTORATION

The wetland mitigation project at Sunnyvale is approximately 55% complete. The site is about 2.3 acres of wetland creation and 8.3 acres of wetland enhancement. This project is an approved Florida Forever Restoration project.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Construction of the access road to the South Columbia County Well Field has begun. The project should be completed by the end of September.

RECREATION FACILITY MANAGEMENT

District staff has been working with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to open a new southern access route through the Lafayette Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA). District has installed gates to limit access to the WEA. Plans are to open the access road on September 18. The Bethel Walker Creek access has been temporarily closed due to wet conditions.

Archery season begins September 26, 2009, on all Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) on District lands. Muzzleloading season begins on the WMAs on October 30 and 31, with general gun season beginning on November 14.

District staff is coordinating with contractors to determine which roads on District lands should be mowed. Staff is prioritizing tracts and roads that will balance resource protection and public use. Due to budget constraints many roads this year will not be mowed and will not reflect Excellence in Land Management goals.

The Mallory Swamp ATV trail will close September 23, 2009, and will reopen next year after the close of hunting season.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT

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

| Recreation | Temporary Ingress & Egress | Mallory Swamp ATV Trail | R O Ranch | Goose Pasture Camping | Other | Total |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| 11 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 |

Big Shoals Public Lands reported 1,512 visitors during the month of August.

SUWANNEE RIVER WILDERNESS TRAIL

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

| River Camp | Day Users | Overnight Users | Total |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Woods Ferry | 26 | 116 | 142 |
| Holton Creek | 0 | 69 | 69 |
| Dowling Park | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| Peacock Slough | 0 | 16 | 16 |
| Adams Tract | 2 | 32 | 34 |
| Total | 28 | 249 | 277 |

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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 *CH*

DATE: September 16, 2009

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

The R.O. Ranch Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on September 3. Five members of the public attended. During the meeting, Payne Midyette of Madison County was recognized for his generous donation of three registered Florida cracker horses. The Board presented Mr. Midyette with a bronze colored plaque to show their appreciation. When the park opens in October of next year, the horses will be on display in the pasture in front of the visitor center.

McInnis Construction is making excellent progress on the visitor center. The concrete footers have been poured, and the block stem wall and piers are complete. They are currently installing the rough electrical and plumbing that will be under the floor. Construction of the visitor center is expected to be complete by June 2010.

The park's new website is almost complete and should be ready to launch on October 15, 2009. The site will have a new format that should be more user friendly.

District legal council has completed review of the bathhouse request for bids (RFB). Staff will advertise the RFB the month of October.

Staff met with representatives from Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative about supplying electrical power to the park. To keep costs down, overhead power lines will be used to bring power into the back of the park. For aesthetics and safety, short runs of the more expensive underground wire will be used to connect the buildings.

The District's inmate crew repaired portions of the ditch blocks that had washed out on the south canal. The blocks were leveled and stabilized by hand, and larger rocks were placed on top of the structures. While they were in the area, the crew cleaned a large amount of debris from under the District's bridge on South Canal Road. The crew also repaired the asphalt road and moved furniture at the District's office in Live Oak.

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