

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Gwen Lord  Business Resource Specialist IV

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

DATE: December 10, 2009

RE: Use Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Use Fee Schedule.

BACKGROUND

As the District develops facilities at the R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park, including campground, cabins and visitors center, there is a need to develop a fee schedule for those areas.

Staff reviewed similar facilities charges by other state and local agencies and presented a spreadsheet of that information at the December 8, 2009, Board meeting. Based on that information, the attached use fee schedule has been developed. These fees apply only to R. O. Ranch.

Upon Governing Board approval, this schedule will be incorporated by reference into 40B-9, the rule that governs our land acquisition and land management processes.

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Suwannee River Water Management District

Use Fees Schedule

The following fees shall apply to the uses specified below on R.O. Ranch lands:

Park Admission Fee

Daily Entrance Fee	\$4.00 per carload, up to eight people
Single Occupant Vehicle Admission	\$2.00
Day Use Trail Fee (non campers)	\$4.00 per person
Group	\$2.00 per person
Group (educational only)	\$1.00 per person

RV/Tent Camping

Daily RV/Tent Camping	\$25.00
Weekly RV/Tent Camping	\$150.00
Monthly RV/Tent Camping	\$375.00

Primitive Camping

Primitive camping (no water/electric)	\$15.00 per night
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Cabin/House/Visitor Center Rental

Night	\$125.00
Weekly	\$750.00
Monthly	\$2,000.00
Party/reception use	\$75.00 per 4 hours or \$100.00 per 6 hours

Visitor Center

Party/reception use	\$75.00 per 4 hours
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DATE: December 10, 2009

RE: 2010 Florida Forever Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the 2010 Florida Forever Work Plan as presented to the Governing Board.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Forever Work Plan summarizes funding and completed projects during the previous planning periods and presents modifications and additions for the upcoming period. The Work Plan must be approved by the Governing Board and is included in the Comprehensive Annual Report submitted to Tallahassee by March 1 each year. This is the ninth annual update of the original 2001 Florida Forever Work Plan.

A public hearing regarding the 2010 Florida Forever Work Plan was held during the December 8, 2009, Governing Board meeting. No comments from the public have been received.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Hall, Forester 

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

DATE: December 17, 2009

RE: Authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an Agreement with Levings Forest Products Inc. for the Alapahoochee Timber Sale

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests authorization for the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Levings Forest Products Inc. for the Alapahoochee Timber Sale. As high bidder, Levings offered \$12.17/ton for pine pulpwood, \$13.50/ton for pine chip-n-saw, \$25.00/ton for pine sawtimber, and \$4.00/ton for hardwood pulpwood. Based on the bid results, the estimated revenue from this per unit timber sale is \$27,000.00.

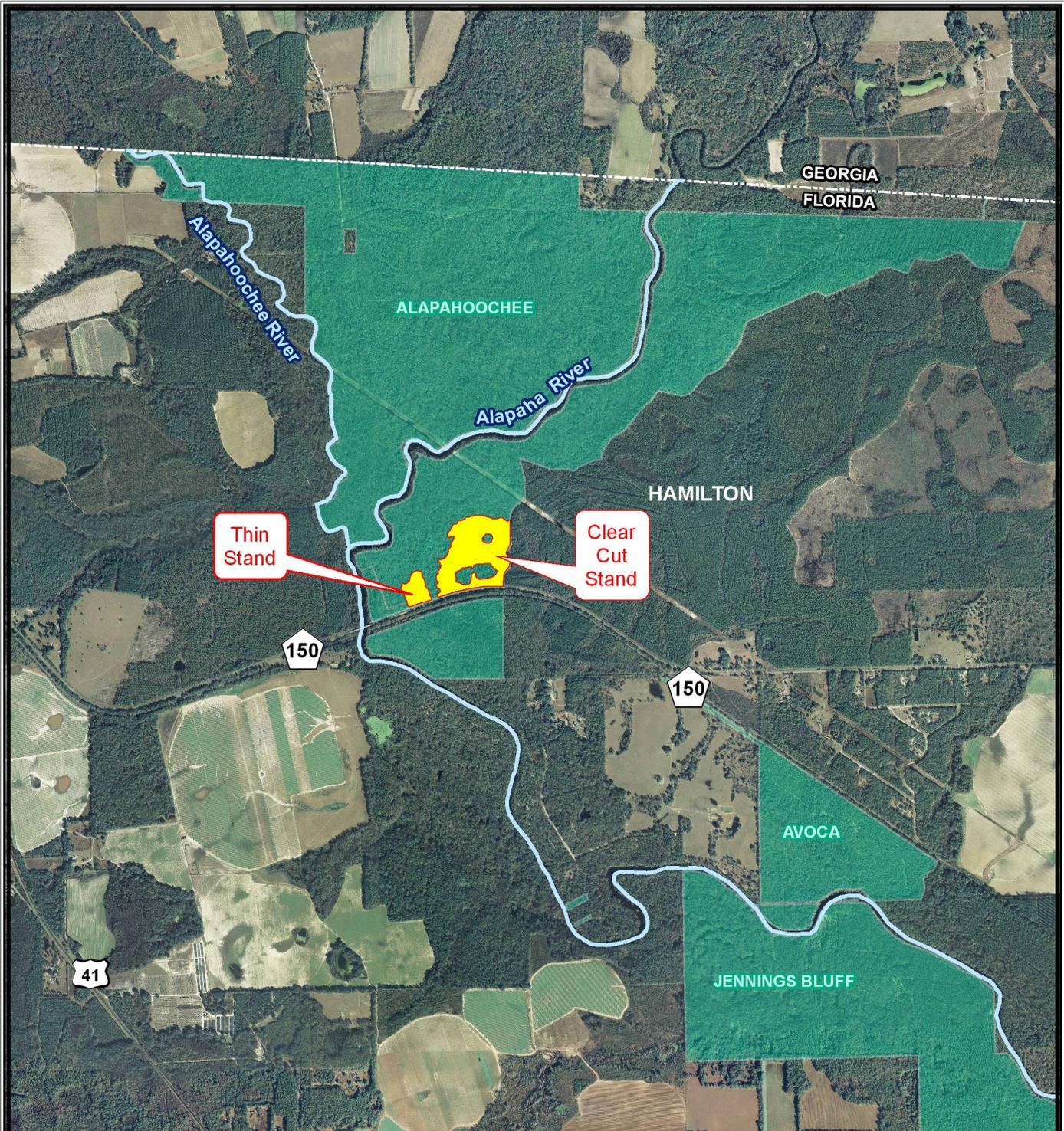
BACKGROUND

Staff advertised a request for bids for the Alapahoochee Timber Sale on December 2, 2009. This is an approximately 30-acre timber sale, with 26 acres of planted loblolly to be clearcut and a selective thinning on a 4-acre stand of older timber. The 26-acre stand is being clearcut because it is primarily a sandhill where loblolly pine is not the native species. Longleaf pine is a more appropriate species for this site and will be planted to replace the loblolly pine. All merchantable hardwoods in both stands are to be removed.

Four responses were received by December 14, 2009, as listed below.

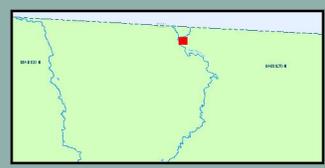
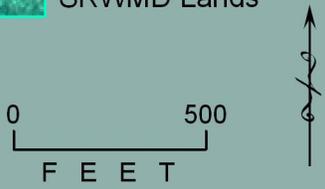
Company Name	Composite Price / ton	Estimated Revenue
Levings Forest Products Inc.	\$12.01	\$26,899.00
North Florida Timber Dealers Inc.	\$11.47	\$25,680.00
Loncala Inc.	\$8.83	\$19,780.00
Greenville Timber Inc.	\$8.71	\$19,520.00

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- Timber Sale Area
- SRWMD Lands

Alapahoochee Timber Sale Hamilton County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Bob Heeke, Sr. Land Resources Manager

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

DATE: November 17, 2009

RE: Lease of Land to Gilchrist County for Sapps Landing Boat Ramp Expansion

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve and execute a lease with Gilchrist County for approximately 0.75 acres adjacent to the County boat ramp subject to the following conditions:

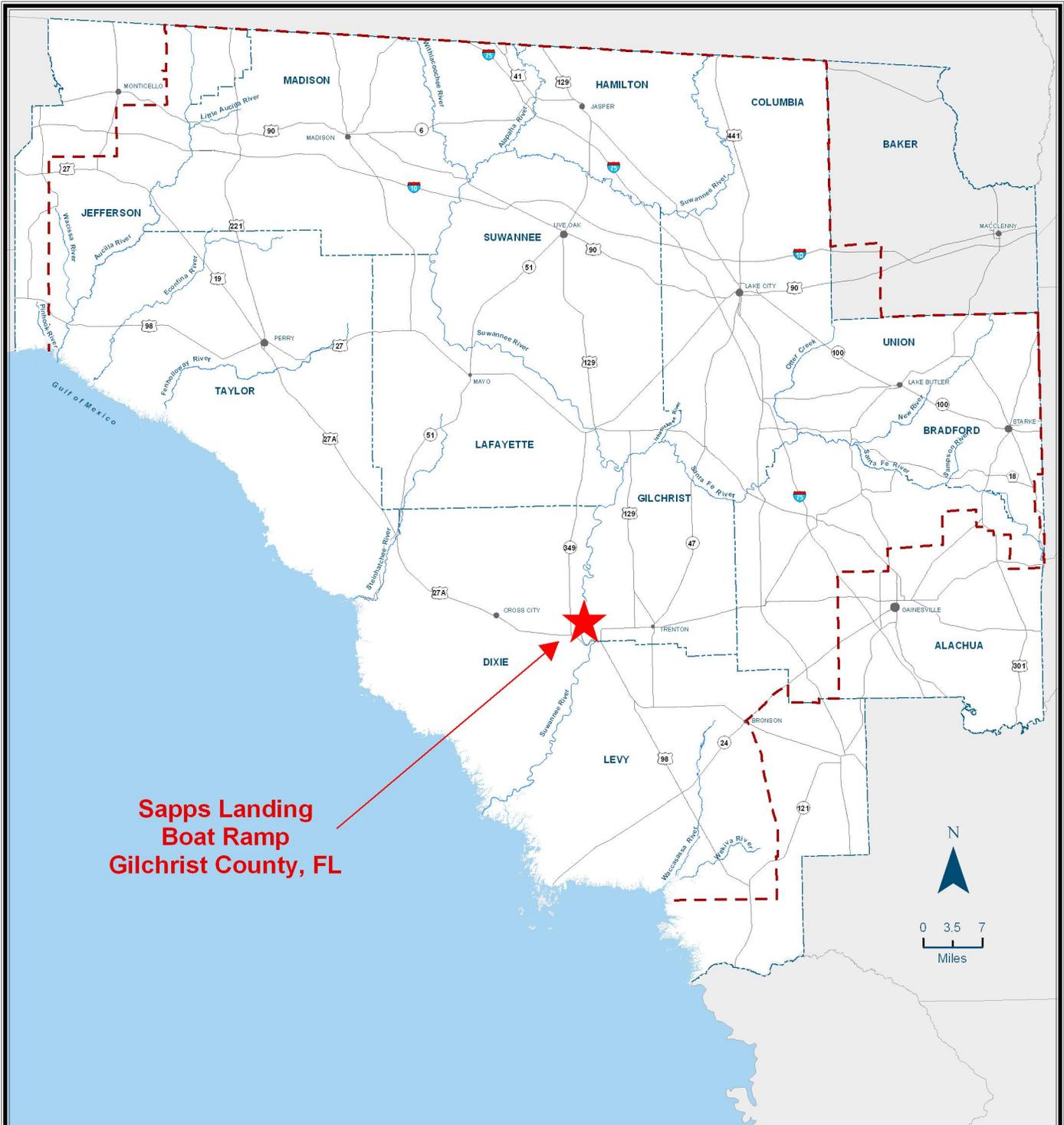
- Approval of the form of the lease by Governing Board Counsel;
- Approval of the site plan by District staff; and
- Approval of the County's Boating Improvement Grant application.

BACKGROUND

Gilchrist County owns approximately two acres with a boat ramp located between two District tracts. The County is applying for grant funds to improve the site including ramp repair, site and parking improvements and river bank stabilization. The preliminary site plan requires some expansion onto District lands to the south (approximately 0.75 acre) for additional parking spaces and roads.

Approval of this item assists Gilchrist County in the scoring for the application process by showing they have long-term control of the site.

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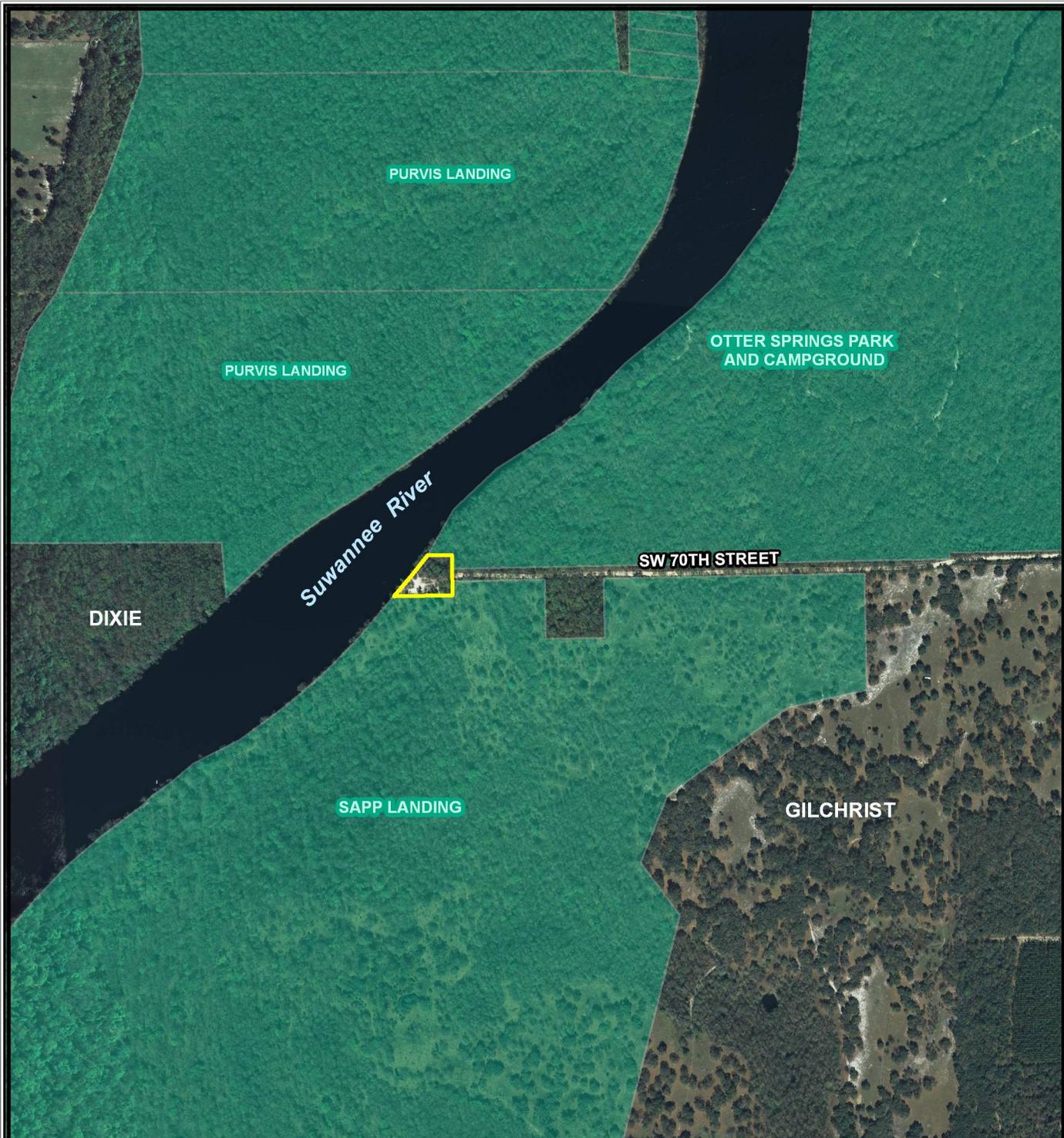
**Sapps Landing
Boat Ramp
Gilchrist County, FL**

-  SRWMD Boundary
-  Project Location



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-  Sapps Landing Boundary
-  SRWMD Lands



Sapps Landing Boat Ramp Gilchrist County, FL



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
DATE: December 18, 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 January 12, 2010, Governing Board meeting.

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PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT	STATUS
Chinquapin Farm, LLC Ichetucknee Basin CE Suwannee & Columbia Counties 6,300 acres +/-	This property was approved for detailed assessment on October 13, 2009. Closing will take place by December 31, 2009.
Dixie County/Guaranto Springs Addition 17 acres and 0.7 acres	These properties were approved for detailed assessment on April 14, 2009. Closing is anticipated by February 19, 2009.
Feagle, A./Bonnet 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 have been finalized. The option has been extended to January 29, 2009, pending clearing of mineral interests.
APPROVED PROJECTS	STATUS
Guerry, Brian Surplus Property Exchange Columbia County	Governing Board approval to begin discussions with the Guerry family was given on October 13, 2009. Staff is working on properties for an exchange proposal.
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. Details of the conservation easement and review of the appraisals are being finalized.
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. Discussions with the owner are on hold pending the outcome of negotiations on another parcel.
Moore, Carol Hinton Landing Addition Dixie County 0.5-acre lot	This property is offered as a small parcel addition to District lands. Staff requested bids for appraisal and expects to have the property valued by the end of December for further negotiations.

<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 and appraisal reports have been received and are under review</p>
<p>Osceola Land & Timber/ Santa Fe CE Alachua County 451 acres +/-</p>	<p>The Alachua County Forever program has agreed to be a 25% purchase partner in the project. A complete market value update was completed on December 5 and is being reviewed by Michael Candler.</p>
<p>Sante Fe River Hammock LLC/ Santa Fe River Hammock CE Bradford County 176 acres +/-</p>	<p>Title review and abstract are complete. Terms of a conservation easement have been agreed to with the landowner, and legal counsel is finalizing the conservation easement document. Bids for appraisals are due by December 22, 2009.</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. Negotiations are currently taking place.</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. Discussions with the owner are on hold pending the outcome of negotiations on another parcel.</p>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Charles H. Houder III, Deputy Executive Director *CHA*
THRU: David Still, Executive Director *DS*
DATE: December 17, 2009
RE: Land Management Activity Report

LAND MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Staff has continued discussions with Dale Perry of Ancient Oaks Airpark to develop an agreement to provide authorization for additional runway clearance.

Terry Demott met with Jasper officials concerning the city's plans for expansion of their public wells and water treatment facilities on District property.

On December 8-10 Randy Hall and Terry Demott participated in the Natural Areas Training Academy session on Conservation Site Assessment and Planning. The training was at Ordway-Swisher Biological Station in Melrose.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

The Withlacoochee Quail Farm thinning operation began September 23, 2009, and is approximately 50% complete. Due to other commitments the logger has moved off but expects to return the second week of January to complete the thinning. These logging operations should be completed by mid February.

The 85-acre thinning operation on the Cuba Bay Tract in Madison County has been completed.

The 221-acre River Road timber sale, which included a combination of thinning and clearcutting, is approximately 85% complete. Staff anticipates this sale to be complete sometime in January.

Staff is currently working on a summary of the 2009 timber sales. This summary will be included in the February Governing Board materials.

Approximately 26 acres identified for upland restoration were harrowed at the Adams Tract in Lafayette County to facilitate establishment of pine seedlings and wiregrass, which will be planted mid December 2009.

REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

Three conservation easements were inspected in the past month: the Locala easement in Hamilton County, the Tisdale easement in Levy County and the Bailey Brothers easement in Dixie County. Nothing contrary to the terms of the easement was found on any of the properties.

A contract for survey of the District's Old Town Tract in Dixie County was executed with Delta Land Surveyors.

VISITOR MANAGEMENT

During muzzleloading gun season the hunter check station operators reported 217 first-come-first-served permits were issued during the nine-day season at Mallory Swamp WMA and 333 permits during the three-day hunt at Steinhatchee Springs WMA. During general gun season there were 526 first-come-first-served permits issued at Mallory Swamp WMA and 585 permits at Steinhatchee Springs WMA.

River Camp	Day Users	Overnight Users	Total
Woods Ferry	26	188	214
Holton Creek	22	146	168
Dowling Park	7	39	46
Peacock Slough	40	19	59
Adams Tract	12	49	61
Total	107	441	548

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

Recreation	Temporary Ingress & Egress	Mallory Swamp ATV Trail	RO Ranch (October-November)	Goose Pasture Camping	Total
9	4	0	32	3	48

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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: December 9, 2009

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

The R.O. Ranch Board of Directors did not meet in December. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 7.

Despite the intermittent rain showers, McInnis Construction continues to work on the roof of the visitor center. The contractor has been very conscientious about covering portions of the roof as they work to protect the exposed wood from the rain. Because of the weather and the extra work to protect the wood, they are about a week behind schedule.

The power line right-of-way has been cleared. Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) no longer cuts new right-of-way but only does maintenance trimming on existing lines. Therefore, the inmate crew did much of the clearing work, assisted by Pidgeon's Tree Service of Mayo who trimmed the upper limbs with a bucket truck. SVEC installed the main power lines from County Road 357 to the visitor center. This included approximately 2,300 feet of overhead 3-phase wire, 270 feet of underground primary wire, a pad-mounted transformer, and 125 feet of secondary wire for the visitor center. Electricians installed the main disconnect panels for the visitor center, and temporary power is now available to the contractor.

Staff has been working with URS electrical engineers to design the power distribution system for the campground. URS estimated their initial design to be \$300,000. Staff requested that they redesign the system using more underground high voltage primary wire and transformers versus long runs of underground secondary wire. This brought the estimated price down to \$192,000. Staff will be consulting with Suwannee Valley Electrical Cooperative to see if other options may be available to reduce the cost even more.

The District's inmate crew installed 450 feet of wooden fence around the former manager's residence to facilitate public use of the facility. The crew also assembled the sleigh panels on the park's wagon, which will provide transportation for Santa Claus in the Mayo Christmas Parade.

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