

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
June 8, 2010

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
David Flagg, Vice Chairman
Donald Ray Curtis, III
Heath Davis
Carl Meece
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Alphonas Alexander
Dr. Linden Davidson
Jay Fraleigh

Staff:

David Still
Charlie Houder
Jon Dinges
Steve Minnis
Lisa Cheshire
Megan Wetherington
Terry Demott
Cindy Johnson
Bill Spencer
Leroy Marshall

Tom Brown, Legal Counsel
Kirk Webster
Joe Flanagan
Jon Wood
Melanie Roberts
Pennie Flickinger
Carlos Herd
Vanessa Fultz
Louis Mantini
Robin Lamm

Participating Guests:

Barney and Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua, FL
Mike New, City of Alachua, FL
Mike Wynn, Manson Law Group, Tampa, FL
Jeff Hill, El Rancho No Tengo, Lake City, FL
Linda Hill, El Rancho No Tengo, Lake City, FL
George Willson, The Conservation Fund, Tallahassee, FL
Mark Scoher, Chiefland, FL
Cheryl Nekola, Mayor, City of Fanning Springs, FL
Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Lulu, FL
Dan Buchanan, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Pinetta, FL
Randall Crossno, Live Oak, FL
John Koch, Live Oak, FL
Steve Crossno, Live Oak, FL
Steven Crossno, Live Oak, FL
Jeff Waters, Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak, FL
Beverly Read, Read's Forklift, Live Oak, FL
Ted Petty, Lake City, FL
Jennifer Burnham, Live Oak, FL
Jason Furry, Suwannee Parks & Recreation, Live Oak, FL
Olive Bias, Lake City, FL
Ronnie Corbett, Live Oak, FL
Tom Warren, Live Oak, FL
Todd Lawrence, Live Oak, FL
Arthur Lawrence, Dowling Park, FL
Greg Scott, Suwannee Parks & Recreation, Live Oak, FL
Sheila Burnham, Live Oak, FL
Kandace Oliva, Live Oak, FL
Michael B. Corbitt, Live Oak, FL
Roland Garcia, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FL
Terry Donovan, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FL
Allen Martin, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FL
John Beatty, Live Oak, FL
Sandra Jones, Live Oak, FL
T. Brady, Live Oak, FL
Darrin Foster, Jerry Corbett's Home Center, Live Oak, FL
Jesse Wilson, Jerry Corbett's Home Center, Live Oak, FL
Jerry Corbett, Jr., Jerry Corbett's Home Center, Live Oak, FL

Jerry Corbett, Sr., Jerry Corbett's Home Center, Live Oak, FL
Bruce and Jane Campbell, Wellborn, FL
George L. Burnham, Jr., Live Oak, FL
Dennis Price, SE Environmental Geology, White Springs, FL
Dixie L. Phillips, Lake City, FL
Donald P. Phillips, Lake City, FL
Grady Hartzog, City of Chiefland, FL
Teal Pomeroy, City of Chiefland, FL
Norm Fugate, City of Chiefland, FL
Jack Cox, Jasper, FL
Jill McGuire, Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Native Plant, Melrose, FL
Jeff Woods, Live Oak, FL
Richard Cathcart, Live Oak, FL
Terri Lowery, Jones Edmunds, Gainesville, FL
Ronald and June Moss, Live Oak, FL
Lauren Day, The Conservation Fund, Gainesville, FL
Ron McQueen, Gilchrist County, FL
Randy Durden, Nature Coast Regional Water Authority, Bell, FL
Pauline Corbett, Jerry Corbett's Home Center, Live Oak, FL
Brad Hartman, Havana, FL
Catherine B. Gramat, Trenton, FL
Guy Anglin, Bascom, FL
Eleanor Dietrich, Tallahassee, FL
Jean Wonser, Circle Pine Farm, Trenton, FL
Wallace Pickles, Live Oak, FL
Payne Pickles, Live Oak, FL
Don and Susan Thomas, White Springs, FL
Emily Casey, Hernando, FL
John Brim, Live Oak, FL
Donald H. Hunter, Live Oak, FL
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, High Springs, FL
Bob Hunzinger, GRU, Gainesville, FL
Leonard Fagan, Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC), Boston, MA
Josh Levine, GREC, Boston, MA
Robert W. Klemans, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), Gainesville, FL
Rick Hutton, GRU, Gainesville, FL
Ed Regan, GRU, Gainesville, FL
Jack Doolittle, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Gainesville, FL
David Dee, Young van Assenderp, Tallahassee, FL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Brown, Legal Counsel, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda. None.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Consent Agenda

- Approval of May 13, 2010 Meeting and Workshop Minutes, May 14, 2010 Workshop Minutes, and May 24, 2010 Teleconference Minutes
- MS, Agenda Item 8 - Approval of April Financial Report
- WSRM, Agenda Item 12 – Approval of Resolution No. 2010-12 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, Legislative Appropriations for Environmental Resources Permitting and Wetland Protection Programs
- WSRM, Agenda Item 13 – Entry of Final Order 2010-0006 for Dwayne Horne Report
- WSRM, Agenda Item 15 – Authorization to Publish Notices of Rule Development, Proposed Rule, and File Amendments to 40B-4.1090, F.A.C. Report

Agenda Item No. 5 - Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE JUNE 8, 2010, AGENDA.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Action Items

Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2010 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes, May 14, 2010 Workshop Minutes, and May 24, 2010 Teleconference Minutes. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. 20-year Service Award was presented to Paul Buchanan

- B. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- C. Jack Cox discussed concerns with the District's rules prohibiting the use of ATV's in the Alapaha River bed.
- D. Teal Pomeroy, Norm Fugate and Grady Hartzog, representing the City of Chiefland, requested that the Governing Board consider granting the City a lease/option over 122 acre wellhead protection area owned by the District. David Still, Executive Director, will schedule a meeting.
- E. George Willson requested that the Governing Board support and become a co-applicant on the submission of an application for state purchase of the Campbell Group Conservation Easement in Dixie County.
- F. Jill McGuire, Santa Fe Lake Dwellers Native Plant, discussed her opposition to the sale of surplus lands.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

Agenda Item No. 8 – Approval of April Financial Report. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Activity Report, Mission Support. The Activity Report for the Department of Mission Support was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 10 – SRWMD v. El Ranch No Tengo, Inc.; Enforcement of Final Order Imposing Civil Penalties and Final Order Awarding and Determining Attorney's Fees and Costs. Jon Dinges, Department Director, introduced Jennifer Springfield, who presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to enforce the Final Order Imposing Civil Penalties and the Final Order Awarding and Determining Attorney's Fees and Costs, as shown in the Board materials.

The chairman entered a letter written by Guy Williams, Board member, into the record. Mr. Williams discussed his concerns with the enforcement of the final order.

Discussion occurred regarding the history of the project and the staff and legal attempts made to resolve the issue.

The chairman called for a meeting recess and the meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Jeffery Hill gave a CD to each Board member and to Lisa Cheshire, HR/Governing Board Coordinator, for the record and asked the Board members to listen to the CD before making their decision to approve the enforcement of the final order.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, WITH MR. WILLIAMS VOTING AGAINST, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENFORCE THE FINAL ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES AND THE FINAL ORDER AWARDING AND DETERMINING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP06-0572. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for authorization to deny, without prejudice, Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number 06-0572 to the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners for Lake Louise Boat Ramp and Dock, Suwannee County, as shown in the Board materials.

George Burnham spoke in support of the denial of the permit.

Dennis Price, Geologist for the project, discussed issues regarding the additional information requested by district staff.

Bruce Campbell, Jerry and Pauline Corbett, and Greg Scott, Suwannee Parks & Recreation, presented their concerns regarding the denial of the permit and asked the Board to consider not approving the staff recommendation for denial.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DAVIS AND SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG.

Mr. Dinges, at the chairman's request, discussed the request for additional information process and why the letters following the first might be more comprehensive.

Mr. Flagg called for the question.

BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED DENIAL, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, ERP APPLICATION NUMBER 06-0572 TO THE SUWANNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMISSIONERS FOR LAKE LOUISE BOAT RAMP AND DOCK, SUWANNEE COUNTY.

The Chairman requested that Tom Brown, Legal Counsel, oversee the permit application process when and if it is resubmitted for the approval.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Resolution 2010-12 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, Legislative Appropriations for Environmental Resources Permitting and Wetland Protection Programs. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item 13 – Entry of Final Order 2010-0006 for Dwayne Horne Report. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item 14 – Authorization to Amend Contract 03/04-258 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for Two Positions for the Suwannee River Partnership from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to amend Contract 03/04-258 with FDACS to continue funding a third of two Suwannee River Partnership positions at a cost not to exceed \$56,000 from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. CURTIS, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND CONTRACT 03/04-258 WITH FDACS TO CONTINUE FUNDING A THIRD OF TWO SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP POSITIONS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$56,000 FROM JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011.

Agenda Item 15 – Authorization to Publish Notices of Rule Development, Proposed Rule, and File Amendments to 40B-4.1090, F.A.C. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item 16 – Gainesville Renewable Energy Center Conditions for Site Certification, 2-09-00040. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to approve the allocation of water with ten limiting conditions as documented in the staff report for the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center's Power Plant site certification in Alachua County and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the City of Alachua, Gainesville Regional Utilities, and Gainesville Renewable Energy Center to implement condition number nine to bring reclaimed water from the City of Alachua to the project upon commencement of operations, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION AND MR. CURTIS SECONDED.

Mr. Flagg requested additional information regarding the proposed current usage and long term projections for the use of the reclaimed water.

Mike New, Alachua Public Service Department, gave a summary of the City of Alachua's current and long term projections of reclaimed water use.

Bob Hunzinger, representative from GRU, gave a summary of their long term plans for the use of reclaimed water.

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF WATER WITH TEN LIMITING CONDITIONS AS DOCUMENTED IN THE STAFF REPORT FOR THE GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER'S POWER PLANT SITE CERTIFICATION IN ALACHUA COUNTY AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ALACHUA, GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES, AND GAINESVILLE RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTER (CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL BY LEGAL COUNSEL AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE DOCUMENT) TO IMPLEMENT CONDITION NUMBER NINE TO BRING RECLAIMED WATER FROM THE CITY OF ALACHUA TO THE PROJECT UPON COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS.

The chairman spoke on the importance and seriousness of the Board's direction to use reclaimed water first in the permitting process before tapping into the aquifer.

Agenda Item No. 17 - Activity Report, Water Supply and Resource Management. The Water Supply and Resource Management Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 - As-Built Compliance and works of the District Projects Summaries. The As-Built Compliance and Works of the District Projects Summaries were provided as informational items in the Board materials.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 19 – Declaration of Surplus Properties. Joe Flanagan, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to declare surplus 12 parcels no longer needed for conservation purposes and authorize staff to conduct appraisals on the properties, contract with qualified real estate brokers

for marketing the properties, and contract with qualified surveyors if the need arises to prepare legal descriptions, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS 12 PARCELS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONDUCT APPRAISALS ON THE PROPERTIES, CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED REAL ESTATE BROKERS FOR MARKETING THE PROPERTIES, AND CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED SURVEYORS IF THE NEED ARISES TO PREPARE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS. MR. FLAGG SECONDED THE MOTION.

Catherine B. Gramat, Trenton, spoke in support of funds made available from sale of property being used to obtain more sensitive property.

Chairman Quincey explained that the use of the money received from the sale of surplus lands was used to buy more sensitive and critical lands that better meet the District's mission.

Jean Wonser of Trenton, Eleanor Dietrich of Tallahassee, and Brad Hartman of Havana, all spoke in opposition of the sale of surplus lands and requested that the criteria that staff use to recommend lands as surplus be revised to be less subjective and more quantitative and that these revised criteria along with detailed information on how the criteria are applied to each parcel be communicated on the District's website. Land management costs and how these costs are considered in the selection of surplus lands was discussed.

Guy Anglin, Bascom, reported that the May 13, 2010 Governing Board minutes stated that he spoke regarding surplus lands, however, they did not state that he was opposed to the sale of the three larger tracts identified as surplus lands and wanted his objection to be stated in the June 8, 2010 minutes. Mr. Anglin discussed his skepticism of conservation easements and reiterated the concern that the criteria used to determine which lands are deemed surplus needed to be more quantitative and provided to the public via the District's website.

David Still, Executive Director, read a letter to the Governing Board in opposition of the sale of surplus lands written by Eugene Kelly, Florida Native Plant Society, into the record.

Renate Cannon of Chiefland spoke in support of the sale of surplus lands in order to buy more sensitive lands.

Jill McGuire of Melrose discussed the meaning of CLIP which was mentioned in the letter read into record and reiterated the concerns with criteria not being quantitative and asked the public to support the Florida Forever Trust Fund.

Emily Casey of Hernando discussed her concerns with the sale of surplus property.

Heath Davis discussed his intent to include language to his motion that in declaring the surplus of 12 parcels no longer needed for conservation purposes, that a deed restriction be in place for the parcel to stay at the density that it currently is, unless the board concurs that it needs to be deviated from.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE STATING THAT A DEED RESTRICTION BE PUT IN PLACE FOR IT TO STAY AT THE DENSITY THAT IT IS NOW UNLESS IT NEEDS TO BE DEVIATED FROM. MR. FLAGG SECONDED. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE AMENDMENT OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE STATING THAT A DEED RESTRICTION BE PUT IN PLACE REQUIRING THE DENSITY TO STAY AS IT CURRENTLY IS UNLESS THE BOARD CONCURRED THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DEVIATED FROM.

Chairman Quincey requested a vote on the original motion as amended.

BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE GOVERNING BOARD DECLARED SURPLUS 12 PARCELS, AS AMENDED, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZED STAFF TO CONDUCT APPRAISALS ON THE PROPERTIES, CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED REAL ESTATE BROKERS FOR MARKETING THE PROPERTIES, AND CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED SURVEYORS IF THE NEED ARISES TO PREPARE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Real Estate Broker Services. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to approve Douglas W. King of Jim King Realty, Inc., Roger Lovelady of Westfield Realty Group, Ronnie Poole of Poole Realty, Inc., and Baynard J. Ward of Daniel Crapps Agency, Inc., to provide real estate broker services for the sale of District lands, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED DOUGLAS W. KING OF JIM KING REALTY, INC., ROGER LOVELADY OF WESTFIELD REALTY GROUP, RONNIE POOLE OF POOLE REALTY, INC., AND BAYNARD J. WARD

OF DANIEL CRAPPS AGENCY, INC., TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES FOR THE SALE OF DISTRICT LANDS.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract with Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative to build a power transmission line for the R. O. Ranch campground at a cost not to exceed \$27,600, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO BUILD A POWER TRANSMISSION LINE FOR THE R. O. RANCH CAMPGROUND AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$27,600.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Land Acquisition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Land Management Activity Report. The Land Management Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – R. O. Ranch Activity Report. The R. O. Ranch Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 1:12 p.m. and resumed at 1:33 p.m.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Agenda Item No. 25 - Enforcement Status and Litigation Report. The Enforcement Status and Litigation Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 26 – Approval of Water Use Permitting Delegation Threshold. Steven Minnis, Director of Governmental Affairs, presented the staff recommendation for approval of water use permitting applications consisting of the following thresholds: all bottled water use applications; applications equal to or

greater than 1.0 million gallons per day; denials; and Division of Administrative Hearings Final Orders, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED WATER USE PERMITTING APPLICATIONS CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING THRESHOLDS: ALL BOTTLED WATER USE APPLICATIONS; APPLICATIONS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 1.0 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY; DENIALS; AND DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FINAL ORDERS.

Agenda Item 27 – Approval of Resolution 2010-13 Identifying Available District Assistance and Declaring Natural Resource Concerns Relating to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Mr. Minnis presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to approve Resolution 2010-13 and authorize the Executive Director to transmit Resolution 2010-13 to the State of Florida Governor and Cabinet, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and State Coordination Officer, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION 2010-13 AND AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT RESOLUTION 2010-13 TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND CABINET, THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND STATE COORDINATION OFFICER.

Agenda Item 28 – Emergency Final Order Number 2010-01. Mr. Minnis presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board to concur with Emergency Order 2010-01 authorizing the Executive Director to implement appropriate actions to expedite measures to protect public health, safety, or welfare due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVNERING BOARD CONCURRED WITH EMERGENCY ORDER 2010-01 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE MEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE DUE TO THE DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL.

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Agenda Item No. 29 - Executive Director's Report.
None.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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1:52 p.m., Tuesday
June 8, 2010

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
David Flagg, Vice Chairman
Donald Ray Curtis, III
Heath Davis
Carl Meece
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Alphonas Alexander
Dr. Linden Davidson
Jay Fraleigh

Staff:

David Still	Tom Brown, Legal Counsel
Charlie Houder	Kirk Webster
Jon Dinges	Joe Flanagan
Steve Minnis	Jon Wood
Lisa Cheshire	Melanie Roberts
Megan Wetherington	Pennie Flickinger
Debbie Davidson	Carlos Herd
Cindy Johnson	Vanessa Fultz
John Good	Vern Roberts

Participating Guests:

Barney and Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL
Mike Wynn, Manson Law Group, Tampa, FL
Terri Lowery, Jones Edmunds, Gainesville, FL
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, High Springs, FL

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Jon Dinges, Director of Water Supply & Resource Management, introduced John Good, Chief Professional Engineer and program leader for the Minimum Flows and Levels program.

Mr. Good gave a brief history and status report of the MFL program and presented a proposed strategy for developing and implementing MFL's.

Chairman Quincey discussed the importance of the program and how the data obtained from this program will be critical in the District's defense to the current and future water supply issues.

Mr. Dinges presented the program's budget needs, discussed funding issues and provided possible funding options for board consideration.

The Governing Board members concurred with the importance of the program and discussed several funding options.

Chairman Quincey instructed David Still, Executive Director, to discuss the options with the Governing Board members that were not able to attend the workshop and bring a recommendation to the board for a decision at the July 13, 2010 Governing Board meeting.

Steven Minnis briefly discussed staff's intention to submit an application for a state grant to install a photovoltaic system at the District headquarters. If the grant is awarded, the item will be brought before the Governing Board for approval.

Workshop adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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1:00 p.m., Monday
June 28, 2010

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:
Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman

Members of the Governing Board Present by Telephone:
David Flagg, Vice Chairman – left meeting at
Carl Meece, Secretary/Treasurer
Heath Davis
Jay Fraleigh
Al Alexander
Ray Curtis – left meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Members of the Governing Board Absent:
Dr. Linden Davidson
Guy Williams

Staff:

David Still
Charlie Houser
Joe Flanagan
Lisa Cheshire

Tom Brown, Legal Counsel (by telephone)
Kirk Webster
Steve Minnis
Melanie Roberts
Jon Dinges

Participating Guests:

Lauren Day, The Conservation Fund, Gainesville, FL
Glenn Osteen, Campbell Group, Cross City, FL
George Wilson, The Conservation Fund, Tallahassee, FL

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda.

- Surplus Property Discussion and Update from Committee

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Funding for MFL’s

David Still updated the members on adjustments that staff felt could be made to the draft budget that could possibly provide the needed funding for MFL’s. He discussed the political climate and the MFL mandate.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Meece discussed the recommendation made to staff by the board to increase the millage rate and earmarking the revenue received by the increase to only be used in the fulfillment of the mission that had been mandated to them.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF INCREASING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO 0.4934 AND TO EARMARK THE REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE MILLAGE INCREASE TO BE USED IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MFL PROGRAM.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Campbell Group Proposed Conservation Easement

The Conservation Fund presented the Lower Suwannee River and Gulf Watershed Conservation Easement, Dixie County, Florida, Florida Forever Proposal June 2010.

Discussion occurred regarding the District’s support of the project without making a financial commitment.

George Wilson, representing The Conservation Fund, spoke of the community support for California Swamp conservation easement held by the District and the extension of similar protection to adjacent lands. He stated that no cost was associated with submitting the application.

Ray Curtis excused himself from the meeting to attend a scheduled 1:30 p.m. commitment.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE TO PREPARE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE LOWER SUWANNEE RIVER AND GULF WATERSHED CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS A CO-APPLICANT IN THE APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION THROUGH THE STATE'S FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM.

Surplus Lands Discussion Addition

Mr. Meece updated the board members on the committee's progress and the current action items pending. Mr. Meece stated that the committee had provided more time before the next scheduled Surplus Lands meeting in order for staff to have the opportunity and time needed to work on the action items before continuing the process.

Mr. Flagg excused himself from the meeting at 1:40 p.m. in order to attend a scheduled commitment.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Proposed Property Offers Discussion

Joe Flanagan, Director of Land Acquisition and Management, presented the three conservation easements that will be coming before the Board at the July 13, 2010 meeting to request approval to begin the appraisals of the conservation easements.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:
