

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
August 10, 2010

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman  
David Flagg, Vice Chairman  
Alphonas Alexander  
Donald Ray Curtis, III  
Dr. Linden Davidson  
Carl Meece  
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Heath Davis  
Jay Fraleigh

Staff:

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| David Still    | Tom Brown, Legal Counsel |
| Charlie Houder | Joe Flanagan             |
| Jon Dinges     | Melanie Roberts          |
| Steve Minnis   | Megan Wetherington       |
| Lisa Cheshire  | Cindy Johnson            |
| Vanessa Fultz  | Richard Rocco            |
| Bob Heeke      | Terry Demott             |
| Earl Keel      |                          |

Participating Guests:

Staci Braswell, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Gainesville, FL  
Barney and Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL  
Steve Cheeseman, Santa Fe Springs, LLC, Ft. White  
Toni Collins, Chiefland, FL  
Laura Donaldson, Manson Law Group, Tampa, FL  
Chuck Davis, Daniel Crapps Agency, Inc., Lake City, FL

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Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua, FL  
Merrilee Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Ft. White, FL  
Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland, FL  
Mike Long, FDEP Division of State Lands, Tallahassee, FL  
Deborah Poppell, DEP Division of State Lands, Tallahassee, FL  
Preston Robertson, Florida Wildlife Federation, 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.

#### Water Supply and Resource Management

Deletion:

- Agenda Item 15 – Denial of General Works of the District Permit Application Number 02-0300M3.

### Agenda Item No. 4 - Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 13, 2010 Meeting and Workshop Minutes and July 26, 2010 Teleconference Minutes
- MS, Agenda Item 8 - Approval of June Financial Report
- MS, Agenda Item 9 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition
- MS, Agenda Item 10 – Authorization to Renew Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repair and Preventative Maintenance
- MS, Agenda Item 11 – Authorization to Renew Contract with Len A. Duncan D/B/A Duncan Tire & Auto, for Vehicle Maintenance
- LAM, Agenda Item 25 – Renewal of Cooperative Management Agreement 93/94-061 with the Florida Division of Forestry for Cooperative Management of District Lands for Fiscal Year 2010
- LAM, Agenda Item 26 – Renewal of Contract 08/09-016 with B & B Porta-Toilets, Inc., d/b/a B & B Sanitation for Portable Sanitation Services

- LAM, Agenda Item 30 – Resolution 2010-15 Requesting Reimbursement of Preacquisition Costs and Land Management Expenses for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2010

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE AUGUST 10, 2010, AGENDA.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Action Items

- A. Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2010 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes and July 26, 2010 Teleconference Minutes with the word unanimously struck from the workshop minutes as stated on the record. Approved on consent with change to workshop minutes.

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

- A. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. 20-year Service Award Presentation for Lloyd Baldwin
- C. 10-year Service Award Presentation for Louis Mantini
- D. Jon Dinges introduced Earl Keel, Hydrologic Data Collection Specialist, IV, new employee in the Water Supply and Resource Management Department
- E. Preston Robertson, Florida Wildlife Federation of Tallahassee, thanked the Governing Board and staff for their efforts to consider and incorporate the public's input and concerns into their review and determination of surplus lands.

**DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT**

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

Agenda Item No. 9 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Renew Contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repair and Preventative Maintenance. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Renew Contract with Len A. Duncan d/b/a Duncan tire & Auto for Vehicle Maintenance. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 - 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. 13 – Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract with the Top-Ranked Design/Build Firm for the O’Leno State Park Trailhead. Jon Dinges, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Causseaux, Hewett, & Walpole, Inc., and O’Steen Bros., Inc., for the design and construction of the trailhead at O’Leno State Park for a cost not to exceed \$125,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CAUSSEAX, HEWETT, & WALPOLE, INC., AND O’STEEN BROS., INC., FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAILHEAD AT O’LENO STATE PARK FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Consultant in Order of Ranking for Surfacewater Quality Collections, Biological Collections, and Laboratory Analysis. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Water & Air Research, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE.

Discussion occurred, and the request was made by the board for staff to complete a critical analysis and prioritizing effort of current monitoring stations in order to determine if temporarily discontinuing the monitoring efforts only at the least critical areas would jeopardize the intent of water quality data needed to determine the health of the springs and rivers. It was the board's consensus that this determination could be an avenue to free up some funds needed in order to proceed strongly with the MFL program.

Annette Long asked the board to please keep an eye on the springs that currently have issues with water quality and are testing over the required EPA nutrient level and not scrimp on the springs that are in real trouble.

Discussion occurred regarding an overall assessment of all the programs performed at the district in an effort to make sure the most critical programs to the mission of the district are not cut back when there are others that are less critical, but very important, that may be better suited for an expenditure cutback until funds are more available.

Mr. Still informed the board of the efforts already made by staff to cut the budget back to the point of not being able to effectively operate.

MR. FLAG WITHDREW HIS ORIGINAL MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WATER & AIR RESEARCH, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, AND OFFERED AN AMENDED MOTION TO REQUEST THAT STAFF COMPLETE A CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND PRIORITIZING EFFORT OF CURRENT MONITORING STATIONS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUING THE MONITORING EFFORTS ONLY AT THE LEAST CRITICAL AREAS WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE INTENT OF WATER QUALITY DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE HEALTH OF THE SPRINGS AND RIVERS. MR. MEECE AGREED AND SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Agenda Item 15 – Denial of General Works of the District Permit Application Number 02-0300M3. Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 16 - 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. 17 - 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.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Environmental Resource Permits Issued by Staff. The Environmental Resource Permits issued by staff report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Detailed Assessment of the Santa Fe Springs, LLC/Sawdust Spring Parcel. Joe Flanagan, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for the fee purchase of the 234-acre ± Santa Fe Springs, LLC/Sawdust Spring Parcel on the Santa Fe River in Columbia County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. FLAGG MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL, MR. ALEXANDER SECONDED.

Mr. Flagg discussed the concern with the upland planted pines and possibility of one half of the acreage being determined surplus lands. Mr. Meece discussed the possibility of having 3 appraisals conducted in order to determine the values for use in the negotiation process.

MR. FLAG WITHDREW HIS MOTION AND AMENDED IT TO INCLUDE THREE SEPARATE APPRAISALS BEING CONDUCTED ON THE PROPERTY. MR. ALEXANDER SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED COMMENCEMENT OF DETAILED ASSESSMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THREE APPRAISALS, AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FEE PURCHASE OF THE 234-ACRE ± SANTA FE SPRINGS, LLC/SAWDUST SPRING PARCEL ON THE SANTA FE RIVER IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Removal of the Manatee Springs South Parcel from the District List of Surplus Tracts. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to remove the 330-acre Manatee Springs South parcel located in Levy County from the District list of surplus lands, as shown in the Board materials.

Debbie Poppell, DEP, Director of Division of State Lands, asked the Governing Board to consider partnering with the Division of State Lands in the development of uniform criteria among all agencies for determining surplus lands.

Mr. Flanagan then read into record a statement from Eleanor Dietrich.

"I have been attending meetings of the Board and the Surplus Lands Committee the last several months. I am pleased to support agenda item 20, Removal of the Manatee Springs South parcel from the District list of surplus tracts. When this particular parcel was reviewed during the Surplus Lands Committee meeting, it seemed clear that it was of significant value to the District and should be retained. I appreciate the support of the staff and the committee members in making this recommendation."

Toni Collins thanked the Governing Board and staff for working with the public and addressing their concerns as they revised the process and criteria in the determination of available surplus lands.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF THE 330-ACRE MANATEE SPRINGS SOUTH PARCEL LOCATED IN LEVY COUNTY FROM THE DISTRICT LIST OF SURPLUS LANDS.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Resolution 2010-16 for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Property Acquired. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval of Resolution 2010-16 for payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$326,314.72 for qualifying counties for lands acquired through 2009, as shown in the Board materials

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION 2010-16 FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$326,314.72 FOR QUALIFYING COUNTIES FOR LANDS ACQUIRED THROUGH 2009.

Agenda Item No. 22 – License to Cut Timber with Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., for the SR-10-Steinhatchee #6 Timber Sale. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., for the Steinhatchee #6 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

Mr. Curtis and Mr. Alexander stated a possible conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 22. They signed a conflict of interest form and that form is hereby made a part of these minutes and filed in the permanent files of the District.

Chairman Quincey passed the gavel to Mr. Curtis who assumed the position of chair for purpose of maintaining a quorum for the vote of Agenda Item 22.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, WITH MR. CURTIS AND MR. ALEXANDER ABSTAINING, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER WITH VAN AERNAM TIMBER MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR THE STEINHATCHEE #6 TIMBER SALE.

Mr. Quincey resumed the position of chairman.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Renewal of Cooperative Management Agreement 93/94-061 with the Florida Division of Forestry for Cooperative Management of District Lands for Fiscal Year 2010. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Renewal of Contract 08/09-016 with B & B Porta-Toilets, Inc., d/b/a B & B Sanitation for Portable Sanitation Services. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Renewal of Contract 08/09-017 with Glover Landscape & Irrigation, LLC, for Land Management Services. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for the Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract renewal with Glover Landscape & Irrigation, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$118,742 for land management services for work beginning October 1, 2010, as shown in the Board materials.

DR. DAVIDSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH GLOVER LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION, LLC, MR. FLAGG SECONDED.

Discussion occurred in regards to the cutback of the contract not to exceed amount and/or work performed under the contract by 10%.

DR. DAVIDSON AMENDED HIS MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO INCLUDE A 10% REDUCTION IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT. MR. FLAGG SECONDED AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL WAS GIVEN FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH GLOVER LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION, LLC, WITH A 10% REDUCTION IN THE NOT TO EXCEED ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$118,742 FOR LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR WORK BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Renewal of Contract 08/09-018 with M & L Contracting for Land Management Services. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract renewal for land management services with M & L Contracting for work beginning October 1, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$95,200, as shown in the board materials.

Discussion occurred in regards to the same cutback of 10% to the not to exceed amount being applied to this contract renewal request.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH M & L CONTRACTING FOR WORK BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010, WITH A 10% REDUCTION IN THE NOT TO EXCEED ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$95,200.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Renewal of Contract 08/09-019 with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for Land Management Services. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract renewal for land management services with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for work beginning October 1, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$144,424, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH SUWANNEE LAWN & GARDEN, INC., FOR WORK BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010, WITH A 10% REDUCTION IN THE NOT TO EXCEED ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$144,424.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Resolution 2010-15 Requesting Reimbursement of Preacquisition Costs and Land Management Expenses for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2010. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – 2010 Land Management Review Team Report. The 2010 Land Management Review Team Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Land Acquisition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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

Agenda Item No. 31 – R. O. Ranch Activity Report. The R. O. Ranch Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Agenda Item No. 32 - 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. 33 - Executive Director's Report.  
None.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Mr. Still announced several meetings and conferences that are scheduled over the next several months to the board.

Ms. Renate Cannon requested that the Governing Board consider changing the order of the 1<sup>st</sup> agenda item from Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation to Call to Order, Invocation and then Pledge of Allegiance.

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The board directed staff to make the requested change to future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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12:09 p.m., Tuesday  
August 10, 2010

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman  
David Flagg, Vice Chairman  
Donald Ray Curtis, III  
Alphonas Alexander  
Dr. Linden Davidson  
Carl Meece  
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Jay Fraleigh  
Heath Davis

Staff:

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| David Still    | Tom Brown, Legal Counsel |
| Charlie Houser | Joe Flanagan             |
| Jon Dinges     | Melanie Roberts          |
| Steve Minnis   | Megan Wetherington       |
| Lisa Cheshire  | Cindy Johnson            |
| Vanessa Fultz  | Tim Sagul                |

Participating Guests:

Barney and Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL  
Laura Donaldson, Manson Law Group, Tampa, FL  
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, High Springs, FL

Charlie Houser, Assistant Executive Director, presented a Communications Preference questionnaire to the Governing Board members to complete that staff will use to determine the most efficient and effective process in which to provide information to the Board members.

Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director, presented and discussed a draft list of 2011 Legislative priorities:

- Obtain state-wide recognition for established MFLs
- Support full funding to Water Management Lands Trust Fund
- Modify legislation to allow the Water Protection and Sustainability Trust Fund to pay for programs/initiatives besides alternative water supply
- Support legislation that allows District participation in the state health care system
- Educate new legislative members about the priorities of SRWMD
- Obtain governing board Appointments early

The importance of the Board member's attendance, if possible, at the local delegation meetings and when the Payment in Lieu of Taxes checks were presented to the counties was discussed.

Tim Sagul, Senior Professional Engineer in the Water Supply and Resource Management Department, presented an overview of Chapter 373.129 Maintenance of Actions that provides the statutory authority for the Governing Board to enforce District rules, regulations and orders and to assess penalties for violations. He presented a review of the history and current Governing Board policy and procedures in place for complaints, compliance, and enforcement.

Mr. Sagul then presented the proposed changes to the process that included recouping staff costs, including mileage, and legal fees. It also included any work of the District permits that result in correction of a problem and no after-the fact permit will not have a penalty assessed and not allowing the violator to have contact with the staff when the file has been turned over to legal counsel, unless authorized by counsel.

The Governing Board instructed staff to update the current policy by incorporating the new processes discussed and bring back to the board for approval at a regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.

Chairman Quincey requested that each member of the Governing Board give a statement on where they stand regarding the raising of advallorum taxes. After the statements were given, discussion occurred and direction was given to staff that the MFL program was a priority and instructed a revision of the budget in order to provide any funding possible, even if it meant that less critical programs have to be cut and that advalorem would only be raised as a last effort if absolutely necessary.

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Workshop adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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1:16 p.m., Monday  
August 30, 2010

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman  
Al Alexander

Members of the Governing Board Present by Telephone:

David Flagg, Vice Chairman  
Carl Meece, Secretary/Treasurer  
Heath Davis  
Ray Curtis  
Dr. Linden Davidson  
Guy Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Jay Fraleigh

Staff:

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| David Still    | Tom Brown, Legal Counsel (by telephone) |
| Charlie Houder | Steve Minnis                            |
| Joe Flanagan   | Melanie Roberts                         |
| Lisa Cheshire  | Jon Dinges                              |
| Vanessa Fultz  | Cindy Johnson                           |
| Vern Roberts   | Leah Lamontagne                         |

Participating Guests:

Greg Brock, DEP, Tallahassee, FL  
Kevin Morgan, Florida Farm Bureau

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.  
None.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MR. FLAGG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE AUGUST 30, 2010 AGENDA.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Millage Rate

Don Quincey updated the members on his and David Still's meeting at the Governor's office regarding funding for MFL's and the Millage Rate Increase proposal. He reported that the Governor's office was in support of the use of funds from the Water Management Lands Trust fund for one year for the establishment of MFL's and discussed the Governor's office's request that the District also make the commitment to cut back the District's operating budget in order to also provide a portion of the funds needed to continue the mandated MFL program. He requested that staff prepare a news release announcement informing the public that because of this funding being provided and the District implementing some budget cuts that there should not be any need to raise taxes this fiscal year. A formal recommendation regarding this issue will be brought to the Governing Board meeting on September 14, 2010 for approval.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Health Insurance

David Still, Executive Director, discussed the current employee's health care provider's notice of a sizable rate increase and discussed the processes that staff have been going through with the insurance company in trying to negotiate a reasonable and equitable increase percentage.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Public Comment

Kevin Morgan, Florida Farm Bureau, thanked the board for their diligence in working to find alternative funding for the MFL program other than raising the tax base.

Carl Meece, Governing Board member and Surplus Lands Committee Chairman, gave an update on recent activities.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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