

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
December 14, 2010

R.O. Ranch
Mayo, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
Carl Meece, Secretary/Treasurer
Alphonas Alexander
Donald Ray Curtis, III
Dr. Linden Davidson
Heath Davis
Jay Fraleigh

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

David Flagg, Vice Chairman
Guy N. Williams

Staff:

David Still	Bill Haley, Legal Counsel
Charlie Houder	Melanie Roberts
Jon Dinges	Joe Flanagan
Steve Minnis	Megan Wetherington
Lisa Cheshire	Vanessa Fultz
Pennie Flickinger	Brian Kauffman
Terry Demott	Louis Mantini

Participating Guests:

Georgia Ackerman, Friends of the Wacissa, Tallahassee, FL
Michael Bray, de la Parte & Gilbert, P.A., Tampa, FL
Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL
Lafayette County Commissioner Jack Byrd, Mayo, FL
Lafayette County Commissioner Gail Garrard, Mayo, FL
Lafayette County Commissioner Lance Lamb, Mayo, FL
Donnie Land, Lafayette County Emergency Management, Mayo, FL

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Jefferson County Commissioner Danny Monroe, Monticello, FL
Athena Mann, JEA, Jacksonville, FL
Scott Kelly, JEA, Jacksonville, FL
Merrilee Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Ft. White, FL
Alton Scott, Lafayette County Emergency Management, Mayo, FL

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

Pastor Chip Parker gave the invocation and Carl Meece 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 Department:

Addition: Request for Qualifications for Upper Floridan Aquifer Regional Recharge Concepts

Deletion: Agenda Item 16 - North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Proposed Policy Regarding "Inter-basin" Transfers of Water

Agenda Item No. 4 – Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE DECEMBER 14, 2010, AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Consent Agenda.

- Page 5 - Approval of November 9, 2010 Meeting and Workshop Minutes and November 10, 2010 Workshop Minutes.
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of October Financial Report
- Agenda Item 13 - Authorization to Publish Notice of Change and File Amendments to 40B-1.706, F.A.C.
- Agenda Item 26 - Resolution 2010-22 Requesting Reimbursement for Preacquisition and Management Costs for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Recommended Consent Items.

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

Agenda Item No. 7 – Approval of Minutes.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 9 AND 10 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Mr. Meece introduced and thanked the Lafayette County and Town of Mayo officials that were in attendance for the meeting.
- B. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of October Financial Report. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 - 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. 11 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to Administer Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment and Planning) for Fiscal Year 2010. Jon Dinges, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with FEMA to receive \$1,412,500 to implement FEMA's Risk MAP program throughout the District for Fiscal Year 2010, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FEMA TO RECEIVE \$1,412,500 TO IMPLEMENT FEMA'S RISK MAP PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Extend Contracts with Selected Firms for Implementation of the FEMA Risk MAP Program within the Mapping Activity Statement (MAS). Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to extend contracts with the firms previously selected for implementation of the FEMA Risk MAP project for activities within FEMA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 MAS, not to exceed \$1,112,500, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACTS WITH THE FIRMS PREVIOUSLY SELECTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEMA RISK MAP PROJECT FOR ACTIVITIES WITHIN FEMA'S FY 2010 MAS, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,112,500.

Agenda Item 13 – Authorization to Publish Notice of Change and File Amendments to Section 40B-1.706, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item 14 – Declaration of a Phase I Water Shortage Advisory. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board declaration of a Phase 1 Water Shortage Advisory in accordance with 40B-21, F.A.C., effective for all counties in the District, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD DECLARED A PHASE 1 WATER SHORTAGE ADVISORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 40B-21, F.A.C., EFFECTIVE FOR ALL COUNTIES IN THE DISTRICT.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of the 2010 Water Supply Assessment and Delineation of Water Supply Planning Regions. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board acceptance of the 2010 Water Supply Assessment declaring water supply planning regions within the Upper Santa Fe River Basin, the Lower Santa Fe River Basin, the Upper Suwannee River Basin, and the Alapaha River Basin, as shown in the Board materials

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD ACCEPTED THE 2010 WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT DECLARING WATER SUPPLY REGIONS WITHIN THE UPPER SANTA FE RIVER BASIN, THE LOWER SANTA FE RIVER BASIN, THE UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER BASIN, AND THE ALAPAHA RIVER BASIN.

Agenda Item No. 16 – North Central Florida Regional Planning Council’s Proposed Policy Regarding “Inter-Basin” Transfers of Water. Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Enter a Contract with J. Sherman Frier & Associates, Inc.. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with J. Sherman Frier & Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to provide technical support in the development of minimum flows and levels (MFLs), as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J. SHERMAN FRIER & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MFLS.

Supplemental Agenda Item – Request for Qualifications for Upper Floridan Aquifer Regional Recharge Concepts. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for publication of a request for qualifications for upper Floridan aquifer regional recharge concepts, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR UPPER FLORIDAN AQUIFER REGIONAL RECHARGE CONCEPTS.

Agenda Item No. 18 - 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. 19 - 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.

Mr. Red Cherry addressed the Governing Board to thank them for building the river camps.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 20 – Resolution 2010-23 Authorizing the Conveyance of 741 Acres +/- in the District's Sandlin Bay Tract, Columbia County, Florida, to the United States Government, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Joe Flanagan, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution 2010-23 and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute closing documents for the conveyance of 741 ± in the District's Sandlin Bay Tract, Columbia County, Florida, to the United States Government, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION 2010-23 AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE CLOSING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF 741 ± IN THE DISTRICT'S SANDLIN BAY TRACT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL FORESTS IN FLORIDA.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Removal of the 47 Runs Parcel from the District List of Surplus Lands. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to remove the 15-acre 47 Runs parcel located in Levy County from the District list of surplus lands, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF THE 15-ACRE 47 RUNS PARCEL LOCATED IN LEVY COUNTY FROM THE DISTRICT LIST OF SURPLUS LANDS.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Resolution 2010-24 Regarding the Use of Proceeds from Surplus Land Sales. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution 2010-24 stating the exclusive use of the proceeds from surplus land sales for purchase of lands with higher water resource value, as shown in the Board materials

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND MR. DAVIS VOTING AGAINST, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION 2010-24 STATING THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM SURPLUS LAND SALES FOR PURCHASE OF LANDS WITH HIGHER WATER RESOURCE VALUE.

Agenda Item No. 23 – License to Cut Timber with Greenville Timber Company for Owens spring Timber Sale #1. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Greenville Timber Corporation for the Owens Springs #1 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER WITH GREENVILLE TIMBER CORPORATION FOR THE OWENS SPRINGS #1 TIMBER SALE.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Contracts for Fiscal Year 2012 Seedling Production. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Meek's Farm and Nursery, Inc., for containerized longleaf pine seedlings for a cost not to exceed \$14,000 and with Dwight Stansel d/b/a Dwight Stansel Farm and Nursery, Inc., for bare root longleaf and slash pine seedlings for a cost not to exceed \$67,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEEK'S FARM AND NURSERY, INC., FOR CONTAINERIZED LONGLEAF PINE SEEDLINGS FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000 AND WITH DWIGHT STANSEL D/B/A DWIGHT STANSEL FARM AND NURSERY, INC., FOR BARE ROOT LONGLEAF AND SLASH PINE SEEDLINGS FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$67,000.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contract with Lundy's Septic, Inc., for the R. O. Ranch Bathhouse and Campground Septic System. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Lundy's Septic, Inc., in the amount of \$51,000 for septic system services, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LUNDY'S SEPTIC, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000 FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM SERVICES.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Resolution 2010-22 Requesting Reimbursement for Preacquisition and Management Costs for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Land Acquisition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Discussion occurred regarding the status of the Andrews property.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Land Management Activity Report. The Land Management Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – 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. 30 - Enforcement Status and Litigation Report. The Enforcement Status and Litigation Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Chairman Quincey appointed a committee of Board members to meet and discuss implementing changes to current legal counsel procedures and policy. The committee appointed consists of Mr. Alexander, Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Fraleigh with Mr. Quincey as chair.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 31 - Executive Director's Report. Implementing a notification process by District staff to the commissioners on land transactions was discussed. Mr. Still reflected on the challenges and decisions made over the last year and discussed issues that will be forthcoming to the Board for consideration and resolution during the New Year.

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Agenda Item No. 32 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:
