

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
January 11, 2011

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
David Flagg, Vice Chairman
Carl Meece, Secretary/Treasurer
Alphonas Alexander
Dr. Linden Davidson
Jay Fraleigh

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Donald Ray Curtis, III
Heath Davis
Guy N. Williams

Staff:

David Still	Bill Haley, Legal Counsel
Charlie Houder	Melanie Roberts
Jon Dinges	Joe Flanagan
Lisa Cheshire	Glenn Horvath
Megan Wetherington	Vanessa Fultz
Terry Demott	Lloyd Baldwin
Edwin McCook	

Participating Guests:

Angie Bush, Town of Cross City, Cross City, FL
Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland, FL
Barney and Renate Cannon, Chiefland, FL
Bob Barnas, High Springs, FL
Bob Hallman, High Springs, FL
David Pharr, Canoe Outpost, Live Oak, FL
Debbie Pharr, Canoe Outpost, Live Oak, FL

Donnie Rou, High Springs FL
Fritzi Olson, Current Problems, Waldo, FL
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County Commission Mayo, FL
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua, FL
Gene Higginbotham, Dixie County BOCC, Old Town, FL
Georgia Ackerman, Friends of the Wacissa, Tallahassee, FL
Jeff Hill, Lake City, FL
Jeff Swan, FWC, Lake City, FL
John Kasbohm, USFWC, Chiefland, FL
Merrilee Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Ft. White, FL
Mike Cassidy, Dixie County BOCC Cross City, FL
Red Cherry, Friends of the Wacissa, Tallahassee, FL
Robin Rush, High Springs, FL
Steve Dopp, NCFRPC Gainesville, FL
Timothy Alexander, Dixie County Emergency Services, Cross City, FL
Charlotte Lord, Dixie County Schools
Mark Rains, Dixie County School Board, Old Town, FL

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

Glenn Horvath, Technical Program Manager, gave the invocation and Chairman Quincey 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 Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 07-0288M, Josephine Recreational Project, Columbia County and Direct Legal Counsel to Pursue Resolution

Executive Office

Change:

- Updated Agenda Item 29 - Agreement for the Management and Operations of the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park
- Updated Agenda Item 30 – Governing Board Counsel

Agenda Item No. 4 – Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE JANUARY 11, 2011, AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Consent Agenda.

- Page 5 - Approval of December 14, 2010 Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of November Financial Report
- Agenda Item 12 – North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Proposed Policy Regarding “Inter-basin” Transfers of Water
- Agenda Item 13 – Rulemaking Efforts for 40B-4.1020 and 40B-4.3030, F.A.C.
- Agenda Item 14 – Rulemaking Efforts for 40B-400.091 and 40B-400.103, F.A.C.

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

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

Agenda Item No. 7 – Approval of Minutes. Approved on consent.

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

- A. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Resolution 2011-03 Commending Current Problems, Inc., for the Great Suwannee River Cleanup.

Charlie Houser, Assistant Executive Director, read into record Resolution 2011-03 commending Current Problems, Inc., for the Great Suwannee River Cleanup and requested Governing Board approval and execution of said resolution.

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

EXECUTED RESOLUTION 2011-03 COMMENDING CURRENT PROBLEMS, INC., FOR THE GREAT SUWANNEE RIVER CLEANUP.

Chairman Quincey welcomed the public constituents that were in attendance at the meeting.

C. Donnie Rou, Robin Rush, and Bob Barns, of High Springs, Florida, discussed concerns with the expansion of the water sewage processing plant and reported concern of environmental impacts the current spray field may be having due to sinkholes appearing on the property.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Storage Area Network Upgrade. Melanie Roberts, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to upgrade the District's Storage Area Network (SAN) for a state contract price not to exceed \$65,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED STAFF TO UPGRADE THE DISTRICT'S SAN FOR A STATE CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.

Agenda Item No. 11 - 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. 12 – North Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Proposed Policy Regarding "Inter-basin" Transfers of Water. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Rulemaking Efforts for 40B-4.1020 and 40B-4.3030, F.A.C.. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item 14 – Rulemaking Efforts for 40B-400.091 and 40B-400.103, F.A.C..
Approved on consent.

Agenda Item 15 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 07-0288M, Josephine Recreational Project, Columbia County and Direct Legal Counsel to Pursue Resolution. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 18 – Resolution 2011-01 Authorizing Conveyance of the Cross City Sprayfield Property. Joe Flanagan, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution 2011-01 declaring 443 acres \pm in Dixie County no longer needed for District purposes and authorizing the conveyance of the property to the Town of Cross City, Dixie County Board of Commissioners, and the School Board of Dixie County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION 2011-01 DECLARING 443 ACRES \pm IN DIXIE COUNTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZED THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY, DIXIE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIXIE COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Resolution 2011-02 Authorizing Acquisition of the Robert Shaw/Santa Fe Swamp Addition, 60.11 Acres +/-, Alachua and Bradford Counties with Preservation 2000 Resale Funds. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution 2011-02 authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an Option to Purchase the Robert

Shaw parcel and requesting approval to use Preservation 2000 resale funds for acquisition of said property, as shown in the Board materials.

There were no public comments.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED RESOLUTION 2011-02 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO PURCHASE THE ROBERT SHAW PARCEL AND APPROVED USE OF PRESERVATION 2000 RESALE FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF SAID PROPERTY.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Detailed Assessment of the Slezak Trust / Holton Creek Inholding Parcel 30 Acres +/- in Hamilton County. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to commence detailed assessment and negotiations for the fee purchase of the 30-acre ± Slezak Trust/Holton Creek Inholding Parcel on the Suwannee River in Hamilton County, as shown in the Board materials

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED COMMENCEMENT OF DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FEE PURCHASE OF THE 30-ACRE ± SLEZAK TRUST/HOLTON CREEK INHOLDING PARCEL ON THE SUWANNEE RIVER IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Extension of Lease to Suwannee Water and Sewer District. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of an amendment to Contract 96/97-056 extending the expiration date of the lease to the Suwannee Water and Sewer District, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 96/97-056 EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LEASE TO THE SUWANNEE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Amendment to Contract 01/02-121 with Florida State University, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, for Rare Species and Natural Community Mapping. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for

Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Contract 01/02-121 with Florida State University for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for FY 2011, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 01/02-121 WITH FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FOR FY 2011.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Amendment to Contract 08/09-045 with The Forestry Company for Prescribed Fire Management Services and Wetland Roller Chopping. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Contract 08/09-045 with The Forestry Company, adding \$56,732 to conduct roller chopping, prescribed burning and fire-line installation activities on approximately 384 acres of the land addition in Mallory Swamp, as shown in the Board materials.

Mr. Alexander stated a possible conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 23. Mr. Alexander 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.

ON A MOTION BY MR. FLAGG, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, WITH MR. ALEXANDER ABSTAINING, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 08/09-045 WITH THE FORESTRY COMPANY, ADDING \$56,732 TO CONDUCT ROLLER CHOPPING, PRESCRIBED BURNING AND FIRE-LINE INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES ON APPROXIMATELY 384 ACRES OF THE LAND ADDITION IN MALLORY SWAMP.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Draft 2011 Florida Forever Work Plan. A public hearing was held and there were no public comments.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Land Acquisition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Land Management Activity Report. The Land Management Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 – 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. 28 - Enforcement Status and Litigation Report. The Enforcement Status and Litigation Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Jeff Hill, Lake City, Florida, gave an update on current legal proceedings regarding his property.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 29 – Agreement for the Management and Operations of the R.O. Ranch Equestrian Park. Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of the agreement for management and operations of the R. O. Ranch Equestrian Park, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED THE AGREEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE R. O. RANCH EQUESTRIAN PARK, SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD COUNSEL'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Governing Board Counsel. David Still, Executive Director, presented the Legal Services Committee recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to directly solicit and engage legal services necessary to conduct the day-to-day operations of the District subject to existing policies and procedures for contractual services and request staff to prepare and advertise a request for proposals for the position of Governing Board Counsel, 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 DIRECTLY SOLICIT AND ENGAGE LEGAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO CONDUCT THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE

DISTRICT SUBJECT TO EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AND REQUESTED STAFF TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE POSITION OF GOVERNING BOARD COUNSEL.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Executive Director's Report.
None.

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 11:30 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
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1:04 p.m., Tuesday
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Merrilee Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Ft. White, FL

Chairman Quincey gave a report on his meeting with Governor Scott.

Bob Heeke, Sr. Land Manager, gave a presentation on Land Management Statutory Guidance and discussed how the statutes impact and direct staff in the implementation of the District's Land Management programs including the Land Management plan.

Beau Willsey, Environmental Scientist, II, gave a presentation on current land management goals and desired future conditions for resource protection.

Discussion occurred regarding the balance of cost effectiveness and implementation of projects.

Darrell Smith, Suwannee River Partnership, gave an update on crop tools and cost share incentives for future partnership implementation.

Workshop adjourned at 2:08 p.m.