

Suwannee River Water Management District

Governing Board Materials

Executive Office

The following materials have been reviewed and approved for distribution to the Governing Board and the public.

Director of Governmental Affairs

Assistant Executive Director

Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Charlie Houser, Assistant Executive Director
DATE: August 25, 2011
RE: Authorization for Staff Legal Service Contracts for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to contract for staff legal services with the currently approved firms for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

BACKGROUND

The Governing Board authorized the Executive Director to execute agreements with the listed firms for staff legal services at its June 14, 2011 meeting. Since the District's relationship with several of these firms is just getting underway and there have been no developments that would warrant a change in direction, staff recommends that we continue to work with these firms in the upcoming fiscal year.

Below is the list of the firms for which the Governing Board approved execution of agreements at its June 14, 2011 meeting.

Firm	Lead Attorney	Location
Brannon Brown Haley & Bullock, P.A.	William J. Haley	Lake City
Bryant Miller Olive, P.A.	Christopher Roe	Tallahassee
The Chase Firm	Jennifer L. Winegardner	Tallahassee
Marcy I. LaHart	Marcy I. LaHart	Gainesville
Lindsey B. Lander	Lindsey B. Lander	Cross City
McGee & Mason, P.A.	Carole Joy Barice	Brooksville
Prevatt Law Firm, P.L.	James W. Prevatt, Jr.	Live Oak
Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A.	Bruce W. Robinson	Lake City
Springfield Law, P.A.	Jennifer B. Springfield	Gainesville

Funding for these agreements is included in the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. This recommendation is contingent upon final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: David Still, Executive Director
Charlie Houser, Asst. Executive Director
Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs Director

DATE: August 26, 2011

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

The following is a brief summary of activities during the past month by Chairman Don Quincey, David Still, Charlie Houser, and Steve Minnis.

Chairman Quincey:

- Participated in a meeting with Farm Bureau to discuss agricultural water use monitoring.

Chairman Quincey, David and Charlie:

- Participated in a budget workshop concerning Otter Springs with the Gilchrist County Commission.
- Coordinated and participated in a District river tour with Senate President Mike Haridopolos.

David and Charlie:

- Attended the Florida Environmental Permitting Short Course.
- Participated in the Surplus Lands Committee Meeting.

David:

- Participated in a discussion concerning Farm Bureau Agricultural Water Use.
- Attended the American Water Resources Association (AWRA) Annual Meeting.
- Met with University of Florida Extension Agents to discuss water issues, current programs, and cooperative projects.
- Attended the Suwannee River Partnership Leadership Team Meeting.
- Attended the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Press Conference on Water Management Districts' budgets.

Charlie:

- Participated in a teleconference with Tallahassee Legislative Staff on budget.

- Accompanied Member Meece to present the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) check to Suwannee County.
- Participated in a Conserved Forest Ecosystem Outreach and Research Cooperative outreach committee meeting.
- Participated in the R. O. Ranch monthly meeting.
- Participated in a conference call with the Society of American Foresters and the Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation concerning their Spring Symposium.

Steve:

- Met with representatives from Levy County regarding their WUP application.
- Provided a PILT check presentation to Bradford County Board of County Commissioners.
- Along with Member Alexander provided a PILT check presentation to Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.
- Along with Member Cole provided a PILT check presentation to Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.
- Met with Representative Porter to discuss water management issues in the District.
- Attended the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference in Orlando.
- Attended the Nature Coast Regional Water Authority Meeting.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: David Still, Executive Director
Charlie Houder, Assistant Executive Director
DATE: August 25, 2011
RE: Legal Services Report

The following information is being provided to you regarding cost of legal services paid for within the last thirty (30) days for services billed through mid July 2011.

Firm	Monthly Total (paid as of August 22, 2011)	Cumulative Total*
Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A.	\$0	\$15,753.53
Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.	\$0	\$4,000.00
Springfield Law, P.A.	\$1,705.25	\$16,229.47

Cumulative total is through August 22, 2011.

Firm: Springfield Law, P.A.
Amount Billed: \$548.14
Program: Environmental Resource Permitting
The work being performed by this firm is for enforcement regarding El Rancho No Tengo.

Firm: Springfield Law, P.A.
Amount Billed: \$868.11
Program: Environmental Resource Permitting
The work being performed by this firm is for enforcement regarding Callaway, Sampson Lake, Smithfield, and Haight-Ashbury.

Firm: Springfield Law, P.A.
Amount Billed: \$289.00
Program: Water Supply Planning
The work being performed by this firm is regarding St. Johns River Water Management District agreement.

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