

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

Note: A digital recording system has been used to record these proceedings and is on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the Governing Board materials and handouts are a part of the record as if set out in full herein, and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

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

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
Alphonas Alexander, Vice Chairman
Donald Ray Curtis, III, Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin W. Brown
George M. Cole, Ph.D.
Heath Davis
Carl Meece
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

None

Governing Board General Counsel Present:

George T. Reeves, Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.

Staff:

David Still	Melanie Roberts
Charlie Houder	Joe Flanagan
Jon Dinges	Steve Minnis
Linda Welch	Vanessa Fultz
Megan Wetherington	Patrick Webster
Bob Heeke	Dale Jenkins
Carlos Herd	Robin Lamm
Hugh Thomas	Vern Roberts
Tim Sagul	Terry Demott
Glenn Horvath	

Participating Guests:

Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
Jeffrey Hill, El Rancho No Tengo, Lake City
Laura Donaldson, Manson Law Group, Tampa
Commissioner Gary Hardacre, Alachua City Commission, Alachua
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe, Fort White
Staci Braswell, Florida Farm Bureau, Gainesville
Bob Moresi, Atkins, Tampa
Mike Micheau, Atkins, Tampa
Tom Farkas, Atkins, Tampa

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

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda.

Deferred:

- Agenda Item 11 – Approval and Execution of Resolution 2011-26 to Waive Fees Associated with Selected Public Records Requests

Agenda Item No. 4 – Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE OCTOBER 11, 2011, AGENDA.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of August Financial Report

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

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Approval of Minutes.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND FIRST PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 WORKSHOP AND FINAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES.

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

- A. Chairman Introductions – Mr. Quincey introduced Mr. Gary Hardacre, Alachua City Commission.
- B. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- C. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – None.
- D. Public Comment – None.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Budget Amendment to Reconcile Account Codes. Melanie Roberts, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization of the amendment of the FY 2010/2011 budget to reconcile overexpenditures and underexpenditures within specific Special Revenue Funds, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY DR. COLE, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2010/2011 BUDGET TO RECONCILE OVEREXPENDITURES AND UNDEREXPENDITURES WITHIN SPECIFIC SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval and Execution of Resolution 2011-26 to Waive Fees Associated with Selected Public Records Requests. This item was deferred to the November 9, 2011 Governing Board meeting.

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 – Procurement of Water Level Sensors from Federally Approved Vendors. Jon Dinges, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to purchase water level sensors from federally approved vendors under the U.S. General Services Administration for an amount not to exceed \$80,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE WATER LEVEL SENSORS FROM FEDERALLY APPROVED VENDORS UNDER THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization to Amend Contract Number 10/11-015 with INTERA, Inc., for Revision of the District’s North Florida Groundwater Flow Model. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to amend contract number 10/11-015 with INTERA, Inc., for an additional fee not to exceed \$38,400 to update the hydrostratigraphic conceptualization of the District’s North Florida groundwater flow model, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND CONTRACT NUMBER 10/11-015 WITH INTERA, INC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$38,400 TO UPDATE THE HYDROSTRATIGRAPHIC CONCEPTUALIZATION OF THE DISTRICT’S NORTH FLORIDA GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Declaration of Water Resource Caution Areas Including the Upper Santa Fe River Basin, Lower Santa Fe River Basin, Upper Suwannee River Region, and Alapaha River Basin. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization to designate the Upper Santa Fe River Basin, Lower Santa Fe River Basin, Upper Suwannee River Region, and the Alapaha River Basin as Water Resource Caution Areas pursuant to 62-40.520(2), Florida Administrative Code, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. CURTIS, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD STRUCK THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE MEMO, AND AUTHORIZED DESIGNATION OF THE UPPER SANTA FE RIVER BASIN, LOWER SANTA FE RIVER BASIN, UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER REGION, AND THE ALAPAHA RIVER BASIN AS WATER RESOURCE CAUTION AREAS PURSUANT TO 62-40.520(2), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Upper Floridan Aquifer Regional Recharge Concepts and Feasibility Study. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to seek partners to fund the Upper Floridan Aquifer Regional Recharge Concepts and Feasibility Study, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEEK PARTNERS TO FUND THE UPPER FLORIDAN AQUIFER REGIONAL RECHARGE CONCEPTS AND FEASIBILITY STUDY.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Alligator Creek Floodplain Restoration Project. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the FDOT to outline the responsibilities of each agency to provide wetland mitigation within the Alligator Creek Floodplain corridor for FDOT's Starke Bypass Project, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. CURTIS, SECONDED BY DR. COLE, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE,

AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FDOT TO OUTLINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH AGENCY TO PROVIDE WETLAND MITIGATION WITHIN THE ALLIGATOR CREEK FLOODPLAIN CORRIDOR FOR FDOT'S STARKE BYPASS PROJECT.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Starke for the Alligator Creek Floodplain Restoration Project. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Starke in order to outline duties and responsibilities for the Alligator Creek Floodplain Restoration Project, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF STARKE IN ORDER TO OUTLINE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ALLIGATOR CREEK FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION PROJECT.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Activity Reports. The Water Supply, Water Resource Monitoring, Environmental Resource Permitting, Suwannee River Partnership, and Enforcement and Compliance Activity Reports were provided as informational items in the Board materials.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 20 – Detailed Assessment of the Steffen/Alligator Creek 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 15-acre ± John, Debora and Maria Steffen parcel near Alligator Creek in Bradford County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY DR. COLE, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED COMMENCEMENT OF THE DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FEE

**PURCHASE OF THE 15-ACRE ± JOHN, DEBORA AND MARIA STEFFEN
PARCEL NEAR ALLIGATOR CREEK IN BRADFORD COUNTY.**

Agenda Item No. 21 – Conveyance of Lands to Local Governments. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution Numbers 2011-22, 2011-23, 2011-24, and 2011-25 declaring parcels in Alachua County, the City of Chiefland, the Town of Cross City, and Dixie County as surplus property, no longer needed for District purposes, and allowing the conveyance of the properties to Alachua County, the City of Chiefland, the Town of Cross City, and Suwannee Water & Sewer District at no charge, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 2011-22, 2011-23, 2011-24, AND 2011-25 DECLARING PARCELS IN ALACHUA COUNTY, THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND, THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY, AND DIXIE COUNTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR DISTRICT PURPOSES, AND ALLOWING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTIES TO ALACHUA COUNTY, THE CITY OF CHIEFLAND, THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY, AND SUWANNEE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT AT NO CHARGE.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Conveyance of Property to Gilchrist County. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution Number 2011-29, declaring surplus a 4.15-acre parcel of District property and as no longer needed for conservation purposes and allowing its conveyance to Gilchrist County at no charge, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. MEECE, SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-29, DECLARING SURPLUS A 4.15-ACRE PARCEL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY AND AS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND ALLOWING ITS CONVEYANCE TO GILCHRIST COUNTY AT NO CHARGE.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Quit Claim Deed to Re-Convey Property to Bradford County. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of a quit claim deed to Bradford County for property previously conveyed to the County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. MEECE, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO BRADFORD COUNTY FOR PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Amendment to Otter Springs Management Agreement with Gilchrist County. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of an amendment to the agreement with Gilchrist County for the management of Otter Springs, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED AND EXECUTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GILCHRIST COUNTY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF OTTER SPRINGS.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contract with B & B Sanitation for Portable Sanitation Services. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute a contract with B & B Sanitation Service for portable sanitation services on the northwest, southeast, and southwest regions for a total cost not to exceed \$18,500, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. DAVIS, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER, AND WITH MR. ALEXANDER, MR. BROWN, DR. COLE, MR. CURTIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. MEECE, AND MR. WILLIAMS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH B & B SANITATION SERVICE FOR PORTABLE SANITATION SERVICES ON THE NORTHWEST, SOUTHEAST, AND SOUTHWEST REGIONS FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$18,500.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Activity Reports. The Real Estate and Land Management Activity Reports were provided as informational items in the Board materials.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 27 – Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report.

Tom Reeves, Governing Board Counsel, discussed a meeting to occur between staff legal counsel and Mr. Reeves.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 - Executive Director's Report.

None.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 – Legal Services Report. The Legal Services Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Announcements. David Still discussed upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Note: Recordings have been used to record these proceedings and are on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the Governing Board materials and handouts are a part of the record as if set out in full herein, and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

11:58 a.m., Tuesday
October 11, 2011

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
Alphonas Alexander, Vice Chairman
Kevin W. Brown
George M. Cole, Ph.D.
Heath Davis
Carl Meece
Guy N. Williams

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Donald Ray Curtis, III, Secretary/Treasurer

Governing Board General Counsel Present:

George T. Reeves, Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.

Staff:

David Still	Melanie Roberts
Charlie Houser	Joe Flanagan
Jon Dinges	Steve Minnis
Linda Welch	Vanessa Fultz
Megan Wetherington	Patrick Webster
Bob Heeke	Dale Jenkins
Carlos Herd	Robin Lamm
Hugh Thomas	Vern Roberts
Tim Sagul	Terry Demott
Glenn Horvath	

Minutes of Governing Board Workshop
July 12, 2011
Page 2

Participating Guests:

Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
Laura Donaldson, Manson Law Group, Tampa
Staci Braswell, Florida Farm Bureau, Gainesville
Mace Bauer,

Jon Wood gave an overview of how to use the iPad.

Hugh Thomas gave a presentation on Crop Tools and Best Management Practices.

Megan Wetherington gave a presentation regarding Agricultural Water Use Monitoring.

Tom Reeves discussed additional options regarding obtaining appraisals for Surplus Lands.

Workshop adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
INTERMEDIATE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Note: A digital recording system has been used to record these proceedings and is on file in the permanent files of the District. A copy of the Governing Board materials and handouts are a part of the record as if set out in full herein, and are filed in the permanent files of the District.

10:00 a.m., Monday
October 24, 2011

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

Don Quincey, Jr., Chairman
Al Alexander, Vice Chairman
George M. Cole, Ph.D.
Heath Davis

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Ray Curtis, Secretary/Treasurer
Kevin W. Brown
Carl Meece
Guy Williams

Members of Staff Present:

David Still

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Executive Director Evaluation Committee. The Executive Director Evaluation Committee, consisting of Mr. Alexander, Dr. Cole, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Quincey, evaluated the role and position of Executive Director with David Still.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:
