

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: David Still, Executive Director

DATE: December 22, 2011

RE: Approval of a Work Order in the Matter of Jeffrey and Linda Hill v. Suwannee River Water Management District (District)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Governing Board approval of a work order for legal expenditures in the matter of Jeffrey and Linda Hill versus District for a total amount not to exceed \$13,500.

BACKGROUND

Staff initiated work to defend the District in this matter by issuing work order number 10/11-145.001 to Jennifer Springfield for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. The Governing Board authorized expenditures up to \$9,500 at the December 13, 2011, meeting. Ms. Springfield has completed all work under this work order.

Staff conferred with Governing Board Counsel about continuing the defense of this suit. Staff intends to assign future work relating to this matter to Mr. Lindsey Lander. Pending approval of this expenditure, staff will execute a new work order with Mr. Lander for \$4,000.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: December 22, 2011

RE: Activity Report, Executive Office

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

David, Charlie, and Steve:

- Participated in the bi-weekly call with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- Participated in the Gulf of Mexico Initiative Kick-off with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Suwannee River Partnership.

David:

- Along with Governing Board Chairman Don Quincey, participated in a meeting with DEP and the other Water Management Districts in Tallahassee.
- Participated in the Food and Resource Economics External Advisory Committee meeting at the University of Florida.
- Participated in the Florida Cattlemen's Association Water Policy Committee meeting in Gainesville with Chairman Quincey.
- Made a presentation to the Chiefland Rotary on water supply.
- Participated in an Agricultural Water Policy meeting with Farm Bureau in Gainesville.
- Participated in the Surplus Land Committee meeting.
- Met with Board attorney and staff attorneys Lindsey Lander and Bruce Robinson to discuss attorney procedures.

Charlie:

- Participated in the R. O. Ranch monthly meeting with Governing Board Member Ray Curtis presiding.
- Assisted staff in finalizing the Department of Environmental Protection's Metrics requirements for measuring performance.
- Participated in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation Advisory Board meeting in Gainesville.
- Attended a meeting in Cedar Key with Governing Board Member Heath Davis and Andrew Gude, the new manager of the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges.

Steve:

- Attended the Interim Legislative Committee Meeting for the week of December 5th.
- Participated in a meeting to discuss long term water use permits for alternative water supply projects.
- Attended the Legislative Delegation Meetings for the counties of Bradford and Union.
- Participated in the monthly Rural Economic Development Initiative Meeting.