

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 14, 2012

District Headquarters
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board:

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George M. Cole, Ph.D.		X	
Coastal River Basin	Donald Ray Curtis, III	Secretary/ Treasurer	X*	
Lower Suwannee River Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chairman	X	
Santa Fe & Waccasassa Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee River Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chairman	X	
At Large	Heath Davis		X	
At Large	Carl Meece		X	
At Large	Guy N. Williams		X	
At Large	VACANT			

*Mr. Curtis left during the discussion about Executive Director David Still for a pre-scheduled appointment.

Governing Board General Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

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*Staff:

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	David Still	X**	
Assistant Executive Director	Charlie Houder	X	
Governmental Affairs Director	Steve Minnis		X
Department Director, Mission Support	Melanie Roberts	X	
Department Director, Water Supply & Resource Management	Jon Dinges	X	
Senior Professional Engineer	Megan Wetherington	X	
GB Coordinator – Paralegal	Linda Welch	X	

*There were no SRWMD staff (including the Executive Director) present during the discussion about Executive Director David Still.

**David Still arrived during Agenda Item 34.

Guests:

- Tim Sagul, SRWMD
- Kevin Wright, SRWMD
- Hugh Thomas, SRWMD
- Vanessa Fultz, SRWMD
- Carlos Herd, SRWMD
- Terry Demott, SRWMD
- Brian Kauffman, SRWMD
- Bob Heeke, SRWMD
- Patrick Webster, SRWMD
- John Good, SRWMD
- Cindy Johnson, SRWMD
- Dan Buchanan, Florida Farm Bureau, Pinetta
- Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau, Lake City
- Kyle Edington, USF Senate Intern
- Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
- Commissioner Gary Hardacre, Alachua City Commission, Alachua
- Commissioner Philip Oxendine, Suwannee County Commission, Live Oak
- Commissioner Rusty DePratter, Columbia County Commission, Lake City
- Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
- Jeffrey Hill, El Rancho No Tengo, Lake City
- Craig Varn, Manson Law Group, Tampa
- Warren Zwanka, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White

Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland
Bobbie Tomlinson, Friends of Suwannee Springs, Jennings
Lori Harper, Friends of Suwannee Springs, Live Oak
George Townsend, Friends of Suwannee Springs, Live Oak
Paul Still, Bradford Soil & Water Conservation District, Starke
Jim Lloyd, Branford
Steve Gladin, Trenton
Lee Chauncey

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

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda.

Water Supply and Resource Management

Addition:

- Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties

Agenda Item No. 5 – Approval of Agenda.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 5 – Consent Agenda.

- Agenda Item 10 - Approval of the November Financial Report

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

Agenda Item No. 7 and 8– Approval of Recommended Consent Items and January 10, 2012 Governing Board Meeting Minutes.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AND THE JANUARY 10, 2012 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. THE

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 9 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Chairman Introductions
- B. Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- C. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
- D. Public Comment
 - 1. Ms. Bobbie Tomlinson from Friends of Suwannee Springs (FOSS) addressed the Governing Board regarding Suwannee Springs and a proposed agreement between the District and FOSS.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSION SUPPORT

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of December Financial Report. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Consideration of Resolution No. 2012-04 Requesting Classification of the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 Reserves as Committed Funds. Melanie Roberts, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board consideration of Resolution No. 2012-04 requesting classification of the preliminary Fiscal Year 2013 reserves as committed funds, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE RESOLUTION 2012-02 CLASSIFYING THE PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2013 RESERVES AS COMMITTED FUNDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 12 – Resolution 2012-03, Authorizing Approval and Execution of Resolution 2012-03 Authorizing the Sale of the Withlacoochee Quail Farm Surplus Land Parcel to James D. Kauffman. Terry Demott, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of Resolution 2012-03 authorizing approval and execution of Resolution 2012-03, authorizing the

sale of the Withlacoochee Quail Farm surplus land parcel to James D. Kauffman, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE RESOLUTION 2012-03 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE WITHLACOOCHEE QUAIL FARM SURPLUS LAND PARCEL TO JAMES D. KAUFFMAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – Management Agreement with the Madison County Board of County Commissioners for the Mill Creek North Boat Ramp. Mr. Demott presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board approval and execution of a management agreement with the Madison County Board of County Commissioners to allow road and boat ramp improvements on the District's Mill Creek North tract, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOW ROAD AND BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS ON THE DISTRICT'S MILL CREEK NORTH TRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO INSERT AN INDEMNITY CLAUSE INTO THE AGREEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, BOTH MOTIONS CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 14 – 2012 Florida Forever Work Plan and 2012 – 2021 Strategic Plan. Melanie Roberts presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board acceptance of the 2012 Florida Forever Work Plan and the 2012-2021 Strategic Plan, as shown in the Board materials.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2012 FLORIDA FOREVER WORK PLAN AND THE 2012-2021 STRATEGIC PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 15 – Activity Report, Mission Support. The Activity Report for the Department of Mission Support was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Activity Report, Real Estate. The Activity Report for Real Estate was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of Ranking of Surveying Firms and Execution of Contract for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels on the Upper Suwannee River. Carlos Herd, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the ranking of surveying firms listed and authorize the Executive Director to enter into competitive negotiations in order of ranking in accordance with section 287.055, Florida Statutes, to execute a contract for surveying for the Upper Suwannee River for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RANKING OF SURVEYING FIRMS LISTED AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER OF RANKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 287.055, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SURVEYING FOR THE UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of Scope of Work and Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the University of Florida. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Contract with Chaples Tractor and Agricultural Services, Inc., for Landscape Recreation Maintenance Services for Northeast - Region 1. Robert G. Heeke, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the rankings developed by the Selection Committee as shown below and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Chaples Tractor and Agricultural Services, Inc. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, staff recommends authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the firms in order of ranking. The cost of these services for Region 1 will not exceed \$48,900 in fiscal year 2012, as shown in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 - Contract with Keen Forest Management, Inc., for Landscape Recreation Maintenance Services for Northwest – Region 2. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the rankings developed by the Selection Committee as shown below and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Keen Forest Management, Inc., as shown in the Board materials. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, staff recommends authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the firms in order of ranking. The cost of these services for Region 2 will not exceed \$20,300 in fiscal year 2012.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., for Landscape Recreation Maintenance Services for Southeast Region – 3. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the rankings developed by the Selection Committee as shown below and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Suwannee Lawn & Garden, Inc., as shown in the Board materials. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, staff recommends authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the firms in order of ranking. The cost of these services for Region 3 will not exceed \$21,500 in fiscal year 2012.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract with Keen Forest Management, Inc., for Landscape Recreation Maintenance Services for Southwest – Region 4. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board approve the rankings developed by the Selection Committee as shown below and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Keen Forest Management, Inc., as shown in the Board materials. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, staff recommends authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the firms in order of ranking. The cost of these services for Region 4 will not exceed \$21,900 in fiscal year 2012.

MR. DAVIS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 19 THROUGH 22 ABOVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MEECE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 23 – License to Cut Timber with Suwannee Lumber Company, Inc., for the Black Tract #3 Timber Sale. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Suwannee Lumber Company, Inc., for the Black Tract #3 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

Mr. Curtis stated a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 23 – recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Suwannee Lumber Company, Inc., for the Black Tract #3 Timber Sale, and Mr. Curtis signed a conflict of interest form. This form is hereby made a part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent files of the District.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE TO CUT TIMBER WITH SUWANNEE LUMBER COMPANY, INC., FOR THE BLACK TRACT #3 TIMBER SALE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS. MEMBERS NOT VOTING: CURTIS.)

Agenda Item No. 24 – License to Cut Timber with Williams Timber, Inc., for the Goose Pasture #1 Timber Sale. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Williams Timber, Inc., for the Goose Pasture #1 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 – License to Cut Timber with Greenville Timber Corporation for the Jerry Branch #1 Timber Sale. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Greenville Timber Corporation for the Jerry Branch #1 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – License to Cut Timber with Greenville Timber Corporation for the Steinhatchee Springs #9 Timber Sale. Mr. Heeke presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a license to cut timber with Greenville Timber Corporation for the Steinhatchee Springs #9 Timber Sale, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE A MADE MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 24, 25, AND 26 ABOVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 27 – Adoption of Governing Board Directive Number GBD12-0001 Regarding Assisting Agricultural Water Users with Water Use Monitoring and Initiation of Rule Development to Require Automated Monitoring and Telemetry of Water Use Data. Tim Sagul, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board adopt directive number GBD12-0001 regarding assisting agricultural water users with water use monitoring and authorize staff to initiate rule development to require automated monitoring and telemetry of water use data from wells with an inside diameter greater than six inches and on surfacewater withdrawals greater than 0.5 million gallons per day (MGD), as shown in the Board materials.

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk, addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT DIRECTIVE NUMBER GBD12-0001 REGARDING ASSISTING AGRICULTURAL WATER USERS WITH WATER USE MONITORING AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO INITIATE RULE DEVELOPMENT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATED MONITORING AND TELEMTRY OF WATER USE DATA FROM WELLS WITH AN INSIDE DIAMETER GREATER THAN SIX INCHES AND ON SURFACEWATER WITHDRAWALS GREATER THAN 0.5 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO DELETE FROM THE ORIGINAL MOTION THE ADOPTION OF DIRECTIVE NUMBER GBD12-0001. THE MOTION TO AMEND WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS. MEMBERS VOTING AGAINST: CURTIS.)

UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, DAVIS, MEECE, AND QUINCEY. MEMBERS VOTING AGAINST: CURTIS AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 28 – Denial of General Works of the District Permit Application Number 07-0542M, Jerry Barnes District Floodway Project Modification, Lafayette County. Mr. Sagul presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize denial, without prejudice, of General Works of the District Permit application number 07-0542M, to Jerry Barnes, for Jerry Barnes District Floodway Project Modification, Lafayette County, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE DENIAL, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, OF GENERAL WORKS OF THE DISTRICT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 07-0542M, TO JERRY BARNES, FOR JERRY BARNES DISTRICT FLOODWAY PROJECT MODIFICATION, LAFAYETTE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 29 – Denial of General Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 10-0212, Tri-County Hospital – Chiefland, Levy County. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2012-2016. Approved on consent.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00040, Loncala Dairies, Gilchrist County. Mr. Sagul presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-11-00040 until March 15, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and eight special limiting conditions to Alliance Grazing Group in Gilchrist County, as shown in the Board materials.

Mr. Paul Still addressed the Governing Board regarding this agenda item, specifically requesting denial of this temporary water use. Mr. Steve Gladin also addressed the Governing Board regarding this agenda item.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00040 UNTIL MARCH 14, 2012, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND EIGHT SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS TO ALLIANCE GRAZING GROUP IN GILCHRIST COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 32 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-11-00041, Piedmont Farms, Inc., Gilchrist County. Mr. Sagul presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-11-00041 until March 15, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions to Piedmont Dairy, Inc., in Gilchrist County, as shown in the Board materials.

Mr. Paul Still addressed the Governing Board regarding this agenda item, specifically requesting denial of this temporary water use.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00040 UNTIL MARCH 14, 2012, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SEVEN SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS TO PIEDMONT DAIRY, INC., IN GILCHRIST COUNTY. DR. COLE SECONDED THE MOTION. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 28 – Extension of Temporary Water Use Permit Number 2-97-00005M2, William Douberly Farm, Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Mr. Sagul presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board extend Temporary Water Use Permit number 2-97-00005M2 until March 15, 2012, with seventeen standard conditions and seven special limiting conditions to William Douberly Farm, in Gilchrist and Levy Counties, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00040 UNTIL MARCH 14, 2012, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND EIGHT SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS TO WILLIAM DOUBERLY FARM IN GILCHRIST AND LEVY COUNTIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION FOR STAFF ON FUTURE AGENDAS TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 31 – EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00040, LONCALA DAIRIES, GILCHRIST COUNTY; 32 – EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-11-00041, PIEDMONT FARMS, INC., GILCHRIST COUNTY; AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM – EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 2-97-00005M2, WILLIAM DOUBERLY FARM, GILCHRIST AND LEVY COUNTIES, ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 31 - Activity Reports. The Water Supply, Water Resource Monitoring, Regulatory, Suwannee River Partnership, Compliance Report, and Land Management Activity Reports were provided as informational items in the Board materials.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 34 – Discussion of District’s Possible Withdrawal from the Case Regarding *Florida Wildlife Federation et al. v. Lisa P. Jackson et al* (Consolidated Case No. 4:08cv324-RH/WCS), where the District is an Amicus Curiae. George “Tom” Reeves discussed the District’s possible withdrawal from the case regarding *Florida Wildlife Federation et al. v. Lisa P. Jackson et al.* (Consolidated Case No. 4:08cv324-RH/WCS), where the District is an amicus curiae.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE REGARDING *FLORIDA WILDLIFE FEDERATION ET AL. V. LISA P. JACKSON ET AL* (CONSOLIDATED CASE NO. 4:08CV324-RH/WCS), WHERE THE DISTRICT IS AN AMICUS CURIAE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 35 – Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report. The Governing Board Counsel Monthly Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 36 – Reappointment of Coleen Agner to the R.O. Ranch Board of Directors. Mr. Charlie Houder presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board reappoint Coleen Agner to serve a four-year term on the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors ending in February 2016, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COLEEN AGNER TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE R. O. RANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDING IN FEBRUARY 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 37. - Appointment of Lyndal Odom to the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors. Mr. Houder presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board appoint Lyndal Odom to serve a four-year term on the R. O. Ranch Board of Directors ending in February 2016, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT LYNDAL ODOM TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE R. O. RANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDING IN FEBRUARY 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 38 - Executive Director's Report.
None.

Agenda Item No. 39 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Mr. Barney Cannon addressed the Governing Board regarding reclaimed water legislation.

Mrs. Renate Cannon addressed the Governing Board regarding various issues.

Ms. Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson addressed the Governing Board regarding suggestions relating to Agenda Item No. 18.

At the request of Chairman Quincey, the workshop commenced in the Suwannee Room with no SRWMD staff present to discuss the evaluation of Executive Director David Still.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN DAVID STILL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION FAILED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER AND MEECE. MEMBERS VOTING AGAINST: BROWN, COLE, DAVIS, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

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- Patrick Webster, SRWMD
- John Good, SRWMD
- Cindy Johnson, SRWMD
- Robbie McKinney, SRWMD
- Clay Coarsey, SRWMD
- Megan Wetherington, SRWMD
- Bill Spencer, SRWMD
- Daniel Simpson, SRWMD
- Renate and Barney Cannon, Chiefland
- Craig Varn, Manson Law Group, Tampa
- Warren Zwanka, St. Johns River Water Management District, Palatka
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White
- Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland
- Paul Still, Bradford Soil & Water Conservation District, Starke
- Mark Zivonovich, HydroMentia, Longwood
- Mark Sawyer, HydroMentia, Longwood
- Misty Ward, Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak

Mr. Mark Zivonovich, HydroMentia, addressed the Governing Board and gave a presentation about the history of the relationship between HydroMentia and the District.

John Good gave a presentation regarding minimum flows and levels.

Megan Wetherington gave a presentation regarding water shortage issues.

Mr. Meece discussed the Surplus Lands Committee with the Governing Board. The possibility of land exchanges was discussed with the Board by Terry Demott.

David Still led a general discussion with the Governing Board. Staffing concerns were specifically discussed.

The workshop adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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MINUTES OF
INTERMEDIATE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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1:00 p.m., Monday
February 27, 2012

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George M. Cole, Ph.D.		X*	
Coastal River Basin	Donald Ray Curtis, III	Secretary/ Treasurer	X*	
Lower Suwannee River Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chairman	X	
Santa Fe & Waccasassa Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X*	
Upper Suwannee River Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chairman		X
At Large	Heath Davis		X*	
At Large	Carl Meece		X	
At Large	Guy N. Williams		X	
At Large	VACANT			

*Present by telephone.

Governing Board General Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Staff:

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	David Still	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Charlie Houder	X	
Governmental Affairs Director	Steve Minnis		X
Department Director, Mission Support	Melanie Roberts	X	
Department Director, Water Supply & Resource Management	Jon Dinges	X	
GB Coordinator – Paralegal	Linda Welch	X	

Guests:

Vanessa Fultz, SRWMD
Cindy Johnson, SRWMD
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, Fort White
Georgia Ackerman, Friends of the Wacissa, Tallahassee
Rick Peffen, Friends of the Wacissa, Tallahassee
Thomas and Jessie Skierski, Live Oak
George Reynolds, Branford

Roll was called and the meeting was called to order and a quorum was noted at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of Agenda.

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 4 – Approval of Amendment to the SRWMD/SJRWMD/DEP Interagency Agreement. Jon Dinges, Department Director, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the first amendment to the interagency agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 5 – Contract with AMEC for Upper Suwannee River Minimum Flows and Levels Surveying. Brian Kauffman, Program Leader, presented the staff recommendation that the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with AMEC for Upper Suwannee River minimum flows and levels surveying, as shown in the Board materials.

MR. MEECE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AMEC FOR UPPER SUWANNEE RIVER MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS SURVEYING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Charter. This item was presented as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Executive Director Transition.

THE CHAIR INFORMED THE BOARD THAT HE AND MR. STILL HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL, CONCERNING MR. STILL'S TRANSITION FROM HIS POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE CHAIR ANNOUNCED THAT THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WERE (1) MR. STILL WOULD IMMEDIATELY RESIGN WITH THE LAST DATE OF MR. STILL'S EMPLOYMENT TO BE MAY 1, 2012, (2) MR. STILL WOULD BE PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH FULL PAY AND BENEFITS STARTING IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD STAY ON SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DISTRICT, (3) MR CHARLES H. HOUDER, III, WOULD ACT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL A

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS SELECTED OR UNTIL FURTHER ACTION BY THE BOARD, (4) DURING THE TIME HE WAS ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, MR STILL WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MR. HOUDER, AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY MR. HOUDER, FOR CONSULTATION AND ADVICE. MR. STILL WAS PRESENT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ABOVE AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO THE BOARD THAT THIS WAS THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MAKE THIS AN ACTION AGENDA ITEM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAVIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, MR. DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABOVE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE CHAIR AND MR. STILL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MEECE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, DAVIS, MEECE, QUINCEY, AND WILLIAMS.)

Ms. Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson addressed the Governing Board regarding the amendment to the interagency agreement, agenda item number 4 above.

Mr. Thomas Skierski addressed the Governing Board regarding sink holes on private property. Jon Dinges responded to Mr. Skierski's concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:
