

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
June 12, 2007

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Members of the Governing Board Present:

David Pope, Chairman  
Sylvia Tatum, Vice Chair  
Linden Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kelby Andrews  
Georgia Jones  
O. J. Lake  
J. P. Maultsby  
Louis Shiver

Members of the Governing Board Absent:

Don Everett, Jr.

Staff:

Jerry A. Scarborough	Tom Brown, Legal Counsel
Charlie Houder	Kirk Webster
Jon Dinges	Joe Flanagan
Carolyn Purdy	David Still
Lisa Cheshire	Rhonda Morris
Cindy Johnson	John Good
Glenn Horvath	Bill Spencer
Melanie Roberts	Bob Heeke

Participating Guests:

Russ Augspurg, High Springs, FL  
R. Steven Baker, Ft. White, FL  
Rick Causey, Perry, FL  
Mark W. Clark, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Bruce Hamlin, FWCC, Lake City, FL  
Dale Jenkins, Black and Veatch, Tampa, FL  
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Ft. White, FL

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John Langelien, Ft. White, FL  
Annette Long, Save Our Suwannee, Chiefland, FL  
Tim Paletti, High Springs, FL  
Ron Poe, M.R.S. Trust/Developers, O'Brien, FL  
Diana Robinson, Rep. Debbie Boyd's office, High Springs, FL  
Raymond Sessions, Cannon Creek Airpark Realty, Lake City, FL  
Martha Strawn, High Springs, FL

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

The roll was called and a quorum noted.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of Minutes. May 10, 2007, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes and May 11, 2007, Workshop Minutes.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE MAY 10, 2007, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES AND MAY 11, 2007, WORKSHOP MINUTES.

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

Land Acquisition and Management

- Addition – Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Cost-Share Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Receive Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Funds
- Addition - Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection
- Addition - Authorization for the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement(s) with Mike and Sons, Inc., and Turnbull Environmental, Inc., for services related to the Santa Fe River Emergency Wetland Protection Project
- Deletion - Agenda Item No. 23 – Resolution 2007-15, Authorizing the Purchase of the Robert Tisdale Conservation Easement, 80 acres +/-, Levy County

Resource Management

- Deletion – Agenda Item 12F - Request for Denial of ERP06-0215

Agenda Item No. 5 - Approval of Agenda.

ON A MOTION BY MR. SHIVER, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE JUNE 12, 2007, AGENDA, AS AMENDED.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Items for Information, Discussion, or Future Consideration.  
Russ Augspurg, Chair of the Our Santa Fe River Group, presented the group's concerns with water bottling permits on the Santa Fe River.

Tim Paletti, member of Santa Fe Associates II, Limited Partnership, discussed permitting and ownership disputes regarding Lily Springs on the Santa Fe River.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

A presentation was given by Mark Clark from the University of Florida on the Management of Boston Farm.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

Agenda Item No. 8 - Approval of April Financial Report. Joe Flanagan, Deputy Executive Director, presented the April Financial Report, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. ANDREWS, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED THE APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Recommendation for Governing Board Consideration of an Agreement with James Moore and Company for the Audit of Financial Statements.

Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation for Governing Board consideration of an agreement with James Moore and Company for the audit of financial statements for Fiscal Years 2007-2010, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY MS. JONES, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES MOORE AND COMPANY FOR THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-2010.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Authorization for Executive Director to Enter into Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for LiDAR Data Capture. Mr. Flanagan presented the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for LiDAR

Data Capture along the floodplain of the Suwannee River for a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. SHIVER, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR LIDAR DATA CAPTURE ALONG THE FLOODPLAIN OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$90,000.

Agenda Item No. 11 - Activity Report, Administration. The Activity Report for the Department of Administration was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Jon Dinges, Resource Management Director, introduced Dr. William Spencer, Sr. Resource Scientist, recently employed by the District.

Agenda Item No. 12 - Permitting Matters.

Agenda Item No. 12A - Approval of Application ERP06-0122M. Jon Dinges, Director, presented the staff recommendation to approve Individual Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 06-0122M, with thirty-one standard conditions to Lake Bonnet Venture, LLC, for Lake Bonnet Farms & Lake Bonnet Woods Subdivision Modification in Alachua County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 06-0122M, WITH THIRTY-ONE STANDARD CONDITIONS TO LAKE BONNET VENTURE, LLC, FOR LAKE BONNET FARMS & LAKE BONNET WOODS SUBDIVISION MODIFICATION IN ALACHUA COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 12B - Approval of Application No. ERP07-0225. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to approve Individual Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 07-0225, with thirty-one standard and seven special limiting conditions to Ron Poe of MRS Land Trust for O'Brien Hills Estates Subdivision in Suwannee County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. SHIVER, SECONDED BY MR. MAULTSBY, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 07-0225, WITH THIRTY-ONE STANDARD AND SEVEN SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS TO RON POE OF MRS LAND TRUST FOR O'BRIEN HILLS ESTATES SUBDIVISION IN SUWANNEE COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 12C - Denial of Application No. ERP06-0661. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to deny, without prejudice, General Works of the District Permit Application Number 06-0661, to Stephen Buckles for Buckles Work of the District Project in Lafayette County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. LAKE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD DENIED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, GENERAL WORKS OF THE DISTRICT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 06-0661, TO STEPHEN BUCKLES FOR BUCKLES WORK OF THE DISTRICT PROJECT IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 12D - Denial of Application No. ERP87-0306M2. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to deny, without prejudice, General Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 87-0306M2, to Ray Sessions for Cannon Creek Airpark Culvert Modification in Columbia County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. SHIVER, SECONDED BY MR. MAULTSBY, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD DENIED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 87-0306M2, TO RAY SESSIONS FOR CANNON CREEK AIRPARK CULVERT MODIFICATION IN COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 12E - Denial of Application No. ERP91-0180M. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to deny, without prejudice, General Environmental Resource Permit Application Number 91-0180M, to Columbia County Board of County Commissioners for Emerald Forest/Callaway Subdivisions Ditch Modification in Columbia County, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MS. TATUM, SECONDED BY MR. LAKE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD DENIED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 91-0180M, TO COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

EMERALD FOREST/CALLAWAY SUBDIVISIONS DITCH MODIFICATION IN  
COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Agenda Item No. 12F - Denial of Application No. ERP06-0215. Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 13 - Initiation of Rule Development for Chapter 40B-1, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to authorize the initiation of rule development for Chapter 40B-1.703(2)(c), F.A.C., to delegate authority to the Executive Director to issue individual environmental resource permits, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAULTSBY, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE INITIATION OF RULE DEVELOPMENT FOR CHAPTER 40B-1.703(2)(C), F.A.C., TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMITS.

Agenda Item No. 14 - Authorization to Publish Notice of Change for Part III of Chapter 40B-4, F.A.C. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for authorization to publish changes to Chapter 40B-4, F.A.C., as requested by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC), as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF CHANGES TO CHAPTER 40B-4, F.A.C., AS REQUESTED BY JAPC.

Agenda Item No. 15 - Authorization to Publish Rule Amendments to Chapter 40B-400, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for authorization to publish rule amendments to Chapter 40B-400.443 and 40B-400.447, F.A.C., as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. SHIVER, SECONDED BY MS. JONES, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF RULE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 40B-400.443 AND 40B-400.447, F.A.C.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Water Use Permitting Applicant's Guide Request for Proposals. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation to authorize publication of a Request for Proposals to conduct technical peer review of the draft Water Use

Permitting Applicant's Guide with the amount not to exceed \$35,000 deleted from the proposal, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. ANDREWS, SECONDED BY MR. LAKE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE PUBLICATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW OF THE DRAFT WATER USE PERMITTING APPLICANT'S GUIDE WITH THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 DELETED FROM THE PROPOSAL.

Agenda Item No. 17 - Resolution 2007-14, Requesting Approval of Supplemental Agreement Number 2 to the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Fanning Springs Trailhead. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for approval of Resolution 2007-14 authorizing the Executive Director to make a request to the Florida Department of Transportation to encumber and release \$20,000 in reimbursement funds for the construction of the Fanning Springs Trailhead, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. LAKE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2007-14 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENCUMBER AND RELEASE \$20,000 IN REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FANNING SPRINGS TRAILHEAD.

Agenda Item No. 18 - Amendment of Contract Number 05/06-115 with BCI Engineers & Scientists, Inc., to Provide Construction Inspection Assistance to the District for the Pratt Street Drainage Improvement Project. Mr. Dinges presented the staff recommendation for authorization to amend Contract Number 05/06-115 with BCI Engineers & Scientists, Inc., for a new amount not to exceed \$186,000, to provide construction inspection assistance to the District for the Pratt Street Drainage Improvement Project, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAULTSBY, SECONDED BY MS. JONES, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT NUMBER 05/06-115 WITH BCI ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS, INC., FOR A NEW AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$186,000, TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE PRATT STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Activity Report, Quality Communities. A Quality Communities Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 - Activity Report, Resource Management Regulatory. The Resource Management Regulatory Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 - As-Built Compliance Summary. The As-Built Compliance Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Cannon Creek Airpark Status Reports. A status report on the Cannon Creek Airpark permitted systems was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 23 - Resolution 2007-15, Authorizing the Purchase of the Robert Tisdale Conservation Easement, 80 acres +/-, Levy County. Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Resolution 2007-16, Authorizing the Conveyance of 673 acres +/- in the District's Sandlin Bay Tract, Columbia County, Florida, to the United States Government, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for approval and execution of Resolution 2007-16, allowing the conveyance of 673 acres +/- in the District's Sandlin Bay Tract, Columbia County, Florida, to the United States Government, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, National Forests in Florida, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MS. TATUM, SECONDED BY MR. LAKE, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF RESOLUTION 2007-16, ALLOWING THE CONVEYANCE OF 673 ACRES +/- IN THE DISTRICT'S SANDLIN BAY TRACT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL FORESTS IN FLORIDA.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Easement to Walter D. Helm, Sr., and Walter Helm, Jr. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for approval of an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities on District lands in Madison County to Walter D. Helm, Sr., and Walter Helm, Jr., as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAULTSBY, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND UTILITIES ON DISTRICT LANDS IN MADISON COUNTY TO WALTER D. HELM, SR., AND WALTER HELM, JR.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Lease to the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners for the Dixie County Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for approval and execution of a lease agreement to transfer approximately six acres to the Dixie County Board of County Commissioners for management and construction of a new emergency operations center, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER APPROXIMATELY SIX ACRES TO THE DIXIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Amendment to Lease to Columbia County for Falling Creek. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for approval and execution of an amended lease agreement with Columbia County to add property to the Falling Creek Park, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY TO ADD PROPERTY TO THE FALLING CREEK PARK.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Agreement with the University of Florida, Natural Areas Training Academy. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute a 5-year agreement with the University of Florida for training for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3,750, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY DR. DAVIDSON, SECONDED BY MS. JONES, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 5-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA FOR TRAINING FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$3,750.

Supplemental Agenda Item - Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Cost-Share Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Receive Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Funds. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a cost-share agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to receive Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program funds to conduct sandhill restoration activities on the Falmouth Spring Tract.

ON A MOTION BY MR. MAULTSBY, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO RECEIVE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM FUNDS TO CONDUCT SANDHILL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES ON THE FALMOUTH SPRING TRACT.

Mr. Houser gave a presentation on the recent fire damage on District properties.

Emergency Agenda Item - Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service for Emergency Watershed Protection for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY DR. DAVIDSON, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.

Emergency Agenda Item - Authorization for the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement(s) with Mike and Sons, Inc., and Turnbull Environmental, Inc., for services related to the Santa Fe River Emergency Wetland Protection Project. Mr. Houser presented the staff recommendation for authorization for the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with Mike and Sons, Inc., and Turnbull Environmental, Inc., for services related to the Santa Fe River Emergency Wetland Protection project, subject to funding provided by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

ON A MOTION BY MS. TATUM, SECONDED BY MR. MAULTSBY, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH MIKE AND SONS, INC., AND TURNBULL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE SANTA FE RIVER EMERGENCY WETLAND PROTECTION PROJECT, SUBJECT TO FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 - Land Management Activity Report. The Land Management Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Restoration Activity Report. The Restoration Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 32 - Authorization to Amend Contract #03/04-258 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACs) for Continuation of the Two Positions for the Suwannee River Partnership for the Period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. Kirk Webster, Deputy Executive Director, presented the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Contract #03/04-258 with DACs to continue funding a third of the costs associated with providing two Suwannee River Partnership positions at a cost not to exceed \$55,000 for the period covering July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. ANDREWS, SECONDED BY MS. JONES, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT #03/04-258 WITH DACS TO CONTINUE FUNDING A THIRD OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING TWO SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP POSITIONS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000 FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008.

Agenda Item No. 33 - Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Providing Cost Share. Mr. Webster presented the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Florida DACs for the purpose of providing cost share to agriculture operations implementing best

management practices and related services associated with the Suwannee River Partnership for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY MS. TATUM, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DACS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COST SHARE TO AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS IMPLEMENTING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND RELATED SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Authorization for the Executive Director to Negotiate with the Top-Ranked Firm to Provide Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Equipment and Services. Mr. Webster presented the staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with the top-ranked firm to provide agricultural water use monitoring equipment and services. Should the District be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the firm considered to be the most qualified at a price the agency determines to be fair, competitive, and reasonable, authorization to terminate negotiations with that firm and begin negotiations with the second-ranked firm, as shown in the Board materials.

ON A MOTION BY MR. LAKE, SECONDED BY MR. SHIVER, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TOP-RANKED FIRM TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL WATER USE MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES. SHOULD THE DISTRICT BE UNABLE TO NEGOTIATE A SATISFACTORY CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST QUALIFIED AT A PRICE THE AGENCY DETERMINES TO BE FAIR, COMPETITIVE, AND REASONABLE, AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THAT FIRM AND BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SECOND-RANKED FIRM.

Agenda Item No. 35 - Activity Report, Department of Water Resources. The Department of Water Resources Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Agenda Item No. 36 - Enforcement Status and Litigation Report. The Enforcement Status and Litigation Report was provided as an informational item.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 37 - Executive Director's Report. None.

Agenda Item No. 38 - Executive Office Activity Report. The Executive Office Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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