

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
June 10, 2014

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Governing Board:

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George M. Cole, Ph.D.		X	
Coastal River Basin	Donald Ray Curtis, III	Sec./Treas.	X**	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chair	X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown			X
Upper Suwannee Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns		X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Guy N. Williams			X
At Large	Gary Jones		X	

**Mr. Curtis arrived at 9:10 a.m.

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	Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Jon Dinges	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Bureau of Administration and Operations	Dave Dickens	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos Herd	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Erich Marzolf	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Kevin Wright, SRWMD	Jeff Hill
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Craig Varn, Manson Bolves
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Owen Sagul
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Jessy Preston, SRWMD	Brad Heilwagen, AMEC
Megan Wetherington, SRWMD	Jim Tatum, OSFR
David Ward, El Trigal	Donald & Sara Rich, Rich Property & Investment
Dale Register, City of Cedar Key	Robert Baker, Our Santa Fe River
Doug McNicol, Town of Lee	Chuck Davis, DCA
Lester Plain, L.D. Plain & Son, LLC	Judy & Juli Davis
Ben Lewis, FRWA	Coty Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Whitney Fuquay, AMEC	Jimmy Kent, Madison County
Russell Smith, Madison County	Renata Cannon

Daniel Plain, Town of Lee
Justin Strickland, FRWA

Georgia Shemitz
James Williams

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Owen Sagul, Boy Scout, Gainesville, FL, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair.

Updates:

- None

Deletion:

- Deleted-Resource Management Agenda Item 18 - Approval of New Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00023.001, Summers Plantation Project, Madison County, for 1.7734 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DELETION TO THE UPDATED AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2014 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop
- Agenda Item 8 - Approval of April 2014 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 13 - Approval of a Modification with a 0.1548 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-00-00034.002, Claude Starling Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 14 – Approval of a Modification with a 0.0286 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-01-00012.002, Sammy Starling Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 15 – Approval of a Modification with a 0.0003 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-08-00013.002, GTO Farms Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 16 - Approval of a Modification with no Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-98-00025.007, Nestle Waters North America, Madison County
- Agenda Item 25 – Approval of Employee Performance Planning and Evaluation Policy

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS COLLECTIVELY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – Moratorium on large Consumptive Use permits.

Board Chair announced for the record that Mr. Curtis arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- May 13, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
- May 13, 2014 Governing Board Workshop

THE MAY 13, 2014 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH THE CONSENT ITEMS.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations

- Megan Wetherington gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations - None

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Tom Reeves discussed the MFL Hearing progress.

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Agenda Item No. 8 – Approval of April 2014 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Van Aernam Timber for the Steinhatchee Rise #2 Timber Sale. Dave Dickens, Bureau Chief, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the Sale of Timber with Van Aernam Timber Management, Inc., for the Steinhatchee Rise #2 Timber Sale.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER WITH VAN AERNAM TIMBER MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR THE STEINHATCHEE RISE #2 TIMBER SALE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 10 – Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. The Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

No Items

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 11 – Purchase of Water Use Monitoring Equipment with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Funds and Approval of Resolution 2014-10. Erich Marzolf, Division Director, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve receipt of a \$50,000 grant from FDACS, adopt Resolution 2014-10 amending the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget from \$29,238,518 to \$29,288,518 in order to recognize \$50,000 in unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues and authorize the Executive Director to approve the purchase of water use monitoring equipment from i-Link Technologies for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RECEIPT OF A \$50,000 GRANT FROM FDACS, ADOPT RESOLUTION 2014-10 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET FROM \$29,238,518 TO \$29,288,518 IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE \$50,000 IN UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED REVENUES AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF WATER USE MONITORING EQUIPMENT FROM I-LINK TECHNOLOGIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. The Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification with a 0.1548 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-00-00034.002, Claude Starling Project, Suwannee County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of a Modification with a 0.0286 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-01-00012.002, Sammy Starling Project, Suwannee County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Four Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification with a 0.0003 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-08-00013.002, Amanda Borek, GTO Farms Project, Gilchrist County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Approval of a Modification with no Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-98-00025.007, Nestle Waters North America Inc., Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Fourteen Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of a New Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00012.001, Davis Tract Project, Madison County, for 3.1981 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses. – Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, Division of Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve a new Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00012.001, JJJ & T Family Limited Partnership, Davis Tract Project, Madison County, for 3.1981 mgd of groundwater for agricultural uses, with seventeen standard conditions and twelve special limiting conditions.

Jimmy Kent, Lester Plain, James Williams, Justin Strickland, Doug McNicol, Daniel Plain, Russell Smith, Judy Davis and Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson provided comments to the Governing Board.

RAY CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A NEW WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 2-14-00012.001, JJJ & T FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, DAVIS TRACT PROJECT,

MADISON COUNTY, FOR 3.1981 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USES, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND TWELVE SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, WITH THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITION TO REQUIRE WELL NUMBER SIX TO BE DRILLED AND TESTED FOR IMPACTS TO THE TOWN OF LEE BEFORE REMAINING WELLS ARE DRILLED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of a New Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00023-001, Summers Plantation Project, Madison County, for 1.7734 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses. – Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval to Amend Contract 09/10-077 with AMEC Environment & Infrastructure (AMEC) for the Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Risk Mapping Assessment, and Planning (MAP) Program within the Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) for FEMA Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. – Tim Sagul, Director, Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment to Contract 09/10-077 in the amount of \$250,133 with AMEC for MAS 13.10.f tasks, for a total not to exceed \$2,010,567.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT 09/10-077 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,133 WITH AMEC FOR MAS 13.10.F TASKS, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,010,567. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 20 – Request for Approval and Authorization to Submit the 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform. – Mr. Sagul presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to: 1. Approve the 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan and 2. Authorize Staff to Submit the 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (OFARR), Joint Administrative Procedure Committee (JAPC), the Speaker of the House and the Senate President.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO: 1. APPROVE THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN AND 2. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN TO OFARR, JAPC, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE PRESIDENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 21 – Acceptance of a Conservation Easement from Martin Marietta, Inc., Taylor County. – Mr. Sagul presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize acceptance of a conservation easement from Martin Marietta, Inc., over 118.96 acres in Taylor County as mitigation for wetland impacts to be authorized under ERP99-0481M3.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM MARTIN MARIETTA, INC., OVER 118.96 ACRES IN TAYLOR COUNTY AS MITIGATION FOR WETLAND IMPACTS TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER ERP99-0481M3. THE

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 22 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 24 – Establishment of Exchange Value for the El Trigal Farms Conservation Easement Exchange, Jefferson County. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, presented a Lands Committee recommendation that the Governing Board establish a value of \$668,850 for acquisition of a conservation easement over 351 acres of El Trigal Farms in Jefferson County in exchange for District surplus lands.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LANDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A VALUE OF \$668,850 FOR ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER 351 ACRES OF EL TRIGAL FARMS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR DISTRICT SURPLUS LANDS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER.

Discussion occurred.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO UTILIZE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE CRUCE TIMBER VALUATION ASSESSMENT AND THE FORESTRY COMPANY TIMBER VALUATION ASSESSMENT IN DETERMINING THE VALUE OF DISTRICT SURPLUS LANDS SO THAT THE PROPORTIONAL TIMBER VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON DISTRICT SURPLUS LANDS IS THE SAME AS THE PROPORTIONAL TIMBER VALUE ADJUSTMENT ON MR. FLOYD'S LAND. THE MOTION TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE AMENDED MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY). MR. JONES VOTED AGAINST.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Approval of Employee Performance Planning and Evaluation Policy. - Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Adoption of an Interim Lobbyist Registration System. Steve Minnis, Government Affairs and Communications Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to develop, adopt, and implement an interim lobbyist registration system consistent with SB 846 (subject to SB 846 becoming law), including assessment of a \$40.00 per year registration fee, until completion of a statewide system.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP, ADOPT, AND IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM LOBBYIST REGISTRATION SYSTEM CONSISTENT WITH SB 846 (SUBJECT TO SB 846 BECOMING LAW), INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF A \$40.00 PER YEAR REGISTRATION FEE, UNTIL COMPLETION OF A STATEWIDE SYSTEM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 27 – Consideration of Executive Director Contract.

Chairman Quincey made a recommendation for the Governing Board to approve an increase of \$9,800 to the Executive Director's salary for a total yearly salary of \$143,665.60, effective immediately, as provided in Contract # 11/12-108.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE OF \$9,800 TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY FOR A TOTAL YEARLY SALARY OF \$143,665.60, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS PROVIDED IN CONTRACT # 11/12-108. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

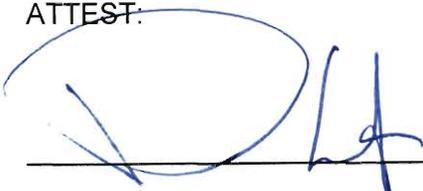
Agenda Item No. 28 – North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update. A North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:




ERP E-Permitting Discussion

Dave Dickens presented the District's progress on converting to epermitting.

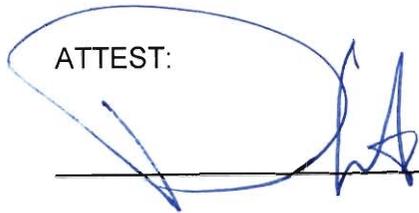
Land Management Road Plan

Bill McKinstry presented staff recommendations to change the maintenance plan for roads on District lands.

The workshop ended at 10:39 a.m.



Chair

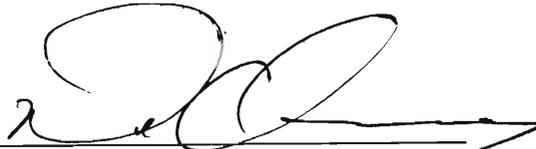
ATTEST:




Contract 12/13-211 with Huss Drilling, Inc., for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,000 to construct a monitor well in the Lafayette Forest Wildlife Environmental Area.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND CONTRACT 12/13-211 WITH HUSS DRILLING, INC., FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 TO CONSTRUCT A MONITOR WELL IN THE LAFAYETTE FOREST WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, AND WILLIAMS.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:

