

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
July 8, 2014

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	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

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:

William Irby, SRWMD	Hugh Thomas, FDACS
Ben Glass, SRWMD	Rhonda Morris
Justin Garland, SRWMD	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Kevin Wright, SRWMD	Tyson Johnson, Parks Johnson
Jamie Sorvitek, SRWMD	Jeff Hill
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Craig Varn, Manson Bolves
Bob Heeke, SRWMD	Dan Buchanan, Farm Bureau
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Tammy Girard, SRWMD	Brenda Flanagan, Preble-Rish, Inc.
Keith Rowell, SRWMD	Terrie Lee, USGS
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD	
Megan Wetherington, SRWMD	

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Amendments Recommended by Staff:

Addition:

- Bureau of Administration and Operations - Supplemental Page 1 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Salvaging of Timber Resources on the Mill Creek North Tract
- Bureau of Administration and Operations - Supplemental Page 4 – Addition of Two Members and Appointment of a Vacancy to the R.O. Ranch Board of Directors

Updates:

- Resource Management – Update to Agenda Item 14 – Approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit 2-01-00017.002 with a 0.3465 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing 0.3736 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Jackie Langford Project, Gilchrist County
- Executive Office - Update to Agenda Item 27 – Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2015 Millage and Budget

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

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

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of June 10, 2014 Governing Board Meeting, June 11, 2014 Governing Board Workshop Minutes and June 23, 2014 Intermediate Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item 8 - Approval of May 2014 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 14 – Approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit 2-01-00017.002 with a 0.3465 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing 0.3736 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Jackie Langford Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 15 - Approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit 2-96-00027.002 with a 0.1436 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing 0.2248 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Water Use at the Delaney Farm Project, Dixie County
- Agenda Item 19 - Request for Approval and Authorization to Revise and Re-Submit the 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform to Include Possible Amendments to all of Chapter 40B-1, F.A.C.
- Agenda Item 22 - Approval of Resolution 2014-11, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget Amendment #2; Unanticipated Funds from the National Guard Bureau for Acquisition of the Bradford Timberlands Tract, Bradford County
- Agenda Item 26 - Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 for District Expenditures Relating to Springs Restoration and Protection, Minimum Flows and Levels, Water Supply Planning, Preacquisition and Land Management Activities

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

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Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- June 10, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
- June 11, 2014 Governing Board Workshop
- June 23, 2014 Intermediate Governing Board Meeting

THE JUNE 10, 2014 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 11, 2014 GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES AND JUNE 23, 2014 INTERMEDIATE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 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 progress of the Jeffery Hill \ El Rancho No Tengo cases.

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Supplemental Page 4 – Addition of Two Members and Appointment of a Vacancy to the R.O. Ranch Board of Directors. Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize staff to revise the R.O. Ranch, Inc., Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to include two additional Board members and appoint Mr. Tom Seay and Mr. William Hardee to the new Board positions and appoint Mrs. Beverly Morgan to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REVISE THE R.O. RANCH, INC., ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS TO INCLUDE TWO ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS AND APPOINT MR. TOM SEAY AND MR. WILLIAM HARDEE TO THE NEW BOARD POSITIONS AND APPOINT MRS. BEVERLY MORGAN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL A VACANCY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 9 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Continue Health Care Insurance Coverage at an Aggregate Premium Cost Estimated at \$728,734 for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

Dave Dickens, Administrations and Operations Bureau Manager, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to continue health care insurance coverage at an aggregate premium cost estimated at \$728,734 for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget (using current staffing).

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE COVERAGE AT AN AGGREGATE PREMIUM COST ESTIMATED AT \$728,734 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET (USING CURRENT STAFFING). THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION

CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of Resolution 2014-12, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget Amendment #3; Authorization to Procure and Install a Generator at Suwannee River Water Management District.
Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) to receive \$184,875 to procure and install a generator at the Suwannee River Water Management District and to approve Resolution 2014-12 to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 13/14 Budget from \$29,671,518 to \$29,918,018 to recognize \$246,500 (\$184,875 from FDEM and \$61,625 from SRWMD reserves) in unanticipated revenues and unbudgeted revenues and expenditures.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (FDEM) TO RECEIVE \$184,875 TO PROCURE AND INSTALL A GENERATOR AT THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-12 TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 13/14 BUDGET FROM \$29,671,518 TO \$29,918,018 TO RECOGNIZE \$246,500 (\$184,875 FROM FDEM AND \$61,625 FROM SRWMD RESERVES) IN UNANTICIPATED REVENUES AND UNBUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 11 – Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. The Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Supplemental Page 1 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Salvaging of Timber Resources on the Mill Creek North Tract. Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract for the Mill Creek North #3 Timber Salvage Sale.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE MILL CREEK NORTH #3 TIMBER SALVAGE SALE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Mr. Dickens presented the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students' video to the Board.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

No Items

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Resolution 2014-13, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget Amendment #4, Public Information Safety Campaign. Erich Marzolf, Director, Division of Water Resources,

presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to receive \$22,483.50 for a Public Information Safety Campaign about the Vertical Datum Shift for Flood Forecasting in the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) and to approve Resolution 2014-13 to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 13/14 Budget from \$29,918,018 to \$29,940,501.50 to recognize \$22,483.50 in unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues and expenditures.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO RECEIVE \$22,483.50 FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION SAFETY CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE VERTICAL DATUM SHIFT FOR FLOOD FORECASTING IN THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (DISTRICT) AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-13 TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 13/14 BUDGET FROM \$29,918,018 TO \$29,940,501.50 TO RECOGNIZE \$22,483.50 IN UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – 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. 14 – Approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit 2-01-00017.002, with seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions, with a 0.3465 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing 0.3736 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Jackie Langford, Jackie Langford Project, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of the Modification of Water Use Permit 2-96-00027.002, with seventeen standard conditions and four special limiting conditions, with a 0.1436 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing 0.2248 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Water Use to John Delaney, Delaney Farm Project, Dixie County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Authorization of an Interagency Agreement between the Suwannee River Water Management District and the Northwest Florida Water Management District Accepting Water Use Permitting Responsibility for Water Use Permit Number 2-92-00087.003, Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County. Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, Division of Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to execute an Interagency Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and Northwest Florida Water Management District accepting water use permitting responsibilities for Water Use Permit Number 2-92-00087.003, Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO EXECUTE AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ACCEPTING WATER USE PERMITTING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-92-00087.003, SIMPSON NURSERIES PROJECT, JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING

BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-92-00087.003 with a 0.7921 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 1.9601 mgd of Groundwater and Surface Water for Agricultural Use (Nursery Irrigation) at the Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County. – Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-92-00087.003, with seventeen standard conditions and five special limiting conditions, with a 0.7921 mgd increase in allocation and a ten-year permit extension authorizing the use of 1.9601 mgd of groundwater and surface water for agricultural use (nursery irrigation) to Tiera Cielo, LLC, Simpson Nurseries Project, Jefferson County.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-92-00087.003, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND FIVE SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, WITH A 0.7921 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION AND A TEN-YEAR PERMIT EXTENSION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 1.9601 MGD OF GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE (NURSERY IRRIGATION) TO TIERA CIELO, LLC, SIMPSON NURSERIES PROJECT, JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of New Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00023.001, Summers Plantation Project, Suwannee County, for 1.7734 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses. – Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve new Water Use Permit Application Number 2-14-00023.001, with seventeen standard conditions and eight special limiting conditions, to Genevieve Summers Family Trust, Summers Plantation Project, Suwannee County, for 1.7734 mgd of groundwater for agricultural uses.

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, and Steve Gladin provided comments to the Governing Board.

MR. WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE NEW WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 2-14-00023.001, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND EIGHT SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, TO GENEVIEVE SUMMERS FAMILY TRUST, SUMMERS PLANTATION PROJECT, SUWANNEE COUNTY, FOR 1.7734 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 19 – Request for: 1. Approve the revised 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan to Include Possible Amendments to Chapter 40B-1, F.A.C; and 2. Authorize Staff to Re-Submit the revised 2014-2015 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (OFARR), Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC), the Speaker of the House and the Senate President. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval (Adoption) of Resolution 2014-11, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget Amendment #2; Amending the Fiscal Year 13/14 Budget from \$29,288,518 to \$29,671,518 in Order to Recognize \$383,000 in Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Funds (Revenues) from the National Guard Bureau for Acquisition of the Bradford Timberlands Tract, Bradford County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with Winston Lovelace on a Fee Simple Purchase of 90.62 Acres +/- in Lafayette County. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, requested Governing Board authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Winston Lovelace on a Fee Simple Purchase of 90.62 Acres +/- in Lafayette County.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH WINSTON LOVELACE ON A FEE SIMPLE PURCHASE OF 90.62 ACRES +/- IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 24 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with George and Deborah Owen on a Fee Simple Purchase of 1.22 acres +/- in Columbia County. Mr. Dinges requested Governing Board authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with George and Deborah Owen on a Fee Simple Purchase of 1.22 acres +/- in Columbia County.

RECOMMENDATION DIED DUE TO LACK OF A MOTION.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-14 Authorizing Sale of the Timber River Surplus Parcel, 1.42 acres +/-, in Madison County, Contingent on an Updated Appraisal. Mr. Dinges presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve and execute Resolution No. 2014-14 authorizing the sale of the Timber River surplus parcel, 1.42 acres +/-, in Madison County, contingent on an updated appraisal.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE TIMBER RIVER SURPLUS PARCEL, 1.42 ACRES +/-, IN MADISON COUNTY, CONTINGENT ON AN UPDATED APPRAISAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 26 – Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$1,354,746.81 for the Period of April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 for District

Expenditures Relating to Springs Restoration and Protection, Minimum Flows and Levels, Water Supply Planning, Preacquisition and Land Management Activities. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2015 Millage and Budget. Dr. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve the Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget of \$24,537,387 and authorize staff to notify the Property Appraisers of the District's 15 counties that: (1) the District proposes to levy a millage rate of 0.4143; (2) the District will hold one public hearing on September 9, 2014, at 5:05 p.m. to tentatively adopt the FY 2015 budget and establish the millage rate; and (3) will hold a second public hearing on September 23, 2014, at 5:05 p.m. to adopt the FY 2015 budget and establish the millage rate.

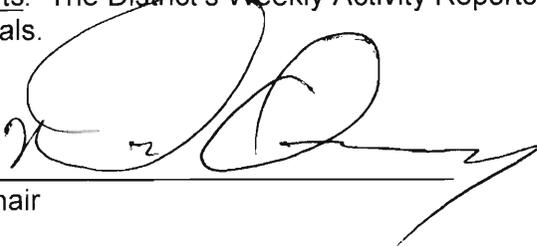
MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015 BUDGET OF \$24,537,387 AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NOTIFY THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS OF THE DISTRICT'S 15 COUNTIES THAT: (1) THE DISTRICT PROPOSES TO LEVY A MILLAGE RATE OF 0.4143; (2) THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, AT 5:05 P.M. TO TENTATIVELY ADOPT THE FY 2015 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH THE MILLAGE RATE; AND (3) WILL HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, AT 5:05 P.M. TO ADOPT THE FY 2015 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH THE MILLAGE RATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

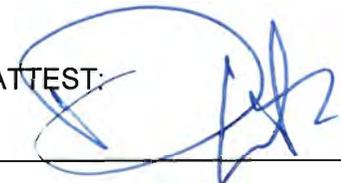
Agenda Item No. 28 – North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee Update. The North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Land Acquisition and Surplus 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 11:26 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST: 



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Lower Suwannee River Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chair	X	
Santa Fe/Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee River 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

Governing Board General Counsel

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

Staff:

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Executive Director	Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Jon Dinges	X	
Governmental Affairs/Comm. 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 and HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Bill McKinstry, SRWMD	Terrie Lee, USGS
William Irby, SRWMD	Mackinsey Shipeck, Out Santa Fe River
Paul Buchanan, SRWMD	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Kevin Wright, SRWMD	Crag Varn, Manson Bolves
Bob Heeke, SRWMD	Paul Still, BSWCD
Megan Wetherington, SRWMD	Steve Gladin

Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) Discussion

Dr. Cole discussed an evaluation of the use of green LiDAR to collect bathymetric data in Manatee Springs Run and the adjacent Suwannee River. Unlike existing LiDAR technology, green LiDAR can penetrate water. This evaluation demonstrated that this LiDAR could provide bathymetric data under the clear water conditions found in the spring and run. However the current processing of these data could not accurately image through the colored and particulate laden water in the Suwannee River. It remains to be demonstrated whether further adjustments in data processing will allow imaging under conditions found in the Suwannee River at the time.

Springs Data Collection Tools and Data Sharing Techniques

Megan Wetherington discussed the technology and data collection for flow estimation in streams and spring runs. This included mechanical approaches and utilization of acoustic Doppler current profiling (ADCP) technology. Darlene Saindon discussed the new water quality monitoring sondes which FDEP has loaned the District for continuous springs monitoring. These sondes will provide real-time temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, specific conductivity, dissolved organic matter, chlorophyll and nitrate data. Erich Marzolf discussed how the District's website is currently supplying the high public demand for data and improvements that are under development. A draft version of the Manatee Springs dashboard was demonstrated.

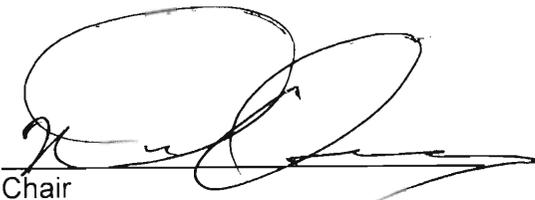
Conservation Easement Amendments

Staff reviewed the District conservation easements locations and general terms. Discussion ensued regarding requests from easement landowners for amendments to the terms of their easement. The Board discussed possible terms for applying for amendments and how they might be valued. Staff was directed to look for opportunities to develop a written process on how this amendment process might be accomplished.

Alternative Water Supply Update

Kevin Wright presented on the proposed conjunctive water use project at Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center. Kevin also discussed several other conceptual alternative water supply projects.

The workshop ended at 3:05 p.m.


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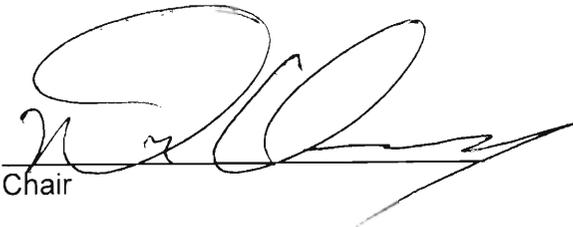


Agenda Item Number 5 -. Approval of Updated Tentative Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Millage Rate. Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director, recommended the Governing Board 1) set the tentative ad valorem millage to the rolled-back rate calculated at 0.4141 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; 2) authorize the Executive Director to adjust the millage rate in order to avoid a tax increase and provide the tentative millage rate to the county property appraisers, and 3) authorize the Executive Director to submit the Standard Format Tentative Budget.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO: 1) SET THE TENTATIVE AD VALOREM MILLAGE TO THE ROLLED-BACK RATE CALCULATED AT 0.4141 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015; 2) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADJUST THE MILLAGE RATE IN ORDER TO AVOID A TAX INCREASE AND PROVIDE THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISERS, AND 3) AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE STANDARD FORMAT TENTATIVE BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, JOHNS, SANCHEZ AND QUINCEY.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment – Paul Still commented on the need to hire a senior staff member for the MFL process to add in the upcoming budget.


Chair

ATTEST: 