

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
November 11, 2014

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

**Governing Board:**

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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**

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

**Staff:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Jon Dinges	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Administration & Operations Division Director	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:**

Diane Watson, Barrett 50 LLC	Craig Varn, Manson Bolves
Ray Hodge, Southeast Dairy	Tim Williams, WAE, Ltd.
Robin Young, Cornett's Spirit of the Suwannee	James Cornett, Cornett's Spirit of the Suwannee
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River	Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Paul Still, BSWCD	Phil Oxendine, Suwannee County Commission Chair
Greg Harden, Farm Bureau	Fay Baird, Normandeau Associates
Jim Tatum, CSFR	Alvin Jackson, Suwannee County EDO
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Donald Rich, Westwood Lee, LLC
Angelique Bochnak, ECT	Bill Hartsfield, Foley Timber and Land Company
Jacqui Sulek, Audubon Florida	Georgia Shermitz
Jeff Hill	Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Keith Rowell, SRWMD	Megan Wetherington, SRWMD
John Good, SRWMD	Jon Wood, SRWMD

Warren Zwanka, SRWMD  
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD  
Kevin Wright, SRWMD  
Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD  
Jessy Preston, SRWMD

Wri Irby, SRWMD  
Tammy Girard, SRWMD  
Edwin McCook, SRWMD  
Robin Lamm, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

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

Addition:

- Bureau of Administration and Operations – Supplemental Page 1 – Authorization for Executive Director to Amend and Renew a Contract for Accounting Software Support Services – Approved on Consent

Updates:

- Division of Water Supply – Agenda Item 14 – Approval to Participate in a Field Demonstration to Assist Producers in Managing Water and Nutrients with Soil Moisture Sensors
- Division of Resource Management – Agenda Item 21 – Approval of a Modification for Water Use Permit Application Number **2-079-218544-8**, with No Change in Allocation, Nestlé Waters North America, Madison County

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 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, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Phil Oxendine, Suwannee County Board of Commissioners – Supporting the Spirit of Suwannee Treehouse Variance
- Paul Still, BSWCD - MFL concerns, Jeff Hill enforcement
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanks to the Board for community support and Agriculture support
- Diane Watson, Barrett 50 LLC - Ace Ranch concerns
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – Moratorium on Water Use Permits

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2014 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop
- Agenda Item 10 - Approval of September 2014 Financial Report
- **SUP 1** – Authorization for Executive Director to Amend and Renew a Contract for Accounting Software Support Services
- Agenda Item 17 – Amendment to Contract 13/14-069 with Locklear & Associates, Inc., to Collect Surface Water and Groundwater Quality Samples and Discharge Data
- Agenda Item 20 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-001-220391-2 with a 0.0637 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of

0.8467 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Pelham Farm Project, Alachua County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- October 16, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
- October 16, 2014 Governing Board Workshop

THE OCTOBER 16, 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
- Jon Wood and John Good were presented with 20-year Service Awards.

**Governing Board Legal Counsel**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Governing Board Legal Counsel Services.

Board Chair Quincey made the recommendation to renew the Legal Counsel Services with the changes in the proposed contract.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGAL COUNSEL CONTRACT WITH THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Board Chair Quincey made the recommendation to rescind Resolution 2011-20, which provides a protocol to be followed by staff in assigning the legal work of the Suwannee River Water Management District; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date, until January 2015 to help staff move forward with staff counsel on legal issues that are time sensitive.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2011-20 REGARDING LEGAL COUNSEL PROTOCOL WITH A WORKSHOP AT THE JANUARY 2015 BOARD MEETING AND AN UPDATED RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT THE FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, AND QUINCEY.) MR. WILLIAMS VOTED AGAINST.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Update on Legal Activities. The update on legal activities was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of September 2014 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Compliance Recommendations for Barrett 50, LLC on the Ace Ranch Conservation Easement, Lafayette County. Dave Dickens, Director, Division of Administration and Operations, presented the Lands Committee recommendation to the Governing Board to require Barrett 50, LLC to remove the center pivot irrigation system from the conservation easement area, return the Forest Operations Areas that were cleared to forestry, submit an amended Conservation Management Plan for District approval, and instruct Barrett 50, LLC that the Governing Board will not approve a permitted activity requiring a withdrawal of water in excess of permitted amounts existing at the time of acquisition of the conservation easement.

Diane Watson, Barrett 50 LLC, provided comments to the Board.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO REQUIRE BARRETT 50, LLC TO REMOVE THE CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION SYSTEM FROM THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AREA, RETURN THE FOREST OPERATIONS AREAS THAT WERE CLEARED TO FORESTRY, SUBMIT AN AMENDED CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DISTRICT APPROVAL, AND INSTRUCT BARRETT 50, LLC THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL NOT APPROVE A PERMITTED ACTIVITY REQUIRING A WITHDRAWAL OF WATER IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED AMOUNTS EXISTING AT THE TIME OF ACQUISITION OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

SUP 1 – Authorization for Executive Director to Amend and Renew Contract 12/13-155 with Tony W. Thompson for an additional amount not to exceed \$14,900 for Accounting Software Support Services. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – 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**

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of Monitor Well Network Expansion Plan. Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Water Supply, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of the monitor well network improvement plan and to authorize staff to amend Utilization of Fund Balance to commit reserves in the amount of \$3,950,000 to authorize staff to solicit proposals to acquire property interests needed to secure monitor well site locations and install monitor wells for improving the District's groundwater level and water quality monitoring networks.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MONITOR WELL NETWORK EXPANSION PLAN AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO AMEND UTILIZATION OF FUND BALANCE TO COMMIT

RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,950,000 TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS NEEDED TO SECURE MONITOR WELL SITE LOCATIONS AND INSTALL MONITOR WELLS FOR IMPROVING THE DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER LEVEL AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING NETWORKS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval to Participate in a Field Demonstration to Assist Producers in Managing Water and Nutrients with Soil Moisture Sensors. - Updated Kevin Wright, Professional Engineer, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to accept \$196,000 from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), approve Resolution 2014-30 amending Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget from \$34,519,883 to \$34,715,883 to recognize \$196,000 from FDEP in unanticipated revenue and expenditures, authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) for an amount not to exceed \$237,000, and authorize the Executive Director to purchase soil moisture probes and field equipment in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 for a field demonstration to assist producers in managing water and nutrients with soil moisture sensors.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT \$196,000 FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (FDEP), APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-30 AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET FROM \$34,519,883 TO \$34,715,883 TO RECOGNIZE \$196,000 FROM FDEP IN UNANTICIPATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES (FDACS) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$237,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE SOIL MOISTURE PROBES AND FIELD EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000 FOR A FIELD DEMONSTRATION TO ASSIST PRODUCERS IN MANAGING WATER AND NUTRIENTS WITH SOIL MOISTURE SENSORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Mr. Herd gave an update on the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project.

#### **DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 15 – Authorization to Extend Contract Number 05/06-102 with Nestlé Waters North America. Eric Marzolf, Director, Division of Water Resources, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to extend the current revenue contract with Nestlé Waters North America for an additional year of service from October 1, 2014, until September 30, 2015, with payment to the District of \$70,000.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE CURRENT REVENUE CONTRACT WITH NESTLÉ WATERS NORTH AMERICA FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR OF SERVICE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2014, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2015,

WITH PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF \$70,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 16 – Request to Rescind the Current Phase 1 Water Shortage Advisory.  
Mr. Marzolf presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to rescind the Phase 1 Water Shortage Advisory of November 2010 based on persistent improved hydrologic conditions.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND THE PHASE 1 WATER SHORTAGE ADVISORY OF NOVEMBER 2010 BASED ON PERSISTANT IMPROVED HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 17 – Amendment to Contract 13/14-069 with Locklear & Associates, Inc., to Increase the Amount of the Contract by an Amount not to Exceed \$14,727.75 to Collect Surface Water and Groundwater Quality Samples and Discharge Data. - Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – 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. 19 – Approval of Water Use Permit Application Number 2-079-221907-1, Authorizing an Allocation of 1.1889 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Westwood Farm Project, Madison County – Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, Division of Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve Water Use Permit Application Number 2-079-221907-1, authorizing an allocation of 1.1889 mgd of groundwater for agricultural use, with seventeen standard conditions and five special limiting conditions, at the Westwood Farm Project, to Westwood Lee, LLC, in Madison County.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 2-079-221907-1, AUTHORIZING AN ALLOCATION OF 1.1889 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND FIVE SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, AT THE WESTWOOD FARM PROJECT, TO WESTWOOD LEE, LLC, IN MADISON COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 20 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-001-220391-2 with a 0.0637 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.8467 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use, with seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions, at the Pelham Farm Project, to Warren McGehee, in Alachua County. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Approval of a Modification for Water Use Permit Application Number 2-079-218544-8, with No Change in Allocation, Nestlé Waters North America, Madison County. -

**Updated** Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve Water Use Permit Application Number 2-079-218544-8, with no change in allocation, seventeen standard conditions and thirty-one special limiting conditions, to Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., in Madison County.

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WATER USE PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER 2-079-218544-8, WITH NO CHANGE IN ALLOCATION, SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND THIRTY-ONE SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, TO NESTLÉ WATERS NORTH AMERICA, INC., IN MADISON 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, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval of a Variance Request for Works of the District (WOD)-121-207014-11, Spirit of the Suwannee Treehouse Variance, Final Order Number 14-0002, Suwannee County. Mr. Sagul presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to issue a Final Order approving the Variance Request from Subsection, 40B-4.3030(13), Florida Administrative Code, for Works of the District (WOD)-121-207014-11, Spirit of the Suwannee Treehouse Variance, Suwannee County.

James Cornett, Cornett's Spirit of the Suwannee, provided comments to the Board.

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ISSUE A FINAL ORDER APPROVING THE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SUBSECTION, 40B-4.3030(13), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, FOR WORKS OF THE DISTRICT (WOD)-121-207014-11, SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE TREEHOUSE VARIANCE, SUWANNEE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DR. COLE.

Discussion occurred.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ISSUE A FINAL ORDER APPROVING THE VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SUBSECTION, 40B-4.3030(13), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, FOR WORKS OF THE DISTRICT (WOD)-121-207014-11, SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE TREEHOUSE VARIANCE, SUWANNEE COUNTY TO INCLUDE IN THE FINAL ORDER FOR VARIANCE THAT IF THE TELEVISION SHOW, ORIEN PRODUCTIONS AS PART OF THE TELEVISION PROGRAM, WHICH IS BUILDING THE TREEHOUSE, DOES NOT FOLLOW THROUGH, THE VARIANCE BE VOIDED. THE AMENDED MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Chair Quincey asked that the Works of the District permit application from Cornett's Spirit of the Suwannee, when complete, be brought before the Board for approval instead of staff approving the project.

CHAIR QUINCEY REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE MOTION AS AMENDED. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 25 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with John and Deborah Steffen on a Fee Simple Purchase of 14 Acres +/- in Bradford County.

Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, requested Governing Board authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with John and Deborah Steffen on a Fee Simple Purchase of 14 acres +/- in Bradford County.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JOHN AND DEBORAH STEFFEN ON A FEE SIMPLE PURCHASE OF 14 ACRES +/- IN BRADFORD COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 26 – Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 for District Expenditures Relating to Springs Restoration and Protection, Minimum Flows and Levels, Water Supply Planning, Preacquisition and Land Management Activities. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director, requested Governing Board authorization to request reimbursement from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$1,851,246.81 for the period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, for District expenditures relating to Springs Restoration and Protection, Minimum Flows and Levels, Water Supply Planning, Preacquisition and Land Management Activities.

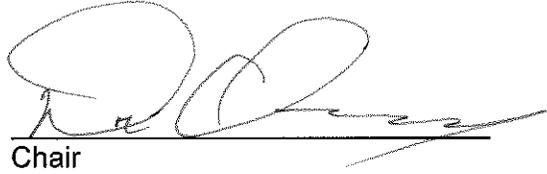
DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,851,246.81 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, FOR DISTRICT EXPENDITURES RELATING TO SPRINGS RESTORATION AND PROTECTION, MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS, WATER SUPPLY PLANNING, PREACQUISITION AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 27 – 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.

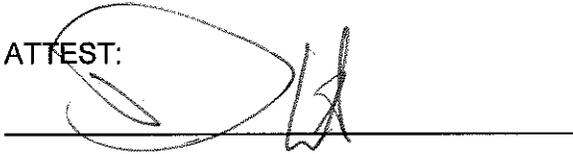
Agenda Item No. 28 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Kevin Wright, SRWMD	

Recharge / Drainage Well Drilling

Warren Zwanka discussed water well drilling rules and the construction plan for the District's recharge well. Members of the Board and the public visited the well site outside the District.

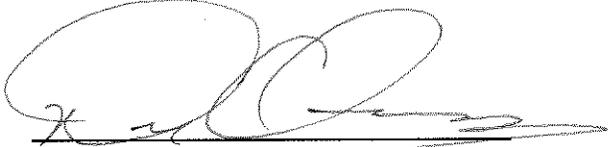
Forest Water Yield Project

Bob Heeke provided a status update on the Forest Water Yield Project being implemented between the five Water Management Districts and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Project concepts were reviewed and status of implementation was discussed.

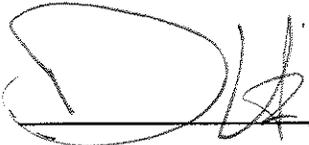
Ag Cost-Share Program

Kevin Wright presented about potential changes to the Ag cost-share program. Potential changes included monthly approval of applications, coordinating with DACS regarding Weather Stations and Soil Moisture Sensors, and incorporate BaseStations as tools to assist producers and capture Water Use data. It was requested to hold an additional workshop on Weather Stations, Soil Moisture Sensors and BaseStations.

The workshop ended at 2:23 p.m.

  
Chair

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