

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
January 13, 2015

Dixie Plantation  
Greenville, 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	

\*Donald Ray Curtis arrived at 9:10 a.m.

**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 Sagui	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

**Guests:**

Paul Still, BSWCD	Mike Ward, Florida Ground Water Association
Matt McConnell, Florida Ground Water Association	Tom Morrow, The Lyme Timber Company
Steve Gladdin	Carl Salifrio, ECD, Inc.
Phil Leary, Florida Ground Water Association	Jim Davis, Michael Baker Engineering
Hines Boyd, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners	James Cornett, Spirit of Suwannee
Darrell Brooks, Spirit of Suwannee	David Ward
Kathy Still	David Hobson, The Lyme Timber Company
Benjamin Bishop, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners	Julie Conley, City of Monticello
Craig Varn, Manson Bolves	Officer Creech, FFWCC
Megan Wetherington, SRWMD	Kevin Wright, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Robin Lamm, SRWMD

Hugh Thomas, FDACS  
Tom Mirti, SRWMD  
Keith Rowell, SRWMD

Pat Webster, SRWMD  
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD  
Rhonda Scott, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

**Addition:**

- Division of Water Supply – Supplemental Page 1 – Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 8 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Fund a Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Project

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still – Appreciation to Board for Sampson Lake projects and other projects in Bradford County.
- Matt McConnell and Mike Ward, Florida Ground Water Association – Objection to the drainage well at District Headquarters.
- Chair Quincey read an email sent from Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson – Moratorium on Water Use Permits over 100,000 gallons or more.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes - December 9, 2014 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of November 2014 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 13 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-219205-3, with a 0.0107 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 0.1116 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Donald Chauncey Farm Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 19 – Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 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 APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS COLLECTIVELY. 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, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- December 9, 2014 Governing Board Meeting
- December 9, 2014 Governing Board Workshop

THE DECEMBER 9, 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.

- Tom Mirti gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
  - Florida Ground Water Association- provided comments under Agenda Item 4 – Public Comment

### **Governing Board Legal Counsel**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities. – Tom Reeves provided an update on legal activities.

### **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of November 2014 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

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**

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval to Enter into Contracts for the January 2015 Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Kevin Wright, Professional Engineer, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization for the Executive Director to enter into contracts for the January 2015 Agricultural Cost-Share Program with two applicants.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE JANUARY 2015 AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM WITH TWO APPLICANTS. 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, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

SUP 1 – Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 8 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Fund a Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Project. Mr. Wright presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to adopt Resolution 2015-01 amending the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget from \$36,552,383 to \$36,752,383 in order to include \$200,000 in unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses for the tailwater recovery and nutrient recapture pilot project.

Mrs. Sanchez publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item SUP 1 - Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 8 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Fund a Tailwater Recovery and Nutrient Recapture Project. A Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mrs. Sanchez. This form are hereby made part of these minutes and are filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-01 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 BUDGET FROM \$36,552,383

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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 WATER RESOURCES**

None

#### **DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-219205-3, with a 0.0107 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1116 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Donald Chauncey, Donald Chauncey Farm Project, Suwannee County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Four Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with Alligator Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank, LLC Regarding the Starke Bypass/State Road 223 Wetland Mitigation Project. Pat Webster, Senior Professional Engineer, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Alligator Creek Mitigation Bank, LLC regarding the Starke Bypass/State Road 223 Wetland Mitigation Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,980,000.

Carl Salifrio, ECT, Inc provided comments to the Board.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALLIGATOR CREEK MITIGATION BANK, LLC REGARDING THE STARKE BYPASS/STATE ROAD 223 WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,980,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2015--2019. Mr. Webster presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Mitigation Plan 2015-2019.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) MITIGATION PLAN 2015-2019. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with Lyme Lafayette Forest Company, LLC, on a 6,713 +/- Acre Conservation Easement in Lafayette County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Lyme Lafayette Forest Company, LLC, for a conservation easement on 6,713 +/- acres in Lafayette County.

Tom Morrow, The Lyme Timber Company, and Tom Reeves, Board Counsel, provided comments to the Board.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH LYME LAFAYETTE FOREST COMPANY, LLC (LYME) TO DEVELOP CONSERVATION EASEMENT NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT AND LYME; TO REFINE RECHARGE ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; DEVELOP A RANGE OF METRICS FOR WATER RESOURCES VALUATION AND PRESENT RESULTS TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING. 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, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Chair Quincey appointed Mr. Brown and Dr. Cole to a committee to work with staff to address the conservation easement specifications for both the District and the seller.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Reimbursement Request to the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$883,594.85 for the Period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 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. 20 – Approval of Springs Grants from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Florida Department of Environmental Protection springs grants for the Fanning Springs Water Quality Improvement, Columbia County Water Conservation Initiative, Advance Nutrient Management through Center Pivots, Improved Water Conservation and Nutrient Optimization of Dairy Wastewater, Improved Water Conservation through Center Pivots and Nursery Water Conservation Initiative projects.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPRINGS GRANTS FOR THE FANNING SPRINGS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, COLUMBIA COUNTY

WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVE, ADVANCE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT THROUGH CENTER PIVOTS, IMPROVED WATER CONSERVATION AND NUTRIENT OPTIMIZATION OF DAIRY WASTEWATER, IMPROVED WATER CONSERVATION THROUGH CENTER PIVOTS AND NURSERY WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVE PROJECTS. 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, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 21 – Authorization to Enter into Interlocal Agreement with City of Fanning Springs for the Fanning Springs Water Quality Improvement Project. Mr. Dinges presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with City of Fanning Springs to implement the Fanning Springs Water Quality Improvement project.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF FANNING SPRINGS TO IMPLEMENT THE FANNING SPRINGS WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. 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, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 22 – **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2015 Florida Forever Work Plan Update. Mr. Dinges presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to conduct a public hearing and accept the 2015 Florida Forever Work Plan Update.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 22 to receive public comment.

Paul Still, BSWCD, provided comments to the Governing Board

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

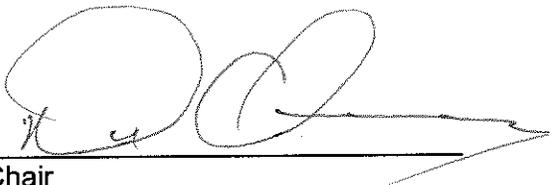
MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2015 FLORIDA FOREVER WORK PLAN UPDATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 23 – 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. 24 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

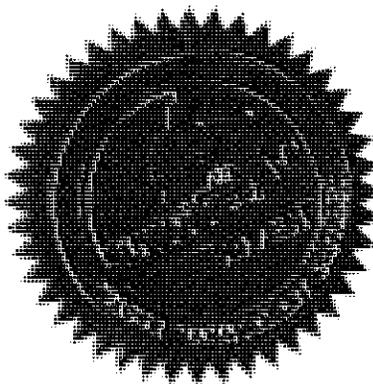
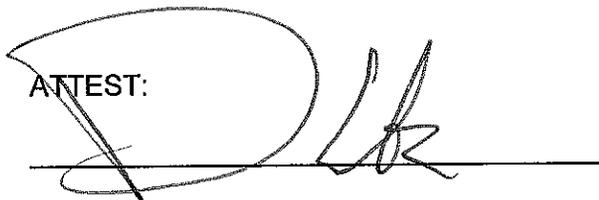
Agenda Item No. 25 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.



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ATTEST:



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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	
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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 and HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

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Tom Mirti, SRWMD	Rhonda Scott, SRWMD
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Legal Assignments Discussion

Dr. Shortelle presented the Board with alternatives for the assignment of legal work for staff attorneys and the Governing Board attorney.

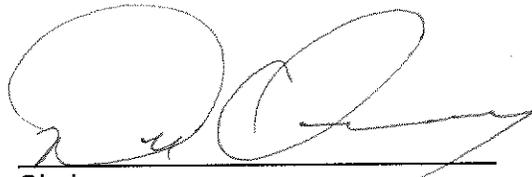
Consumptive Use Permitting – Incentive Program and Policy Discussion

Warren Zwanka presented the rules and policies related to Water Use Permit modifications and the granting of permit extensions for implementation of voluntary water use monitoring.

Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020 Discussion

Abby Johnson presented the annual look ahead at the five year strategic priorities of the District. An overview was given of the accomplishments achieved under the leadership of the Governing Board and the commitment to community service by staff included projects and programs from each strategic priority area. The presentation included a strategic look at the targeted areas through proven efficient programs and projects were discussed. This included new projects on the horizon District-wide. This item will be submitted to the Governing Board for acceptance during a public hearing at the February 2015 Board meeting.

The workshop ended at 2:15 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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