

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 10, 2015

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
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:

Corey Mikel, H2O Mobile Lab	Steven Hollingsworth, H2O Mobile Lab
Georgia Shemitz	Cliff Townsend, Townsend Brothers Farm
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua	Terrie Lee, USGS
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Steve Gladdin
Dan Buchanan	Paul Still, BSWCD
Officer Creech, FFWCC	Hugh Thomas, FDACS
Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau	Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau
Jeff Hill	Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD
Kevin Wright, SRWMD	Keith Rowell, SRWMD
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Tom Mirti, SRWMD
Scott Gregor, SRWMD	Tammy Girard, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Rhonda Scott, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Bill McKinstry, 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:

- Executive Office – Supplemental Page 1 – Consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County

Deletion:

- None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still, BSWCD – Brooks Sink and Lake Sampson Control Structure
- Dan Buchanan – Commendation to Board for Service to the Agricultural Community

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2015, Intermediate Board Meeting Minutes and January 13, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 8 - Approval of December 2014 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 11 – Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 9 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Receive a Grant from Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., for Continuous Hydrology and Water Quality Monitoring at Madison Blue Spring and the Withlacoochee River
- ~~Agenda Item 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County - **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**~~
- Agenda Item 14 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-217432-6, with a 0.2739 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2963 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hardee Farms Project, Levy County

Chair Quincey removed Agenda Item 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, due to conflict of interest.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS COLLECTIVELY WITH THE REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEM 13. 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 AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions.

Chair Quincey publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 13. A Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Chair Quincey. This form are hereby made part of these minutes and are filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-075-215582-4, WITH A 0.1011 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION AND A TEN-YEAR PERMIT

EXTENSION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 0.4455 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AT THE L. R. BOYETTE FARM PROJECT, LEVY COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, AND JONES.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- January 5, 2015 Intermediate Board Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2015 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- January 13, 2015 Governing Board Workshop Minutes

THE JANUARY 5, 2015 INTERMEDIATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 13, 2015 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
- Rhonda Scott and Scott Gregor were presented with 10-Year Service Awards

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Update of Legal Activities

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 9– 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. 10 – 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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Adopt Resolution 2015-02 to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget from \$36,752,383 to \$36,766,383 with Amendment No. 9 in Order to Recognize \$14,000 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Receive a Grant from Nestlé Waters North America, Inc., for Continuous Hydrology and Water Quality Monitoring at Madison Blue Spring and the Withlacoochee River. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Valdosta Wastewater Management Update. The Valdosta Wastewater Management Update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215582-4, with a 0.1011 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4455 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the L. R. Boyette Farm Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Chair removed from Consent Agenda. Board approved this item after Agenda Item 5.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-217432-6, with a 0.2739 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2963 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hardee Farms Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification and Consolidation of Water Use Permits 2-079-216067-5 and 2-079-221355-4, with No Net Change in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 2.0358 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., at the Williams Place Project, Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. – Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of a modification and consolidation of Water Use Permits 2-079-216067-5 and 2-079-221355-4, with No Net Change in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 2.0358 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., at the Williams Place Project, Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF WATER USE PERMITS 2-079-216067-5 AND 2-079-221355-4, WITH NO NET CHANGE IN ALLOCATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2.0358 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO GRIMMWAY ENTERPRISES, INC., AT THE WILLIAMS PLACE PROJECT, MADISON COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. 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 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.

Tom Reeves, Board Counsel, updated the Board regarding the Charlie Hicks enforcement issues.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 18 – Authorization to Conduct a Detailed Assessment and Commence Negotiations with Jammie Lavon & Elizabeth A. Singletary on a Fee Simple Purchase of 20.00 Acres +/- in Lafayette County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to conduct a detailed assessment and commence negotiations with Jammie Lavon & Elizabeth A. Singletary on a fee simple purchase of 20.00 Acres +/- in Lafayette County.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAMMIE LAVON & ELIZABETH A. SINGLETARY ON A FEE SIMPLE PURCHASE OF 20.00 ACRES +/- IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL DIED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Exchange of Easements for Ingress, Egress and Utilities with Mr. Fredrik Wood in Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for approval to execute an exchange of easements for ingress, egress and utilities with Mr. Fredrik Wood over District lands in Levy County.

DR. COLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES WITH MR. FREDRIK WOOD OVER DISTRICT LANDS IN LEVY COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CURTIS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, COLE, CURTIS, JOHNS, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 20 – Public Hearing and Acceptance of Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020. Abby Johnson, Governmental Affairs and Communications Coordinator, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to conduct a Public Hearing and Accept the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2020.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 20 to receive public comment.

Paul Still, BSWCD, provided comments to the Governing Board

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016-2020. 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 AND QUINCEY.)

SUP 1 – Consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board for consideration of Second Amendment to the Echo River Plantation Conservation Easement, Suwannee County.

MR. CURTIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ECHO RIVER PLANTATION CONSERVATION EASEMENT, SUWANNEE 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, JONES AND QUINCEY.)

Dr. Ann Shortelle, Executive Director, provided a Legislative update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – 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.

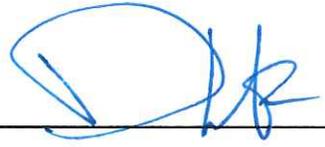
Agenda Item No. 22 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:


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CONSERVATION EASEMENT COMMITTEE

Jon Dinges provided a presentation to the Governing Board on water resource values of conservation easements and Trey Grubbs provided a presentation to the Governing Board on the development of a screening tool to estimate water resource benefits of conservation easements.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF
 GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Following the Conservation Easement Committee Meeting

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At Large	Virginia Sanchez			X
At Large	Guy N. Williams			X
At Large	Gary Jones		X	

Governing Board General Counsel

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Governmental Affairs/Comm. 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 and HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

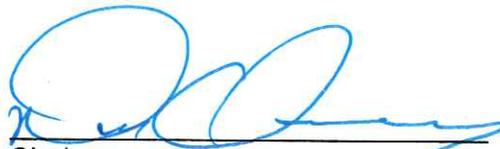
Guests:

Georgia Shemitz	Rhonda Scott, SRWMD
Steve Gladdin	Bill McKinstry, SRWMD
Paul Still, BSWCD	Keith Rowell, SRWMD
Hugh Thomas, FDACS	Tom Mirti, SRWMD
Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau	Kevin Wright, SRWMD
Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD	Warren Zwanka, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Scott Gregor, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Rick Renna
Pat Webster, SRWMD	Bebe Willis, SRWMD

Environmental Resource Permitting and Stormwater Recharge Discussion

Rick Renna, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and Pat Webster, SRWMD, provided the Governing Board with an overview of existing recharge options and discussed future recharge options utilizing stormwater. The District and FDOT staff discussed alternative means for stormwater recharge that need to be tested and evaluated through the regulatory community.

The workshop ended at 2:49 p.m.


 Chair

ATTEST:



