

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

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9:00 a.m., Thursday  
May 14, 2015

Putnam Lodge  
Cross City, Florida

Governing Board:

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Aucilla Basin	Bradley Williams		X	
Coastal Rivers Basin	Richard Schwab		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	Sec./Treas.	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:

Kenny Blanton, Black & Veatch	Leslie Sapp
Barney & Renata Cannon	Jeff Hill
Kent Koptiuch, Nestle Waters	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, Inc.
Steve Gladdin	Laura Donaldson, Manson, Bolves & Donaldson
Doug Manson, Manson, Bolves & Donaldson	Jean Wonser, Circle Pine Farm
John Sabine, Plum Creek Timber	Steven Hollingsworth, H2O Mobile Lab
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Linda Clemens, FDEP	Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Carree Olshansky, SRWMD
Tom Mirti, SRWMD	Megan Wetherington, SRWMD
Jessy Preston, SRWMD	Dale Jenkins, SRWMD
Robin Lamm, SRWMD	Abby Johnson, SRWMD

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

Board Chair Quincey discussed the potential employment of Dr. Shortelle with St. Johns River Water Management District and appointed Carlos Herd as the Interim Executive Director if that happens.

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

**Updates:**

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 14 – Amendment to Plum Creek Timberlands L.P. Conservation Easements in Levy County
- Division of Water Supply – Agenda Item 17 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for Recharge Well and Monitor Well Construction Management Services for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project
- Division of Resource Management – Agenda Item 31 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-221736-2 with a 0.9448 mgd Increase in Allocation Authorizing the Use of 2.7108 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Coggins Farm Supply Project, Hamilton County
- Executive Office – Agenda Item 37 – **Public Hearing** and Consideration of Resolution Number 2015-12 Authorizing the Purchase of the Alligator Creek / Steffen Property, 14+/- Acres in Bradford County

**Deletion:**

- None

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDEMENTS TO THE AGENDA COLLECTIVELY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Jeff Hill – Concerns regarding the Board Meeting location.
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River - 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 – April 14, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of March 2015 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 10 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Audit from Powell and Jones
- Agenda Item 11 – Approval of the Inspector General Audit Report for Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General
- Agenda Item 22 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-065-220044-4 with a 0.3209 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Consolidation of Three Permits Authorizing the Use of 1.2707 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Jeffco Dairy, LLC Project, Jefferson County
- Agenda Item 23 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-221210-2 with a 0.0207 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0707 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Landers 80 Project, Gilchrist County

- Agenda Item 24 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-216438-3 with a 0.0067 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0504 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Pretty House Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 25 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-221238-2 with a 0.2477 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.2492 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Simpson Jr Farms, LLC Project, Levy County
- Agenda Item 26 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-221225-2 with a 0.0586 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0164 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the R S Farms Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 27 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-221676-3 with a 0.6912 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Consolidation of Three Permits Authorizing the Use of 2.2577 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hazelton Project, Madison County
- Agenda Item 32 – Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development to Amend Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received
- Agenda Item 35 – Approval of Updated Employment Policy
- Agenda Item 36 – Approval of Updated Vehicle Use Policy

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- April 14, 2015 Governing Board Meeting
- April 14, 2015 Governing Board Workshop

THE APRIL 14, 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

**Governing Board Legal Counsel**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update of Legal Activities. – Tom Reeves provided an update on the Jeff Hill Enforcement cases.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of March 2015 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Audit from Powell and Jones. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of the Inspector General Audit Report for Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., Inspector General. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Ace Ranch Conservation Easement Recommendation Following Mediation. Dave Dickens, Director, Division of Administration and Operations, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve the Mediation Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and Barrett 50, LLC following the April 16, 2015, mediation proceedings as provided in the Board materials.

Richard Schwab publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 12. A Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND BARRETT 50, LLC FOLLOWING THE APRIL 16, 2015, MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 13 – Strickland Field, LLC Conservation Easement Recommendation for Cattle Grazing. Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve the amended conservation easement terms to allow cattle grazing activities for the Strickland Field, LLC Conservation Easement.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE AMENDED CONSERVATION EASEMENT TERMS TO ALLOW CATTLE GRAZING ACTIVITIES FOR THE STRICKLAND FIELD, LLC CONSERVATION EASEMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 14 – Amendment to Plum Creek Timberlands L.P. Conservation Easements in Levy County - Updated. Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve and execute the amendments to the Plum Creek Timberlands L.P. Conservation Easements in Levy County.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS L.P. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN LEVY COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 15 – 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. 16 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Recharge Well and Monitor Well Construction Services for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project. Dale Jenkins, Senior Hydrogeologist, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with David Cannon Well Drilling, Inc., for recharge well and monitor well construction services for a cost not to exceed \$183,740 for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BIDDER (ROWE DRILLING) WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT STAFF CONFIRM AN OVERSIGHT REGARDING ROWE'S INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS IN THE SUBMITTED BID DOCUMENTS. IF STAFF CONFIRMS THAT THE INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS WERE NOT AN OVERSIGHT, THE SECOND LOWEST BIDDER WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY INCOMPLETE SUBMITTED QUALIFICATIONS WERE AN OVERSIGHT. IF STAFF CONFIRMS THAT THE INCOMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE SECOND LOWEST BIDDER WERE NOT AN OVERSIGHT, THE GOVERNING BOARD WOULD RECONSIDER THE ITEM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Atkins, Inc., for Recharge Well and Monitor Well Construction Management Services for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project – Updated to: Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for Recharge Well and Monitor Well Construction Management Services for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project. Mr. Jenkins presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for recharge well and monitor well construction management services for a cost not to exceed \$46,988 for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project.

Kent Koptiuch, Nestle Waters, provided comments to the Board.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION FOR RECHARGE WELL AND MONITOR WELL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$46,988 FOR THE MIDDLE SUWANNEE RIVER AND SPRINGS RESTORATION AND AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.) MR. SCHWAB VOTED AGAINST.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval to Enter into Contract for the May 2015 Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Megan Wetherington, Senior Professional Engineer, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with one applicant for the May 2015 FDEP Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program in the amount of \$167,750.

MR. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ONE APPLICANT FOR THE MAY 2015 FDEP SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,750. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 19 – Authorization to Extend Contract Number 10/11-021 for Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) Cooperative Conservation Technician Services with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). Mrs. Wetherington presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to extend the contract with FDACS to co-fund five Suwannee River Partnership Conservation Technician positions for a period of twelve months. The District's cost for all five positions will not exceed \$175,000.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH FDACS TO CO-FUND FIVE SUWANNEE RIVER PARTNERSHIP CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN POSITIONS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS. THE DISTRICT'S COST FOR ALL FIVE POSITIONS WILL NOT EXCEED \$175,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 20 – 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. 21 – Authorization to Amend Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget with Amendment No. 12 for Unanticipated and Unbudgeted Expenses to Receive a Grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Restoration Planning Related to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and Updating the District's Surface Water and Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plans. Erich Marzolf, Ph.D., Director, Division of Water Resources, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve receipt of a \$228,563 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), adopt Resolution 2015-11 amending the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget from \$37,373,083 to \$37,601,646 in order to recognize \$228,563 in unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues, and authorize the Executive Director to approve a Grant Agreement with NFWF, to accept \$228,563 for restoration planning related to the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and updating the District's Surface Water and Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plans.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RECEIPT OF A \$228,563 GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF), ADOPT RESOLUTION 2015-11 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 BUDGET FROM \$37,373,083 TO \$37,601,646 IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE \$228,563 IN UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED REVENUES, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NFWF, TO ACCEPT \$228,563 FOR RESTORATION PLANNING RELATED TO THE DEEP WATER HORIZON OIL SPILL AND UPDATING THE DISTRICT'S SURFACE WATER AND IMPROVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT (SWIM) PLANS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON

VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

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

Agenda Item No. 22 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-065-220044-4 with a 0.3209 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Consolidation of Three Permits Authorizing the Use of 1.2707 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Jeffco Dairy, LLC, at the Jeffco Dairy, LLC Project, Jefferson County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Eight Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 23- Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-221210-2 with a 0.0207 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0707 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Joseph Lander, at the Landers 80 Project, Gilchrist County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-216438-3 with a 0.0067 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0504 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Michael Wilkerson, at the Pretty House Project, Gilchrist County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-221238-2 with a 0.2477 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.2492 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Frances Weber, at the Simpson Jr Farms, LLC Project, Levy County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-221225-2 with a 0.0586 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.0164 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Shelly Hicks, at the R S Farms Project, Gilchrist County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Five Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-221676-3 with a 0.6912 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Consolidation of Three Permits Authorizing the Use of 2.2577 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use to Lee Peanut Farms, LLC, at the Hazelton Project, Madison County, with Seventeen Standard Conditions and Six Special Limiting Conditions. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-221866-3 with a 0.1144 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Consolidation of Three Existing Permits Authorizing the Use of 2.1929 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Woodlands Cumberland Project, Madison County. Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrologist, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve a modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-221866-3 with a 0.1144 mgd increase in allocation and a consolidation of three existing permits authorizing the use of 2.1929 mgd of groundwater for agricultural use to Lee Peanut Farms, LLC, at the Woodlands Cumberland Project, Madison County, with seventeen Standard Conditions and six Special Limiting Conditions.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-079-221866-3 WITH A 0.1144 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION AND A CONSOLIDATION OF THREE EXISTING PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2.1929 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO LEE PEANUT FARMS, LLC, AT THE WOODLANDS CUMBERLAND PROJECT, MADISON COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SCHWAB. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 29 – Approval of a Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-029-216823-4, with a 0.5022 mgd Increase in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 1.2200 mgd of Groundwater for Public Supply and Institutional Use at the Town of Cross City Project, Dixie County. Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of a renewal of Water Use Permit 2-029-216823-4, with a 0.5022 mgd increase in allocation, authorizing the use of 1.2200 mgd of groundwater for Public Supply and institutional use to the Town of Cross City, at the Town of Cross City Project, Dixie County, with seventeen Standard Conditions and seven Special Limiting Conditions.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF A RENEWAL OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-029-216823-4, WITH A 0.5022 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 1.2200 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR PUBLIC SUPPLY AND INSTITUTIONAL USE TO THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY, AT THE TOWN OF CROSS CITY PROJECT, DIXIE COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SEVEN SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 30 – Approval of Permit Transfer and Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220952-5, with a 6.2738 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 2.6802 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC Chiefland Project, Levy County. Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of permit transfer and modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220952-5, with a 6.2738 mgd decrease in allocation and a ten-year permit extension, authorizing the use of 2.6802 mgd of groundwater for agricultural use to Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC, at the Sleepy Creek Lands, LLC Chiefland Project, Levy County, with seventeen Standard Conditions and nine Special Limiting Conditions.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PERMIT TRANSFER AND MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-075-220952-5, WITH A 6.2738 MGD DECREASE IN ALLOCATION AND A TEN-YEAR PERMIT EXTENSION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2.6802 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO SLEEPY CREEK LANDS, LLC, AT THE SLEEPY CREEK LANDS, LLC CHIEFLAND PROJECT, LEVY COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND NINE SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 31 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-221736-2 with a 0.9448 mgd Increase in Allocation Authorizing the Use of 2.7108 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Coggins Farm Supply Project, Hamilton County - Updated. Mr. Zwanka presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for approval of a modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-221736-2 with a 0.9448 mgd increase in allocation, authorizing the use of 2.7108 mgd of groundwater for agricultural use to Lakeland Sands, LLC, at the Coggins Farm Supply Project, Hamilton County, with seventeen Standard Conditions and seven Special Limiting Conditions.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF WATER USE PERMIT 2-047-221736-2 WITH A 0.9448 MGD INCREASE IN ALLOCATION, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2.7108 MGD OF GROUNDWATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USE TO LAKELAND SANDS, LLC, AT THE COGGINS FARM SUPPLY PROJECT, HAMILTON COUNTY, WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SEVEN SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 32 – Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development to Amend Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 33 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 35 – Approval of Updated Employment Policy. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 36 – Approval of Updated Vehicle Use Policy. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 37 – **Public Hearing** and Consideration of Resolution Number 2015-12 Authorizing the Purchase of the Alligator Creek / Steffen Property, 14+/- Acres in Bradford County - Updated. Jon Dinges, Assistant Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to conduct a Public Hearing and, subject to public comment that may be received, to approve Resolution Number 2015-12 authorizing the Executive Director to exercise an option contract to purchase the Alligator Creek Tract, 14+/- acres, from John and Deborah Steffen in Bradford County and convey the tract to the City of Starke with the District retaining a Conservation Easement.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 37 to receive public comment.

Steve Gladdin provided comments to the Board.

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-12 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXERCISE AN OPTION CONTRACT TO PURCHASE THE ALLIGATOR CREEK TRACT, 14+/- ACRES, FROM JOHN AND DEBORAH STEFFEN IN BRADFORD COUNTY AND CONVEY THE TRACT TO THE CITY OF STARKE WITH THE DISTRICT RETAINING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT.. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 38 – Interagency Agreement Between Suwannee River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District Providing for Implementation of Year-Round Water Conservation Measures and Water Shortage Plan for Levy County. Steve Minnis, Governmental Affairs and Communications Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve an Interagency Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District providing for Implementation of Year-Round Water Conservation Measures and Water Shortage Plan for Levy County.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND WATER SHORTAGE PLAN FOR LEVY COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 39 – Proclamation for Water Re-Use Week. Ann B. Shortelle, Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to proclaim May 17-23, 2015 as Florida Water Reuse Week.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO PROCLAIM MAY 17-23, 2015 AS FLORIDA WATER REUSE WEEK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 40 – Approval of Resolution Number 2015-09, Appreciation and Commendation for the Service of Donald “Ray” Curtis, III to the Citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District. Dr. Shortelle, Executive Director, presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve Resolution Number 2015-09 for the service of Donald “Ray” Curtis, III to the Citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Agenda Item No. 41 – Approval of Resolution Number 2015-10, Appreciation and Commendation for the Service of Dr. George Cole to the Citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District. Dr. Shortelle presented a recommendation to the Governing Board to approve Resolution Number 2015-10 for the service of Dr. George Cole, Jr. to the citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-09 FOR THE SERVICE OF DONALD “RAY”: CURTIS, III TO THE CITIZENS OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2015-10 FOR THE SERVICE OF DR. GEORGE COLE. JR. TO THE CITIZENS OF THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 42 – 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. 43 – 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. 44 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:





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Following Board Meeting  
 May 15, 2015

Putnam Lodge  
 Cross City, FL

Governing Board:

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Bradley Williams		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab		X	
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	Sec/Treasurer	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	
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:

Kenny Blanton, Black & Veatch	Leslie Sapp
Barney & Renata Cannon	Jeff Hill
Kent Koptiuch, Nestle Waters	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, Inc.
Steve Gladdin	Laura Donaldson, Manson, Bolves & Donaldson
Doug Manson, Manson, Bolves & Donaldson	Jean Wonser, Circle Pine Farm
John Sabine, Plum Creek Timber	Steven Hollingsworth, H2O Mobile Lab
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Linda Clemens, FDEP	Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD	Carree Olshansky, SRWMD

Tom Mirti, SRWMD  
Jessy Preston, SRWMD  
Robin Lamm, SRWMD

Megan Wetherington, SRWMD  
Dale Jenkins, SRWMD  
Abby Johnson, SRWMD

Legislative Summary

Steve Minnis provided a summary of legislative bills and activities that occurred during the 2015 Regular Legislative Session.

Water Conservation Update

Carree Olshansky provided an update on current water conservation programs and projects at the District.

Projects Update

Dave Dickins provided an overview of District projects initiated since 2012.

The workshop ended at 2:08 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

