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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
July 15, 2015

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board:

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Bradley Williams		X	
Coastal River 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

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

Staff:

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Interim Executive Director	Carlos D. Herd, P.G.	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Administration & Operations Division Director	Dave Dickens	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Erich Marzolf	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Jean Wosner, Circle Pine Farm
Linda Clemens, FDEP
Josh Wesley, UDT
Jim Bailey, Bailey Brothers
Greg Lane, Mittauer & Associates
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua
Branford FFA
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Brian Sparks, SRWMD
Rick Hutton, GRU
Tammie Girard, SRWMD
Jon Wood, SRWMD
Brian Kauffman, SRWMD
Kevin Wright, SRWMD
Megan Wetherington, SRWMD
Tommy Kiger, SRWMD
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD
Steve Gladin
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Steven Hollingsworth, H2O Mobile Lab
Chad Williams, Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Dale Williams, Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Trip Lancaster, Fanning Springs
Charlie Houder, Natural Resource Planning
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau
Dale Jenkins, SRWMD
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD
Hugh Thomas, FDACS
Abby Johnson, SRWMD
Pat Webster, SRWMD
Sergeant Mobley, FFWCC
Robin Lamm, SRWMD

Justin Garland, SRWMD
Tyler Schaper, SRWMD
Bob Heeke, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Updates:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 10 - Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2016 Millage and Budget
- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 13 - Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with United Data Technologies (UDT) for a Price not to Exceed $68,786.89 to Upgrade District's Network Equipment

Additions:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Supplemental Page 1 – Consideration of Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Fee Interest in the Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Conservation Easement Properties

Deletions:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 14 - Authorization for Approval of the Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement Amendment

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River - Moratorium on Water Use Permits over 100,000 gallons or more.
- Jean Wosner – White Springs flow concerns relating to public interest.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy - Thanked Board for commitment to Agriculture.
- Branford FFA – Annual FFA Update to Board.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2015, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of May 2015 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 20- Approval of Permit Extension of Water Use Permit 2-121-218629-2, with a 0.0340 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1765 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Cross Holdings LLP Project, Suwannee County
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- Agenda Item 22 - Approval of Permit Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-221223-3, with a 0.2104 mgd Increase in Allocation and a 9-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2975 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Mills Farm Project, Levy and Gilchrist Counties

- Agenda Item 23 - Approval of a Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-079-216506-2, with a 0.7464 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 1.0536 mgd of Groundwater for Public Supply and Institutional Use at the City of Madison Project, Madison County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- June 9, 2015 Governing Board Meeting
- June 9, 2015 Governing Board Workshop

THE JUNE 9, 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

- Erich Marzolf gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations
- Tim Sagul presented Patrick Webster with 10-year service award.

Governing Board Legal Counsel

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

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2016 Millage and Budget **(Updated)**. Dave Dickens, Director, Division of Administration and Operations, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to 1) set the tentative millage at the rollback rate of 0.4104; 2) approve the Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Budget of $43,335,921; 3) authorize staff to make recommended adjustments and corrections; 4) submit the Standard Format Tentative Budget pursuant to Section 373.536(5), Florida Statutes, and 5) authorize staff to notify the Property Appraisers of the District's 15 counties that the District proposes to levy a rollback millage rate, the District will hold one public hearing on September 8, 2015, at 5:05 p.m. to tentatively adopt the FY 2016 budget and establish the millage rate, and will hold a second public hearing on September 22, 2015, at 5:05 p.m. to adopt the FY 2016 budget and establish the millage rate.

Tommy Kiger, Kevin Wright and Erich Marzolf provided a presentation to the Board regarding the upcoming springs projects.

Trip Lancaster, Mayor of Fanning Springs, and Greg Lange provided comments to the Board.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO 1) SET THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE AT THE ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.4104; 2) APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 BUDGET OF $43,335,921; 3) AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS AND CORRECTIONS; 4) SUBMIT THE STANDARD FORMAT TENTATIVE BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 373.536(5), FLORIDA STATUTES, AND 5) AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NOTIFY THE PROPERTY APPRAISERS OF THE DISTRICT'S 15 COUNTIES THAT THE DISTRICT PROPOSES TO LEVY A ROLLBACK MILLAGE RATE, THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD ONE PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, AT 5:05 P.M. TO TENTATIVELY ADOPT THE FY 2016 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH THE MILLAGE RATE, AND WILL HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2015, AT 5:05 P.M. TO ADOPT THE FY 2016 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: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No.11– Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Mr. Dickins presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes in the amount of $351,432.66 from the Land Management Committed Fund Balance for qualifying counties.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF $351,432.66 FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTED FUND BALANCE FOR QUALIFYING COUNTIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No.12– Authorization for the Executive Director to Continue Health Care Insurance Coverage at an Aggregate Premium Cost Estimated at $762,386 for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. Mr. Dickins 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 $762,386 for Fiscal Year 2016 budget (using current staffing).

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE COVERAGE AT AN AGGREGATE PREMIUM COST ESTIMATED AT $762,386 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET WITH CURRENT STAFFING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No.13– Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with United Data Technologies (UDT) for a Price not to Exceed $68,786.89 to Upgrade District's Network Equipment - Updated. Mr. Dickins presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with UDT for a price not to exceed $68,786.89 to upgrade the District's network equipment.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UDT FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED $68,786.89 TO UPGRADE THE DISTRICT'S NETWORK EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

~~Agenda Item No.14 – Authorization for Approval of the Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement Amendment.~~ Deleted from agenda per direction from Board Chair at beginning of meeting.

Agenda Item No.15 – Approval of Governing Board Directive 15-0002, Applications for the Amendment of Terms of Conservation Easements. Mr. Dickins presented staff recommendation to approve and execute Directive 15-0002, Applications for the Amendment of Terms of Conservation Easements.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE DIRECTIVE 15-0002, APPLICATIONS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF TERMS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Sup Page 1 - Consideration of Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Fee Interest in the Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Conservation Easement Properties. Mr. Dickins presented staff recommendation for the Consideration of Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Fee Interest in the Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Conservation Easement Properties

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE THE FEE INTEREST IN THE PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY, INC., CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROPERTIES AND INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENT REQUIRED FOR REFUSAL OF OFFER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 16 – Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. The Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Chair Quincey announced a recess at 10:18 a.m.

Chair Quincey resumed the Board meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Chair Quincey asked the public if any would like to speak regarding the upcoming springs projects.

Rich Hutton, GRU, provided comments of appreciation to the Board regarding the UF/Shands springs project.

Dale Williams, Columbia County, provided comments of to the Board regarding the Cannon Creek springs project.

Trip Lancaster, Mayor of Fanning Springs, providing comments of appreciation to the Board regarding the Fanning Springs project.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Amend Contract Number 14/15-014 with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., for Feasibility and Project Concept Services. Dale Jenkins, Division of Water Supply, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to execute a contract for Surface Water Modeling Services for the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project with Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., for Feasibility and Project Concept Services.

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SURFACE WATER MODELING SERVICES FOR THE MIDDLE SUWANNEE RIVER AND SPRINGS RESTORATION AND AQUIFER RECHARGE PROJECT WITH PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, INC., FOR FEASIBILITY AND PROJECT CONCEPT SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

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 WATER RESOURCES

None

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-216110-4 with a 0.5627 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.7491 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Superior Trees, Incorporated Project, Madison County. Warren Zwanka, Division of Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board for authorization to approve Water Use Permit number 2-079-216110-4 with seventeen standard conditions and six special limiting conditions, to Superior Trees, Incorporated, in Madison County.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WATER USE PERMIT NUMBER 2-079-216110-4 WITH SEVENTEEN STANDARD CONDITIONS AND SIX SPECIAL LIMITING CONDITIONS, TO SUPERIOR TREES, INCORPORATED, IN MADISON COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

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Agenda Item No. 24 – Approval to Enter into Contracts with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Two Local Agency Program (LAP) Projects in Union County. Pat Webster, Resource Management, presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts with FDOT for two LAP Projects in Union County, 1) CR 241 from Alachua County Line to CR 241A and CR 18 from Columbia County Line to SR 121 and 2) CR 229 from NE 233rd to Norman Lane in the amount of $1,449,439.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH FDOT FOR TWO LAP PROJECTS IN UNION COUNTY, 1) CR 241 FROM ALACHUA COUNTY LINE TO CR 241A AND CR 18 FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY LINE TO SR 121 AND 2) CR 229 FROM NE 233RD TO NORMAN LANE IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,449,439. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BROWN. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: BROWN, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, B. WILLIAMS, G. WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 25 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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 11:37 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Guy N. Williams		X	
At Large	Gary Jones		X	

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Pat Webster, SRWMD
Charlie Houder, Natural Resource Planning
Steve Gladin
Ed Booth, City of High Springs
Rick Hutton, GRU
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD
Tammie Girard, SRWMD
Kevin Wright, SRWMD
Justin Garland, SRWMD

Fanning Springs Dashboard

Erich Marzolf presented the Board with an overview of the new Fanning Springs workshop on the District website

Preview of On-Line Recreational Guide

Edwin McCook presented the Board with an overview of the on-line Recreation guide on the District website and its benefits.

The workshop ended at 12:44 p.m.

Lands Committee Meeting began at 12:46 p.m. and ended at 2:18 p.m.

The Lands Committee meeting materials and recording are located with the June Governing Board materials and recording.

Chair

ATTEST: