

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
January 12, 2016

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	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	Gary Jones		X	
At Large	Vacant			

**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
Fred Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

**Staff:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Executive Director	Noah Valenstein	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Administration & Operations Division Director	Dave Dickens	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos D. Herd, P.G.	X	
Water Resources Division Interim Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

**Guests:**

Robert Baker	Edith Karcher
Rhonda Long	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Terry Phelan	Laverne Hodge
Jean Wosner, Circle Pine Farm	Deborah McClelland
Mary Pergande	Joanie Williams
Julie Rutledge	John Rutledge
Charles Trowbridge	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Norman Biegner, Briar Patch Homeowners Association	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Michael Baker	Bryan McDonald, Water & Air Research
Charles Fellows., Water & Air Research	Doug Strom, Water & Air Research
David Evans, Water & Air Research	Jennifer Adams, FDEP
Georgia Schmitz	Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau

Jasmine Hagan  
Charmaine Nero, WCJB 20  
Frank Offerle  
Toni Collins, Levy County Historical Society  
Linda Clemens, FDEP  
Dale Williams, Columbia County  
Cliff Starling, FDACS  
Mary Diaz, SRWMD  
John Good, SRWMD  
Ryan Miller, SRWMD  
Darlene Saindon, SRWMD  
Abby Johnson, SRWMD  
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD  
Robin Lamm, SRWMD  
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD

Timothy Riley, Hopping, Green & Sams  
Paul Still, Resident & BSWCD  
Mandy Offerle  
Steve Gladin  
Jeff Hill  
Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk  
Officer Creech, FFWCC  
Justin Garland, SRWMD  
Brian Kauffman, SRWMD  
Pat Webster, SRWMD  
Keith Rowell, SRWMD  
Bob Heeke, SRWMD  
Glenn Horvath, SRWMD  
Tyler Jordan, SRWMD  
Carly Muir, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

- Division of Resource Management – Agenda Item 16 - Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2016 - 2020
- Division of Resource Management – Agenda Item 17 - Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rules 40B-5.0011 and 40B-5.0091, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and File Rules and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received (**added to Consent Agenda**)
- Division of Resource Management – Agenda Item 18 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-21.221, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received (**added to Consent Agenda**)

MRS. JOHNS 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, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, 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, thanked the Board for the 47 Bridge Land Swap on the current agenda and Chicken Farm concerns.
- Jean Wosner – Chicken Farm concerns. Presented photos to the Board.
- Laverne Hodge - Chicken Farm concerns.
- Lucinda Alliance, Ichetucknee Alliance - Chicken Farm concerns and moratorium on Water Use Permits over 100,000 gallons or more.
- John Rutledge - Chicken Farm concerns.
- Mary Pergande - Chicken Farm concerns including water quality and water policy concerns.
- Deborah McClelland - Chicken Farm concerns.
- Jim Tatum, Out Santa Fe River - Chicken Farm concerns.

- Charles Trowbridge – Chicken Farm concerns.
- Norman Biegner, Briar Patch Homeowners Association – Chicken Farm concerns.
- Steve Gladin – Chicken Farm concerns and review of state regulations.
- Paul Still, Resident - Administrative Hearings process concerns, Board attorney concerns and costs associated with the Lower Santa Fe river MFL process.
- Paul Still, BSCWC – Flooding concerns in Bradford County on District property. DuPont property concerns.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2015, Governing Board Meeting Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 8 - Approval of November 2015 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 17 - Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rules 40B-5.0011 and 40B-5.0091, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and File Rules and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received - **Updated**
- Agenda Item 18 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-21.221, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received - **Updated**

MR. SCHWAB 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, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- December 8, 2015 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes.

THE DECEMBER 8, 2015 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH THE CONSENT ITEMS.

Chair Quincey addressed the Lukens Tract property concerns and the District's interest in possible purchase of the property.

Toni Collins, Levy County Historical Society, Levy County Historical Society, provided comments to the Board.

Mandy Offerle, Cedar Key, thanked the Board for open communications regarding the Lukens Tract property.

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 – Commissioner Ron Williams, Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, thanked the Board for their assistance with the Cannon Creek project and continued support and open communications with Columbia County.
- Service Awards: Brian Kauffman for 20 years of service and Steve Minnis for 10 years of service.

## **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Fred Reeves updated the Board on the Thomason v. SRWMD and Paul Still v. SRWMD Administrative Hearings.

## **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Approval of November 2015 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Authorization to Execute a Contract with Live Oak Management Group for Parking Lot Repair and Repaving Services at District Headquarters. Dave Dickens, Director, Administration and Operations, presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Contract with Live Oak Management Group for Parking Lot Repair and Repaving Services at District Headquarters.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LIVE OAK MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR PARKING LOT REPAIR AND REPAVING SERVICES AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission to receive Grant Funds and Approval of Resolution 2016-01 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget with Amendment No. 3 to include Unanticipated Revenues and Expenditures. Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) to receive grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 and approve Resolution 2016-01 to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget from \$45,274,670 to \$45,294,670 with Amendment No. 3 to include unanticipated revenues and expenditures from FFWCC.

MR. JONES MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2016-01 TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FROM \$45,274,670 TO \$45,294,670 WITH AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO INCLUDE UNANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FROM FFWCC. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of Resolution Number 2016-02 Authorizing the Exchange of Real Properties to include 0.81 acres ± of the District's 47 Bridge Tract and 2.38 acres ± of the District's Shingle Landing Tract with Property owned by Gilchrist County. Mr. Dickens presented staff recommendation to approve and execute Resolution 2016-02 authorizing the Exchange of land owned by the Suwannee River Water Management District to the Board of County Commissioners of Gilchrist County, Florida and Authorize the Chair and Secretary of the Governing Board, the Executive Director of the District, the Governing Board Attorney and all other officers and Employees of the District to do all things necessary to close and complete the conveyance.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE RESOLUTION 2016-02 AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LAND OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT, THE GOVERNING BOARD ATTORNEY AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND COMPLETE THE CONVEYANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

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.

Agenda Item No. 13 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. The Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

#### **DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY**

Agenda Item No. 14 - Initiation of Rule Development for Chapters 40B-8.071 and 40B-8.081, Florida Administrative Code for Minimum Flows and Levels for the Aucilla/Wacissa and Econfina Rivers and Associated Priority Springs. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, presented staff recommendation to authorize initiation of rule development for Chapters 40B-8.071 and 40B-8.081, Florida Administrative Code, for Minimum Flows and Levels for the Aucilla/Wacissa and Econfina Rivers and associated Priority Springs.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INITIATION OF RULE DEVELOPMENT FOR CHAPTERS 40B-8.071 AND 40B-8.081, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, FOR MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS FOR THE AUCILLA/WACISSA AND ECONFINA RIVERS AND ASSOCIATED PRIORITY SPRINGS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 15 - Approval to Enter into Contract for the January 2016 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Glen Horvath, Ag/Special Advisory Director, presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to enter into contract with two applicants for the January 2016 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program in the amount of \$81,500.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TWO APPLICANTS FOR THE JANUARY 2016 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,500. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

## **DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Presentation on Continuous Water Quality Monitoring Data at District Springs. Darlene Saindon-Valez gave a power point presentation to the Board regarding Continuous Water Quality Monitoring at District Springs.

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Agenda Item No. 16 - Approval of Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2016-2020 - Updated. Pat Webster, Senior Engineer, presented staff recommendation to the Governing Board to approve the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) Mitigation Plan 2016-2020.

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) MITIGATION PLAN 2016-2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, JOHNS, JONES, SANCHEZ, SCHWAB, AND QUINCEY.)

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Agenda Item No. 19 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

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 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Announcements

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



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At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Sec/Treasurer	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones		X	
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Governing Board General Counsel

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

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Jean Wosner, Circle Pine Farm	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
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Mary Diaz, SRWMD	Darlene Saindon, SRWMD
Abby Johnson, SRWMD	Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD
Brian Kauffman, SRWMD	Carly Muir, SRWMD

The Board Workshop began at 12:38 p.m.

Florida Forever Work Plan Update

Noah Valenstein presented the 2016 Florida Forever Work Plan update. The update accentuated the District's strategies to implement water resource development and restoration projects as well as strategies to acquire and manage land interests to achieve the District's water resource objectives with Florida Forever funding as the mechanism to achieve these goals.

Five Year Strategic Plan

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 project implementation by staff. Examples included projects and programs from each strategic priority area as well as projects on the horizon that promote the District's core mission.

The workshop adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The Lands Committee Meeting was cancelled due to no quorum present.

The Human Resource Committee Meeting began at 1:10 p.m. and ended at 1:58 p.m.

The Human Resource Committee materials and recording is located with the January Governing Board materials and recording.

  
Chair

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