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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 9, 2016

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	Gary Jones			X
At Large	Vacant			

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	Noah Valenstein	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Administration & Operations Division Director	Roary Snider	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos D. Herd. P.G.	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
GB & HR Coordinator	Lisa Cheshire	X	

Guests:

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Vivian Katz, Save Our Lakes Org., Inc.
Frank Offerle, Cedar Key News
Paul Still, BSWCD
Janet Llewellyn, DEP
Robert Treat
Leroy Marshall, City of Lake City
Dr. Pat Welch, Save Our Lakes Org., Inc.
Mandy Offerle
Barton Wilder, FDACS
Charles Shinn, FFB
Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Barton Wilder, FDACS
Warren Zwanka, SRWMD
Charles Lee, Audubon of Florida
Don Curtis, The Forestry Company
Webb Farber, Save Our Lakes Org., Inc.
Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, Inc.
Kristen Simmons, DEP
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Georgia Schmitz
Jacqui Sulek, Audubon Florida
Jeff Hill
Jerri Treat
Steve Gladin
Hugh Thomas, FDACS
Officer Boone, FFWCC
Brian Kauffman, SRWMD
Keith Rowell, SRWMD

Robin Lamm, SRWMD
Bill McKinstry, SRWMD
Jamie Bell, SRWMD
Tammie Girard, SRWMD
Darrell Smith, SRWMD
Kevin Jones, SRWMD
Bob Heeke, SRWMD
Glenn Horvath, SRWMD
Tyler Jordan, SRWMD
Leslie Ames, SRWMD
Tilda Musgrove, SRWMD
Jessica Bell, SRWMD

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanks to Board for continued agricultural support.
- Jeri Treat – Thanks to Board for keeping the Lukens tract open for public.
- Mandy Offerle - Thanks to Board for keeping the Lukens tract open for public.
- Jeff Hill – Enforcement cases updates.
- Dr. Pat Welch – Water recharge concerns in SJRWMD and SRWMD.
- Webb Farber, Save Our Lakes Org., Inc. – Presented Board with slides regarding concerns with water recharge concerns in SJRWMD and SRWMD.
- Vivian Katz - Water recharge and MFL concerns in SJRWMD and SRWMD.
- Don Curtis, The Forestry Company – Invited the Board members to tour the Santa Fe River Ranch and provided an update on the Santa Fe River Ranch offer.
- Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson - Our Santa Fe River, Moratorium on Water Use Permits over 100,000 gallons or more, proposed mining operation in Bradford and Union counties, Falling Creek project concerns in the Florida Forever Workplan, gave appreciation to Noah Valenstein for his participation with the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners meeting..

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

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2016 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of December 2015 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 15 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit Number 2-079-221184-3 for a 10-Year Permit Extension with a 0.4258 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing 0.5163 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Mary L. Johnson Trust Project, Madison County
- Agenda Item 16 - Request for Authorization to Execute an Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Concerning Applications for Projects Involving the Construction and Operation of Artificial Recharge Facilities in the District
- Agenda Item 17 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-1.106, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received
- Agenda Item 18 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Proposed Rule to Repeal Rules 40B-5.0011 and 40B-5.0091, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State if no Objections are Received
- Agenda Item 19 - Release of Claims for Cutting and Removal of Timber on the Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Conservation Easement, Taylor County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes.

- January 12, 2016 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes.

THE JANUARY 12, 2016 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 – None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 - Tom Reeves updated the Board on JTC Farms Administrative Hearing dismissal and the Paul Still Admistrative Hearings.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with M.A. Rigoni, Inc. for the Mattair Springs #4 Timber Sale. Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented staff recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with M.A. Rigoni, Inc. for the Mattair Springs #4 Timber Sale.

Mr. Schwab publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 10. 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. WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER WITH M.A. RIGONI, INC. FOR THE MATTAIR SPRINGS #4 TIMBER SALE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 11 - 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. 12 - 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. 13 - Water Conservation Grant Update. Carlos Herd, Director, presented an update regarding the Water Conservation Grant process.

Agenda Item No. 14 - Groundwater Awareness Week Proclamation. Mr. Herd presented staff recommendation to declare March 6-12, 2016, as Groundwater Awareness Week.

MR. ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO DECLARE MARCH 6-12, 2016, AS GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SCHWAB. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

No items

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Agenda Item No. 19 – Release of Claims for Cutting and Removal of Timber on the Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. Conservation Easement, Taylor County. Approved on Consent.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Enforcement Status Report. The Enforcement Status Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 22 – Projects Update. Jamie Bell, Projects Manager, presented an updated on the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Plan and Hart Springs project.

Agenda Item No. 23 – ***Public Hearing*** and Acceptance of Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2021. Steve Minnis presented staff recommendation to conduct a public hearing and accept the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2021.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 23 to receive public comment.

Paul Still provided comments to the Board.

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2021 WITH SCRIVENERS ERRORS ADDRESSED AND CORRECTED BY STAFF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 24 – ***Public Hearing*** and Acceptance of Florida Forever Work Plan 2016 Annual Update. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented staff recommendation to conduct a public hearing and accept the 2016 Florida Forever Work Plan Update.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing regarding Agenda Item No. 24 to receive public comment.

Kent Wimmer, Charles Lee and Paul Still provided comments to the Governing Board.

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MRS. JOHNS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FLORIDA FOREVER WORK PLAN 2016 ANNUAL UPDATE WITH SCRIVENERS ERRORS ADDRESSED AND CORRECTED BY STAFF. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, SCHWAB, WILLIAMS AND QUINCEY.)

Agenda Item No. 25 – Approval to Enter into Contract for the February 2016 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Glenn Horvath, Ag/Special Advisory Director, presented staff recommendation authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contract with one applicant for the February 2016 Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Agricultural Cost-Share Program in the amount of $19,500.00.

Chair Quincey publically announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item 25. A Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mr. Quincey. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

Chair Quincey passed gavel to Vice Chair Alexander

MR. SCHWAB MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ONE APPLICANT FOR THE FEBRUARY 2016 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,500.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. UPON VOTE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, THE MOTION CARRIED. (MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR: ALEXANDER, BROWN, JOHNS, SCHWAB, AND WILLIAMS.)

Vice Chair Alexander returned gavel to Chair Quincey.

Agenda Item No. 26 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder 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. 27 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. The District's Weekly Activity Reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements

Agenda Item No. 29 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

The Lands Committee meeting began at 11:41 a.m. and ended at 11:49 a.m.

The Lands Committee meeting materials and recording are located with the February 2016 Governing Board materials and recording.

Chair

ATTEST: