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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
August 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		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	Noah Valenstein	X	
Chief of Staff	Roary Snider	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	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
Agricultural Director	Darrell Smith	X	

Guests:

Rebecca Perry, The Nature Conservancy
Robert Daniels, Aucilla/Wacissa River Group
Kristin Summers, FDEP
Ed Booth, City of High Springs
Corey Mikell,H20 Mobile Lab
Cliff Townsend, Townsend Farms
Laura Donaldson, Manson Bolves Donaldson, Varn, P.A.
Alvin Jackson, Suwannee Economic Development
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua Commission
Matt Weldon, Levy County
John Meeks, Levy County Board of Commissioners
John Quarterman, WWALS Watershed Coalition
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club
Maryvonne Devensky, Suwannee & St. Johns Sierra Club
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
David Ward, Aucilla/Wacissa River Group
Thomas Lynn, Suwannee Democrat
Todd Hubbard, City of High Springs
Tim Norman, Mittauer & Associates
Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau
Shem Oesch, Grimway Enterprises, Inc.
Charlie Houder, NRPS
Charles Fellows, Water & Air Research, Inc.
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Chris Mericle, WWALS Watershed Coalition
Terry Phelan, Our Santa Fe River
Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Pamela Smith, Our Santa Fe River
Sue Weller, City of High Springs Commission
Cliff Starling, FDACS

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Karen Gehring, Santa Fe College
Gail Dickert
Russell Rudell
Karen Garren
Steve Gladin

Officer Creech, FFWCC
Paul Still, BSWCD
John Dickert
Bob Barnas
Karen Arnington
Jeff Hill

Staff:
Leslie Ames
Scott Gregor
Bill McKinstry
Leroy Marshall
Mark Minno
Tyler Jordan
Andre Perron
Tim Beach

Jamie Bell
Jon Wood
Tammy Girard
Abby Johnson
Keith Rowell
Robin Lamm
Edwin McCook
Joel Carnow

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

Agenda Item No. 2 - Swearing in of Reappointed Board Members and Roll Call
Tommy Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, swore in Donald Quincey and Gary Jones for terms to expire March 1, 2020.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment
- Paul Still, BSWCD – MFL and Water Supply Plan concerns.
- Pamela Smith, Our Santa Fe River – Requested Moratorium on Water Use Permits, aquifer and Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Maryvonne Devensky, Suwannee & St. Johns Sierra Club – Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River – Springs, phosphate mining, and Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club – Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Terry Phelan, Our Santa Fe River – Santa Fe River and aquifer concerns.
- John Dickert – Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Gail Dickert – Fenholloway River, Springs in Taylor County, Sabal Trail Pipeline, and fracking concerns.
- Bob Barnas – High Springs sewer system expansion concerns.
- Tim Norman, Mittaur & Associates – Overview of High Springs sewer system expansion.
- Karen Gehring, Santa Fe College – Sabal Trail Pipeline and Amendment 1 concerns.
- John Quarterman, WWALS Watershed Coalition – Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns regarding wetland violations in Columbia County.
- Chris Mericle, WWALS Watershed Coalition – Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Karen Arnington - Sabal Trail Pipeline concerns.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanks to the Board for support of agriculture.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:
- Agenda Item 6 – Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2016 Audit Committee Meeting, July 12, 2016 Governing Board, Lands Committee and Human Resources Committee Minutes

- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of June 2016 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 10 – Declaration of Surplus Property
- Agenda Item 11 – Contract Amendment for Dispersed Recreation Maintenance Public Use, Mowing and Trimming Secondary and Administrative Roads for Fiscal Year 2016
- Agenda Item 12 – Authorization to Continue the Cooperative Management Agreement with Florida Forest Service (FFS) for Prescribed Fire Management Services for Fiscal Year 2017
- Agenda Item 13 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Wildland Fire Services, Natural Resource Planning Service, B&B Dugger, Schmidt Reforestation, and Attack-One Fire Management Services for Prescribed Fire Management Services for Fiscal Year 2017
- Agenda Item 14 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Schmidt Reforestation for Roller Chopping and Burning Services on the Mallory Swamp Tract for Fiscal Year 2017
- Agenda Item 24 – Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Florida District, for Streamgaging Services
- Agenda Item 25 – Contract with Boyett Enterprises, LLC, (dba Blue Streak Couriers) for Courier Service for Surface and Groundwater Sampling
- Agenda Item 26 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 14/15-054 with Water and Air Research, Inc., for Hydrologic, Water Quality, and Biological Sampling
- Agenda Item 30 - Request for Approval and Authorization to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Quincey reordered the agenda to accommodate members of the public.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Authorization for Staff to Conduct a Detailed Assessment, Provide Technical Assistance and Commence Negotiations Subject to Levy County Request for Acquisition Assistance for Purchase of Hutchison Family Limited Partnership Parcel on 192 +/- acres in Levy County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented this item to the Board.

John Meeks, Levy County Board of Commissioners, and Matt Weldon, Levy County Parks and Recreation Director, provided comments to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MR. JONES TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 17 - Authorization for Staff to Conduct a Detailed Assessment, Provide Technical Assistance and Commence Negotiations Subject to Levy County Request for Acquisition Assistance for the Waccasassa Fish Club LLC. Parcel on 22.7 +/- acres in Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. JONES, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-221702-3, with a 0.5625 mgd Increase in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 2.0536 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural and Industrial Uses at the Beaver Ranch-Stagecoach Facility Project, Suwannee County. Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – June 28, 2016 Audit Committee Meeting, July 12, 2016 Governing Board, Lands Committee and Human Resources Committee Minutes – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- Tom Mirti gave a presentation on the hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – None

The hydrologic conditions presentation was given after Agenda Item No. 29.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – No updated was provided.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of June 2016 Financial Report – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Declaration of Surplus Property - Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Contract Amendment for Dispersed Recreation Maintenance Public Use, Mowing and Trimming Secondary and Administrative Roads for Fiscal Year 2016 - Approved on Consent.

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Agenda Item No. 14 - Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Schmidt Reforestation for Roller Chopping and Burning Services on the Mallory Swamp Tract for Fiscal Year 2017 – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 - Authorization to Accept the Barrett 50 LLC. Ace Ranch Conservation Easement Mediation Agreement. Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MR. JONES TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Authorization for Staff to Conduct a Detailed Assessment, Provide Technical Assistance and Commence Negotiations Subject to Levy County Request for Acquisition Assistance for Purchase of Hutchison Family Limited Partnership Parcel on 192 +/- acres in Levy County.

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Agenda Item No. 16 and Agenda Item No. 17 were presented after Agenda Item No. 5 at the beginning of the Board Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 18 - Walker Springs – Layman Law Firm Conservation Easement – Right of First Refusal Conservation Modification Request. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

Amended Recommendation to authorize Legal Counsel to submit Declaratory Judgement with Courts to settle dispute.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MR. JONES TO APPROVE AMENDED RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Authorization to Enter into a Contract with United States Geological Survey for LiDAR Data and Quality Control Services. Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Agenda Item No. 22 - Authorization for Continuation of Contracting for Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Services for the Fiscal Year 2017 Minimum Flows and Levels Program. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Minimum Flows and Levels and Outstanding Florida Springs Update
Mr. Good provided the updates.

Steve Gladin provided comments to the Board.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 24 - Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Florida District, for Streamgaging Services – Approved on Consent.
Agenda Item No. 25 – Contract with Boyett Enterprises, LLC, (dba Blue Streak Couriers) for Courier Service for Surface and Groundwater Sampling – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 14/15-054 with Water and Air Research, Inc., for Hydrologic, Water Quality, and Biological Sampling – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Vertical Datum Conversion of Flood Forecasting Gages to NAVD88. Tom Mirti, Division Director, provided an update the Board.

Paul Still, BSWCD, provided comments to the Board.

Vice-Chair Alexander left the Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Monitoring Well Network Improvement Plan. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- Tom Mirti gave a presentation on the hydrologic conditions of the District.

Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club, Steve Gladin, and Chris Mericle, WWALS Watershed Coalition, provided comments to the Board.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 30 — Request for Approval and Authorization to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Annual Regulatory Plan to the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform - Approved on Consent.

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This item was heard after Agenda Item No.17 at the beginning of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Permitting Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 33 – Enforcement Status Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 34 – Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agriculture Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MR. JONES TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Jasper to Perform Additional Improvements Related to a Completed RIVER Project for an Amount not to Exceed $10,000.00. Mr. Valenstein presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Schwab amended the motion to authorize the Executive Director to use the remaining funds on other areas, if practical.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 36 - State Springs Grant Program Update. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 37 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 38 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 39 – Announcements
None

Agenda Item No. 40 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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August 9, 2016
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
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The Board Workshop began at 2:32 p.m.

North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan Update

Amy Brown, Senior Hydrogeologist, provided an update on the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

Paul Still, BSWCS, Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club and Steve Gladin provided comments to the Board.

The workshop adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

The Lands Committee meeting began at 3:04 p.m.

Lands Committee Members Present:
Virginia Sanchez
Gary Jones
Kevin Brown

Committee members Alexander and Williams not present.
Board member Schwab attended the Lands Committee Meeting

Guests:
David Ward, Aucilla/Wacissa River Group
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club
Rebecca Perry, The Nature Conservancy
Laura Donaldson, Manson Bolves Donaldson, Varn, P.A.
Russell Rudell
Paul Still, BSWCD
Charlie Houder, Saunders Real Estate
Kristin Summers, FDEP

Staff:
Tom Mirti
Noah Valenstein
Robin Lamm
Keith Rowell
Steve Minnis
Roary Snider
Tyler Jordan

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call
2. Public Comment

General Discussion / Updates

3. Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee River Basins Stakeholders Meeting
4. Walker Springs - Layman Law Firm CE, Jefferson County
5. Aucilla River Corridor, Jefferson County
6. Florida Gas Transmission – Chinquapin Plantation R/W, 8.12 Acres +/-, Suwannee County

Keith Rowell, Surveyor, updated the Committee on Agenda Items 3-6.

Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club, provided comments to the Committee.

Land Acquisition / New Property / Updated Offers

7. Econfina Timberlands, LLC – Aucilla Tract CE – 331 Acres +/-, Jefferson County
8. Cooley Family Aucilla River CE – 120 Acres +/-, Jefferson County

Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented items 7 and 8 to the Committee.

David Ward, Aucilla/Wacissa River Group, and Russell Rudell provided comments to the Committee regarding Agenda Items 7 and 8.

Motion made by Committee to forward to the Governing Board agenda items 7 and 8 to authorize staff to spend up to $20,000 for detailed assessments in the Aucilla River corridor and to bring the assessments of proposed acquisitions back to the Committee.

Paul Still, BSWCD, provided comments to the Committee regarding the Hunt Club Lease in Bradford County and public access.

Surplus Lands / Updates

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

The Lands Committee adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Chair

ATTEST: