

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
November 8, 2016

City of Alachua Commission Chambers
Alachua, 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
Fred 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	
Governmental Affairs 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:

Tom Kay, Alachua Conservation Trust	Gib Coerper, City of Alachua Commission
Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River	Kristin Summers, FDEP
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua	Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau	Herschel Vinyard, Foley & Lardner, LLP
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn	Ben Boukari, City of Alachua Commission
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club	Adam Boukari, City of Alachua Commission
Beth Porter, Florida Gas	Sandra Vardaman, Alachua County EPD
Tim Walker	Rhonda Walker
Steve Gladin	Michelle Curtis
Mike Roth	Jeff Hill

Staff:

Stefanie Leavitt	Tilda Musgrove
Robin Lamm	Tyler Jordan
Amy Brown	Keith Rowell

Bill McKinstry
Katelyn Potter

Warren Zwanka

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Roll Call

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

Updates:

- Legal Counsel – Agenda Item 8b - *Florida Gas Transmission Easement Eminent Domain Response*
- Division of Water Resources – Agenda Item 20 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. This agenda item was heard after Agenda Item No. 7.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - October 11, 2016 Governing Board and Lands Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 – Approval of September 2016 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 23 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-001-220431-2 with a 0.1111 mgd Decrease in Allocation and an Eight-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.1570 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Boyd, Boyd and Wright Farm Project, Alachua County
- Agenda Item 24 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220365-3, with a 0.0457 mgd Decrease in Allocation and an 8-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2629 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Kelly House Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 25 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-220802-2 with a 0.0841 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Four-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.2171 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Moses Pivot Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 26 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-228361-1, with a 0.0441 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1263 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Rush North Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 27 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215679-3, with a 0.0277 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.4630 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Osteen Farm Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 28 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-221235-3, with a 0.0272 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2644 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Calvin Richardson Farm Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item 29 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-123-217887-2, with a 0.0087 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 6-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.0578 mgd of Groundwater for Industrial Use at the Foley – No.1 Lagoon Well Project, Taylor County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2016 Governing Board and Lands 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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment

- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson – Sabal Trail water withdrawal concerns.
- Mike Roth - Sabal Trail water withdrawal concerns.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities

- a. Walker Springs-Layman Law Firm Conservation Easement Mediation Agreement
Legal Counsel recommended approval of Mediation Settlement Agreement as provided in the Board materials.

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

- b. Florida Gas Transmission Easement Eminent Domain Response - Updated
Legal counsel recommended approval of Final Judgement as provided in the Board materials.

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

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 10 - Approval of Expenditure for Contract 05/06-131 for Florida Forest Service -Twin Rivers State Forest Land Management Activities. Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Continue Detailed Assessment and Negotiations with Rock Bluff Spring Co., LLC, on a Fee Simple Purchase in Gilchrist County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented this item to the Board.

Herschel Vinyard, Foley & Lardner, LLP, and Tom Kay, Alachua Conservation Trust, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 - Authorization to Commence Detailed Assessment and Negotiations with Timothy D. Walker, Rhonda Walker and James Scott Walker on the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on 90 Acres +/- in Lafayette County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

Tim Walker provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 -- Approval of Resolution 2016-10 for Release of Fiscal Year 2017 Legislative Appropriations. Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 -- Preliminary Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Discussion. Mr. Snider provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 15 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Agenda Item No. 17 – Water Supply Assessment Update. Carlos Herd, Division Director, provided this presentation to the Board.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 18 -- Authorization to Purchase of Campbell Scientific Dataloggers. Tom Mirti, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 -- Authorization to Purchase Sierra Wireless RV-50 Modems. Mr. Mirti presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board - **Updated**

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 21 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-216732-3, with a 0.6813 mgd Increase in Allocation and a 4-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 1.8312 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Scott Farm Project, Suwannee County. Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-228242-1, with a 0.1987 mgd Increase in Allocation and an 8-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.3784 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hingson 2 Project, Suwannee County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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Agenda Item No. 30 – Permitting Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Enforcement Status Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 32 – Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agricultural Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 33 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 34 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Announcements
None

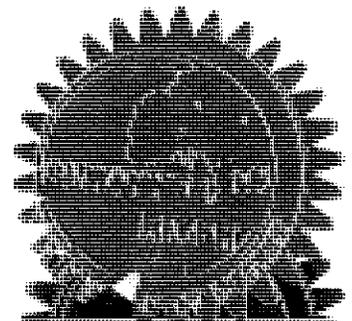
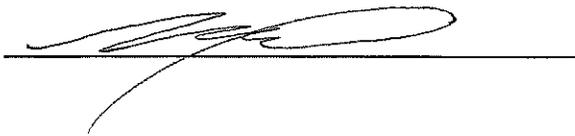
Agenda Item No. 36 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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Following Board Meeting

City of Alachua Commission Chambers
Alachua, FL

The Board Workshop began at 10:58 a.m.

RO Ranch Discussion

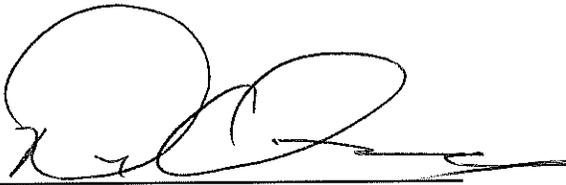
Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented a powerpoint on the RO Ranch and the District options.

Michelle Curtis provided comments to the Board.

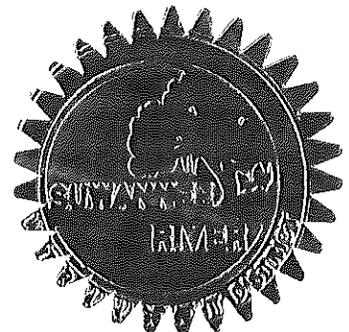
Water Use Permitting Overview

Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrogeologist, presented a powerpoint on the Water Use Permitting process.

The workshop adjourned at 12:05 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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City of Alachua Commission Chambers
Alachua, FL

The Lands Committee meeting began at 12:55 p.m.

Lands Committee Members Present:

Al Alexander	Kevin Brown
Gary Jones	Virginia Sanchez

NOTES:

Chair Quincy and Mrs. Johns attended the Lands Committee meeting.

Guests:

Sandra Vardanam, Alachua County EPD	Adam Boukari, City of Alachua
Michelle Curtis	Tom Kay, Alachua Conservation Trust

Staff:

Noah Valenstein	Steve Minnis
Roary Snider	Keith Rowell
Tyler Jordan	Bill McKinstry
Katelyn Potter	Carlos Herd
Darrell Smith	Tim Sagul
Tim Mirti	Robin Lamm

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call
2. Public Comment: No public Comments

General Discussion / Updates

3 Project Updates

Keith Rowell, Surveyor, provided this update
Sandra Vardaman provided comments to the Committee.

Land Acquisition / New Property / Updated Offers

4. Donald R. Chastain, 7 Acres +/-, Columbia County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED STAFF TO CONTACT OWNER AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER FOR POSSIBLE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PURCHASE.

- 5. Sabin Properties Limited, etal, 384 Acres +/- Hamilton County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO PASS ON THIS OFFER. SECONDED BY MR. JONES. MOTION CARRIED.

Surplus Lands / Updates

- 6. Surplus Updates. Mr. Rowell provided the updates to the Committee.
- 7. Announcements
- 8. Adjournment

The Lands Committee adjourned at 1:41 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



