

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
December 13, 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	Charles Keith		X	

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	

Staff:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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:

Secretary Jon Steverson, FDEP	Jack Furney, FDEP
Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utilities	Parrish Barwick, Jefferson County
Kristen Summers, FDEP	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua Commissioner
Craig Varn, Manson Bolves & Varn	Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Sierra Club
Officer Creech, FWC	Kevin Wright, Generation Farms
Jennifer Sagan, AMEC Foster Wheeler	Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy
D. Preble, Dewberry	Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Zeriah Folston, City of Archer	Pam Smith, Our Santa Fe River
Benjamin Wyche	Jon Ingram, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.
Georgia Schmitz	Steve Gladin
Jeff Hill	

**Staff:**

Leslie Ames  
Warren Zwanka  
Tyler Jordan  
Pat Webster  
Keith Rowell  
Robin Lamm  
Tilda Musgrove

Katelyn Potter  
Darrell Smith  
Pam Sanders  
Kelly Wooley  
Jamie Bell  
Keith Rowell

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order

Secretary Jon Steverson, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, provided comments to the Board and thanked the staff for their work.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Swearing in of Appointed Board Member and Roll Call. Legal Counsel swore in Mr. Charles Keith as new Board member.

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

**Updates:**

- Division of Administration and Operations - Agenda Item 12 - Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Realignment to Reconcile Account Codes – **Recommend Consent**
- Division of Administration and Operations - Agenda Item 13 - Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Budget
- Executive Office – Agenda Item 22 - Approval to Enter into Contracts for the Fiscal Year 2017 Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost-Share Program

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment

- Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua Commissioner – Thanked the District for their support regarding the RIVER project.
- Rick Hutton, GRU - Thanked the District for their support regarding the RIVER project.
- Pamela Smith, Our Santa Fe River – MFL and CUP concerns.
- Zeria Folston, City of Archer – Thanked Board and staff for assistance with RIVER project.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - November 8, 2016 Governing Board and Lands Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 – Approval of October 2016 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 10 - Declaration of Surplus Property
- Agenda Item 11 - Authorization to Purchase Rock Aggregate
- Agenda Item 12 - Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Realignment to Reconcile Account Codes - **Updated**
- Agenda Item 18 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215931-5, with a 0.0006 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 1.0952 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Shade Tree Nursery Project, Suwannee County

- Agenda Item 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-228276-1, with a 0.0689 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1172 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Shade Tree East Project, Suwannee County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – November 8, 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

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Update. Tom Reeves updated the Board regarding ongoing legal action.

### **DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

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

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Purchase Rock Aggregate. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 - Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Realignment to Reconcile Account Codes – Updated. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 -- Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary Budget – Updated. Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, 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. 14 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 15 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

### **DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY**

No Items.

## **DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 16 - Monitoring Well Network Improvement Plan. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 17 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

## **DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

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Agenda Item No. 20 – Permitting Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Enforcement Status Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval to Enter into Contracts for the Fiscal Year 2017 Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost-Share Program – Updated. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Performance-Based Bonus Plan. Mr. Valenstein presented this item to the Board.

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

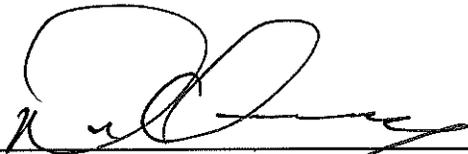
Agenda Item No. 23 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 24 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

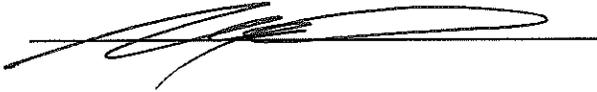
Agenda Item No. 25 – Announcements  
No Items.

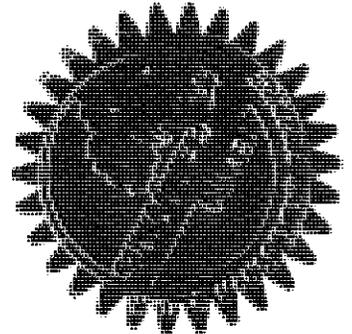
Agenda Item No. 26 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:





AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

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The Audit Committee meeting began at 10:44 a.m.

**Audit Committee Members Present:**

Don Quincey  
Virginia Johns

Richard Schwab

**Board Member Present:**

Don Quincey, Jr.  
Charles Keith  
Kevin Brown

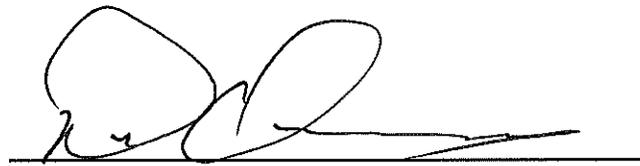
Virginia Sanchez  
Bradley Williams

- Call to Order / Committee Roll Call
- Public Comments: None
- Action Item  
Presentation of Operational Audit Findings and Audit Plans -

Jon Ingram, Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A., presented the Operational Audit Findings and Audit Plans.

- Announcements: None
- Adjournment

The Audit Committee adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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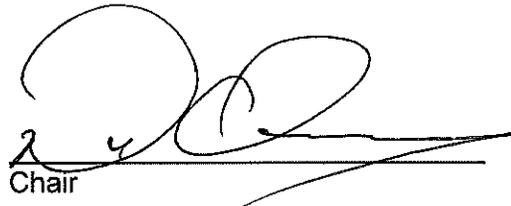
The Board Workshop began at 11:46 a.m.

Discussion of Innovative Acquisition and Exchange Practices

Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented Innovative Acquisition and Exchange Practices powerpoint.  
Guest Panelists provided comments to the Committee

Guest Panelists:  
Tom Kay, Alachua Conservation Trust  
Janet Bowman, The Nature Conservancy  
Charles Lee, Florida Audubon

The workshop adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:

