

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 14, 2016

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

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	
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 and Environmental Projects Director	Darrell Smith	X	
Communications Director	Katelyn Potter	X	

Guests:

Tessa Skiles, Karst Productions, Inc.	Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Kristin Summers, FDEP	Kristin Simmons, FDEP
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua
Jessica & Mike Tice, Tice Farms	Dallas McCullough, Tice Farms
Officer Creech, FWC	Jacqui Sulak, Audubon Florida
Stan Posey, FDEP-Office of Water Policy	Maureen McLean, SV Back Country Horseman
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn	Jennifer Sagan, AMEC Foster Wheeler
Bob Moresi, Black & Veatch	Ed Booth, City of High Springs
Georgia Schmitz	Steve Gladin

Jeff Hill

Staff:

Leslie Ames
Warren Zwanka
Tyler Jordan
Keith Rowell

Jamie Bell
Hugh Thomas
Scott Gregor
Robin Lamm

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

Deletion:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 11 – Approval of City of Cedar Key Annexation Request

Updates:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 12 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 1 Acquisition and Transfer of Conservation Lands
- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 13 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 2 - Hill Pond Project

Additions:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Supplemental Page 1 - Land Management Grant - Lance Water System

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Ed Booth, City of High Springs – Thanks to Board for support on projects in the City of High Springs.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - January 10, 2017 Governing Board and Board Workshop Minutes and January 17, 2017 Joint Governing Board Meeting with St. Johns River Water Management District Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of December 2016 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 14 - Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Land Management Report
- Agenda Item 18- Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-215999-2, with a 0.0237 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.0446 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the CD Pivot Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 19- Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220498-2, with a 0.0511 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1509 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Schnauss / Wilkerson Farms Project, Gilchrist County

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes - January 10, 2017 Governing Board and Board Workshop Minutes and January 17, 2017 Joint Governing Board Meeting with St. Johns River Water Management District Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

Chair Quincey asked staff for monthly updates regarding process of notifications regarding Valdosta sewage spill.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Ace Ranch Mediation Agreement status.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Purchase up to Four Vehicles as Approved in Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of City of Cedar Key Annexation Request. Deleted.

Agenda Item No. 12 - Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 1 - Acquisition and Transfer of Conservation Lands – Updated. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 13 - Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 2 – Hill Pond Project - Updated. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUP 1 - Land Management Grant - Lance Water Utility System. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION, CONTINGENT UPON COLUMBIA COUNTY FILING RECEIVERSHIP OF THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM, CONFIRMING THAT THE DISTRICT HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 14 - Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Land Management Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Mrs. Sanchez requested an R.O. Ranch update. Noah Valenstein provided an update to the Board.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

No Items.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 17 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-215999-2, with a 0.0237 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.0446 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the CD Pivot Project, Gilchrist County.
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Agenda Item No. 20 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-221508-3 with a 0.0351 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension Authorizing the Use of 0.1459 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Uses at the Jerry A. Goff Farm Project, Suwannee County.
Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Enforcement Status Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Agenda Item No. 23 – Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agricultural Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding – Alliance Dairies. Darrell Smith, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agricultural Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding – Lee Peanut, LLC. Mr. Smith presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 25 – **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2022. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing to receive public comment.

No comments we received.

Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2017 Florida Forever Work Plan Update. Leslie Ames, Policy and Planning Coordinator, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Quincey opened the public hearing to receive public comment.

No comments we received.

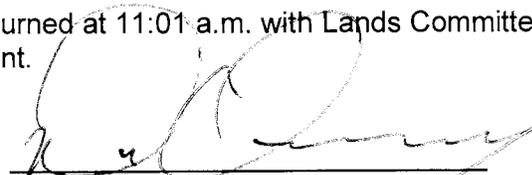
Chair Quincey closed the public hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 24 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

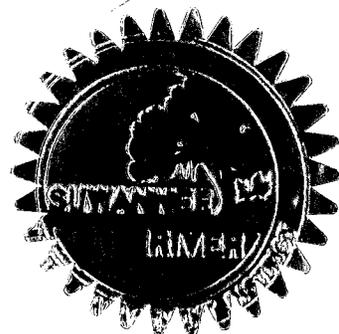
Agenda Item No. 25 - Announcements

Agenda Item No. 26 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. with Lands Committee to follow immediately after Board meeting adjournment.


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LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Lands Committee meeting began at 11:01 a.m.

Lands Committee Members Present:

Al Alexander	Kevin Brown
Gary Jones	Virginia Sanchez
Bradley Williams	

Additional Guests:

Tim Odom, Loncala, Inc.	Wesley Carter, Loncala, Inc.
Rebecca Perry, TNC	Rusty Rudell

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

General Discussion / Updates

- 3 Project Updates: Keith Rowell, Surveyor/Mapper, provide an update on the following properties:
Ware Forest, U.S. Forest Service, Wacassassa Fish Camp and Cooley Property.

Land Acquisition / New Property / Updated Offers

4. Rusty Rudell Exchange Offer, Jefferson and Madison County

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED STAFF TO SET UP TOUR OF THE PROPERTY AND WORK WITH OWNER AND COMMITTEE FOR ADDITIONAL OPTIONS/OPPORTUNITIES.

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

5. Loncala - Montechoa Creek, Alachua County

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED STAFF TO SEND TO BOARD TO MODIFY THE EASEMENT.

Surplus Lands / Updates

6. Surplus Updates. Mr. Rowell provided the updates to the Committee.
7. Announcements. None
8. Adjournment. The Lands Committee adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

February 14, 2017
Following Board Meeting

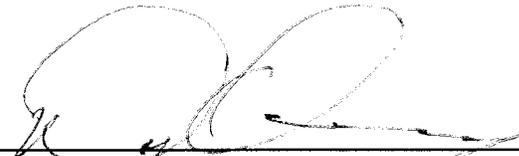
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The Board Workshop began at 12:42 p.m.

Sustainable Suwannee Springs Pilot Project Discussion

Darrell Smith, Agricultural Director, continued his update regarding the Suwannee Basin Water Quality and the Agriculture Industry from January Workshop discussion.

The workshop adjourned at 1:10 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



