

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
April 11, 2017

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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:

Kevin Wright, Generation Farms	Craig Varn, Manson Bolves & Varn
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau
Kristin Simmons, FDEP	Cliff Starling, FDACS
Carlyce Cross, Cross Holdings	Kristin Summers, FDEP
Corey Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
J. Wiley Jordan, Camamera	Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timber Research, Inc.
Genny Hall, PC 12 Ventures, LLC	Rodolfo Valladares, City of Alachua
Lisa Baker, Locklear & Associates	Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Jeff Cross, Cross Holdings	W. C. Hart, Lafayette Soil and Water District
Steve Gladin	Officer Creech

Georgia Schmitz

**Staff:**

Tyler Jordan

Robin Lamm

Pat Webster

Hugh Thomas

Warren Zwanka

Keith Rowell

Bill McKinstry

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

- Division of Administration and Operations – Supplemental 1 – Authorization for Executive Director to Enter into a Contract to Purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County and further Authorizing the Executive Director of the District, the Governing Board attorney, and all other Officers and Employees of the District to do all things Necessary to Complete the Acquisition.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Jeff Cross, Cross Holdings – Support of the Water Use Permit recommendation on Board agenda.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked the District for support of agriculture.
- Rodolfo Valladares, City of Alachua – Support of the Mill Creek project recommendation on Board agenda.
- Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timber Research, Inc.- Support of the Ware Timber Tract recommendation on Board agenda.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - March 14, 2017 Governing Board Meeting, Lands Committee and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 – Approval of February 2017 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220558-2, with a 0.0434 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Six-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.0694 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Rantz and Stephanie Smith Farm Project, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item 20 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-221358-2, with a 0.0699 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.1680 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the David A. Key Farm Project, Gilchrist County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2017 Governing Board Meeting, Lands Committee and Workshop 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

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Report. Tom Reeves updated the Board on the Petitions regarding the Water Supply Plan.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of February 2017 Financial Report. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 10 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 3. Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Amendment Number 4. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 - Declaration of Surplus – Town of Greenville Sprayfield Tract – 151 Acres +/- Madison County. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of City of Cedar Key Annexation Request. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Contract with TSI Disaster Recovery, LLC for Design and Construction Services for River Access Improvements and Resource Protection Projects. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

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

**SUP 1 – Authorization for Executive Director to Enter into a Contract to Purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County and further Authorizing the Executive Director of the District, the Governing Board Attorney, and all other Officers and Employees of the District to do all things Necessary to Complete the Acquisition. Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, requested the item be amended to include the Governing Board's authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Ware Forest, LLC, their successors or assigns to purchase the Ware Forest Tract, 160 acres +/- in Jefferson County for an amount not to exceed \$244,800.**

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLIAMS TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ANY NEEDED CONTRACT, DEED OR EASEMENT, INCLUDING A FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO THE SELLER IF THE DISTRICT WAS TO SURPLUS THE PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE AND ALSO INCLUDING A DEED RESTRICTION PROHIBITING THE DISTRICT FROM HARVESTING CYPRESS TREES ON THE PROPERTY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO APPROVE THE STAFFS RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 15 - 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. 16 - 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**

No Items.

#### **DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 17 - Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Task Work Assignment with Huss Drilling, Inc. for Well Construction and Associated Hydrogeological Testing. Tom Mirti, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

BOARD RECOMMENDED THIS ITEM BE PULLED AND BROUGHT TO THE MAY 2017 BOARD MEETING.

Agenda Item No. 18 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Mr. Mirti provided this update to the Board.

#### **DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220558-2, with a 0.0434 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Six-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.0694 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Rantz and Stephanie Smith Farm Project, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent

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Agenda Item No. 21 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-221458-2, with a 0.4034 mgd Increase in Allocation, Authorizing the Use of 1.7613 mgd of Groundwater for

Agricultural Use at the PC 12 Farm Project, Suwannee County. Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Permitting Summary Report. The Permitting Summary Report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

#### AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Agenda Item No. 23 - Approval to Contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Grant Funds for the Mill Creek Sink Stormwater Improvement Project. Darrell Smith, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 - Authorization to Implement the Springs Pilot Agricultural Project. Mr. Smith presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 - Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agricultural Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding – Townsend Brothers Ag Enterprises. 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. 26 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Announcements

Agenda Item No. 28 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

April 11, 2017  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. The Lands Committee Meeting began at 11:07 a.m.

Mr. Alexander filled in for Mr. Brown as Chair of this Committee Meeting.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Al Alexander	X	
Kevin Brown		X
Gary Jones	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	
Bradley Williams	X	

2. Public Comment - None

3. General Discussion / Update - None

4. Land Acquisition / New Property Offers

- Shingle Creek Tract – 72 Acres +/-, Dixie County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, presented this item to the Committee.

MR. JONES RECOMMENDED THIS ITEM BE PULLED AND BROUGHT TO THE MAY 2017 LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING AND NO MONEY BE SPENT.

5. Conservation Easement Modification Requests - None

6. Surplus Lands / Updates - None

7. Access Easement Requests - None

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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