

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

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

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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	Charles Keith		X	

Governing Board General Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Leadership Team:

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Interim Executive Director	Darrell Smith	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	
Communications Director	Katelyn Potter		X

Guests:

David Roffey, LyleStanely Trace, LLC	Gene Hall, Jefferson Board of Commissioners
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Kendrick Thomas, Gilchrist Board of Commissioners
Jennifer Sagan, AMEC Foster Wheeler	Paul Still, BSWCD
Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau	Leigh Brooks, FDACS
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn	Officer Creech
Jamie Sortevik, Dewberry	Kevin Wright, Generation Farms
Becky Bussard, Dixie FFA Alumni	Diane Watson, Barrett 50 LLC
Crystal Bush, Dixie County FFA	Kody Plemmons, Dixie County FFA
Jessica Anderson, Dixie County FFA	Tammy Stemple, Dixie County FFA
Carrie Cobb, Dixie County FFA	Bobbie Sue Davis, Dixie County FFA
Kyndal Bussard, Dixie County FFA	Savannah Cobb, Dixie County FFA

Caden Reed, Dixie County FFA
Austin Roberts, Dixie County FFA
Sydney Groom, Dixie County FFA
Steve Gladin
George Rowe
Georgia Schmitz
Ray Curtis, Jr
Sam Kattan

Peyton Smith, Dixie County FFA
Jenny Sanchez, Dixie County FFA
CJ Reed, Dixie County FFA
Mary Rowe
Benjamin Wyche
Jeff Hill
Cliff Townsend

Staff:

Tyler Jordan
Robin Lamm
Stefani Weeks
Tilda Musgrove
Lisa Cheshire

Keith Rowell
John Good
Warren Zwanka
Katherine Haney
Hugh Thomas

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

Deletions:

- Division of Administration and Operations – Agenda Item 19 – Renewal of Prescribed Fires Services for Fiscal Year 2018

Updates:

- Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2017 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and July 6, 2017 Executive Director Selection Committee Meeting
Division of Administration and Operations
- Agenda Item 10 - Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2018 Millage and Budget
- Agenda Item 13 - Consideration of Right of First Refusal and Amendment Request, Barrett 50 LLC ACE Ranch Conservation Easement; Lafayette County
Division of Resource Management
- Agenda Item 24 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-216959-3, with a 0.4203 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.6889 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Ragans Farm Project, Madison County
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MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still, BSWCD – Lake Rowell concerns.
- Paul Still – MFL Emergency Rule concerns.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked the Board for the District Cost-Share Program and support to the Agricultural community.
- Jeff Hill – Legal issues with District. Provided a public record request.
- George Rowe – Support of Jeff Hill.
- Sam Kattan – Springs and aquifer concerns.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - June 13, 2017 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and July 6, 2017 Executive Director Selection Committee Meeting - **Updated**
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of May 2017 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 12 - Approval of Resolution Number 2017-08 for Release of 2017-2018 State Appropriations
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MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes - June 13, 2017 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and July 6, 2017 Executive Director Selection Committee Meeting - **Recommend Consent - Updated.** 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 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the DOAH cases in litigation.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2018 Millage and Budget -**Updated**
Roary Snider, Chief of Staff, presented this item to the Board including a powerpoint presentation.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of General Fund Reserves Policy. Mr. Snider presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Resolution Number 2017-08 for Release of 2017-2018 State Appropriations. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Consideration of Right of First Refusal and Amendment Request, Barrett 50 LLC ACE Ranch Conservation Easement; Lafayette County – **Updated.** Keith Rowell, Surveyor/Mapper, presented this item to the Board.

Ray Curtis, Jr., provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Consideration of Consent and Approval Agreement with City First Mortgage and HelpCo Financial, Walker Springs Conservation Easement, Jefferson County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Consideration of Revision to Conveyance Terms and Interlocal Agreement with Taylor County Hampton Springs Tract. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Consideration to Approve an Easement Relocation/Exchange Request, Chitty Bend West Tract, Madison County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Accept the Donation of Property from Mitchell G. and Paula Hancock in Hixtown Swamp, 199 Acres +/-, Madison County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of Conveyance to Dixie County School Board, 147 Acres +/-, Dixie County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

Crystal Bush and Kyndal Bussard, Dixie County FFA, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Renewal of Prescribed Fire Services Contracts for Fiscal Year 2018
Recommend Consent - Deleted

Agenda Item No. 20 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

No Items.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 22 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute Contract with Huss Drilling, Inc. for Well Construction and Associated Hydrogeological Testing. Tom Mirti, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Mr. Mirti provided this update to the Board.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 24 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-216959-3, with a 0.4203 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.6889 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Ragans Farm Project, Madison County – Updated. Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

Paul Still provided comments to the Board.

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Agenda Item No. 32 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Agenda Item No. 33 – Springs Funding Update. Darrell Smith, Interim Executive Director, provided an update on this item.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 34 – District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Announcements - None

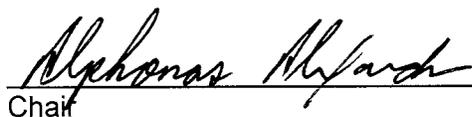
Agenda Item No. 36 - Discussion and Selection of Executive Director for the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Chair Quincey reviewed the Executive Director Selection Committee recommendation and requested a motion to approve Hugh Thomas as the Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District. Chair Quincey stated the effective date of July 17, 2017, for Mr. Thomas to begin the Executive Director responsibilities and for consideration of contract at the August 8, 2017, Board meeting.

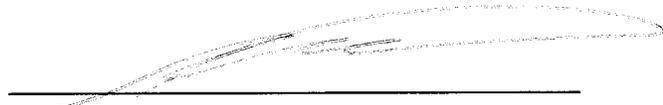
Hugh Thomas provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 37 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



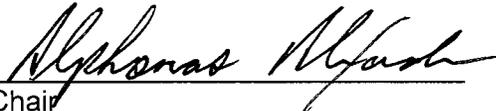


SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MINUTES

Discussion of Governing Board Directive 12-0003 – Provision of Assistance for Automated Monitoring of Agricultural Water Use

Warren Zwanka and Tom Mirti presented a powerpoint presentation on the Automated Monitoring of Agricultural Water Use Directive that is set to expire in September 2017.

The workshop adjourned at 1:18 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



