

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
November 14, 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	Charles Keith		X	

Governing Board General Counsel

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

Leadership Team:

Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X
Assistant Executive Director	Darrell Smith	X
Administration and Operations Division Director	Roary Snider	X
Governmental Affairs Director	Steve Minnis	X
Water Supply Division Interim Director	John Good, P.E.	X
Water Resources Division Director	Tom Mirti	X
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Warren Zwanka	X
Communications Director	Katelyn Potter	X

**Guests:**

Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau	Savanna Barry, UF/IFAS
Brad Dicks, Florida Farm Bureau	Tom Twitmyer, EWE
Pamela Flores, FDEP	Leigh Brooks, FDACS
Craig Varn, Manson Bolves & Varn	Jacque Sulak, Florida Audubon
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Jon Dinges, Amec Foster Wheeler
John Kiefer, Amec Foster Wheeler	Paul Still, BSWCD
Jennifer Sagan, Amec Foster Wheeler	George Rowe
Robert and Mary Bowes	Steve Gladin
Jeff Hill	Jamie Good
Georgia Schmitz	

**STAFF**

Tyler Jordan  
Robin Lamm  
Stefani Weeks  
Tilda Musgrove  
Kris Esklin  
Dale Staats  
Ben Glass  
Pam Shaw

Keith Rowell  
Ashley Stefanik  
Justin Garland  
Bill McKinstry  
Christina Green  
Ryan Sims

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still – Bradford County flooding concerns.
- Pat Bowes – Starke flooding concerns.
- George Rowe – Support of Jeff Hill, provided pictures of phosphate dike, audit concerns.
- Jeff Hill – Requested payment for damaged property.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - October 10, 2017 Governing Board, Lands Committee Meeting and Board Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of September 2017 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-067-220799-3, with a 0.0440 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.5846 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the South 53 Pivots Project, Lafayette County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes - October 10, 2017 Governing Board, Lands Committee Meeting and Board Workshops 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 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves provided an update on the Hill cases.

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Florida Forest Services to Accept Grant Funding for Roller Chopping and Prescribed Fire Work in Mallory Swamp. Bill McKinstry, Land and Facilities Operations Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of Governing Board Directive 17-0002, Land Acquisition and Disposal of Surplus Lands Guidelines. Roary Snider, Division Director, 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 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Big Bend Timber, for the Ellaville Number 15 Timber Sale. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with M.A. Rigoni Inc., for the Santa Fe Number 1 Timber Sale. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Schwab publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with T.W. Byrd Sons Logging, for the Troy Springs Addition Number 1 Timber Sale. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 - Inspector General 2017 Activities Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. This summary 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 to Contract with the University of Florida Soil and Water Science Department for Investigating Strategies, Benefits, and Stakeholder Preference of Living Shorelines at Cedar Key, Florida. Tom Mirti, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-067-220799-3, with a 0.0440 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Five-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.5846 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the South 53 Pivots Project, Lafayette County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

#### **AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

Agenda Item No. 21 – Authorization to Enter into Contract Negotiations for the Construction of the Edwards Bottomlands Wetland Mitigation Project. Pat Webster, Senior Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

John Kiefer, Steve Gladin, and Paul Still provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval to Enter into Agreements with Three Agricultural Producer to Install Advanced Water Quality Improvement Technologies. Justin Garland, Engineer II, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Approval to Enter into Agreements with 28 Agricultural Producers to Implement Precision Agriculture Practices. Ben Glass, Projects Manager, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Quincey publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mr. Quincey. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JOHNS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH MR. QUINCEY ABSTAINING.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 24 – Performance-Based Compensation Plan. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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. 29 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:



SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 11:59 a.m.

Use of Dendrochronology to Hindcast Water Level Presentation

Tom Mirti presented a powerpoint summarizing a recent research project relating tree ring widths (dendrochronology) with ground water levels near Goethe State Forest.

Workshop ended at 12:35 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:



