

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

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March 13, 2018
9:00 a.m.

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
Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
Assistant Executive Director	Darrell Smith	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Office of MFL & Water Supply	John Good	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Warren Zwanka	X	
Communications & Organizational Development	Katelyn Potter	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Pamela Flores, FDEP
Kathleen Greenwood, FDACS	Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua
Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Charles Shinn, Farm Bureau
Kevin Wright, Generation Farms	Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Officer Creech, FFWCC	Andy Jackson, FDACS
Ed Booth, City of High Springs	Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Bob Moresi, Black & Veatch	Paul Still, BSWCD
Steve Gladin	

Staff:

Tyler Jordan
Pat Webster
Leroy Marshall
Ben Glass
Pam Shaw
Edwin McCook

Keith Rowell
Tilda Musgrove
Stefanie Weeks
Bill McKinstry
Steve Carpenter

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked the Board for agriculture support.
- Paul Still, BSWCD – Flooding concerns in Bradford County.

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

- Agenda Item 6 – February 13, 2018 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop and Land Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 – Approval of January 2018 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 17 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-219225-3, with a 0.0021 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1501 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Johnny Butler Farm Project, Hamilton County
- Agenda Item 18 - Approval of a Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-047-221431-3, with a 0.3777 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing a Maximum 1.0302 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Superior Pine Project, Hamilton County
- Agenda Item 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-067-220790-2, with a 0.0407 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Six-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2395 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the John L. Hart Jr. Farm, Lafayette County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2018 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop and Land Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Tom Mirti gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. 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 following litigation:

- Joint Regional Water Supply Plan Case
- Jeff Hill Cases
- Brown Case

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of January 2018 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Approval of Resolution Number 2018-01, Adopting Budget Amendment Number One for Fiscal Year 2018. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Qualified Forestry Consultant Firms. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Program Manager, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Alexander 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. Alexander. 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, EXCEPT FOR ALEXANDER.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Acceptance of District Land Management Plan. 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 - 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. 14 - Authorization to Purchase Sierra Wireless RV-50 Modems. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive 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. 15 - Authorization to Extend a Contract with Huss Drilling, Inc., for Well Construction and Associated Hydrogeological Testing. Mr. Mirti presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-219225-3, with a 0.0021 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1501 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Johnny Butler Farm Project, Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

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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 – Approval to Enter into Contract with an Agricultural Producer to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding. Ben Glass, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval to Enter into Agreement with an Agricultural Producer to Implement Precision Agriculture Practices. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 23 – Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation. Katelyn Potter, Communications and Organizational Development, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Consideration of Right of First Refusal on the HelpCo Financial Services, Inc. Parcel, 82.82 Acres +/-, within the Walker Springs Conservation Easement, Jefferson County. Keith Rowell, Land Acquisition, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Steve Minnis updated the Board on the 2018 Legislative Session.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on various District activities.

Chair Quincey addressed the Board and resigned as Board Chair effective immediately. He will remain on the Board as a voting member. Chair Quincey nominated Virginia Johns as the new Board Chair.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO APPROVE MRS. JOHNS AS THE NEW BOARD CHAIR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Quincey asked for nomination for the Secretary/Treasurer position from the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO NOMINATE MR. SCHWAB AS THE SECRETARY/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:37 a.m.

Mr. Quincey announced that all member of the Board would participate in the Lands Committee Meeting.

Members	Present	Not Present
Bradley Williams		X
Richard Schwab	X	
Don Quincey, Jr.	X	
Kevin W. Brown		X
Alphonas Alexander	X	
Virginia H. Johns	X	
Virginia Sanchez		X
Gary Jones	X	
Charles Keith	X	

2. Public Comment: None

3. General Discussion / Updates:

- Surplus Lands Policy. Keith Rowell, Land Acquisition/Local Government, update the Committee on the upcoming changes to the Surplus Lands Policy.

4. Land Acquisition / New Property Offers: None

5. Conservation Easement Modification Requests

- Consideration of Waiver of Right of First Refusal Tisdale Conservation Easement, 83 Acres +/-, Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

SCHWAB MADE MOTION TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
SECONDED BY JONES. MOTION CARRIED.

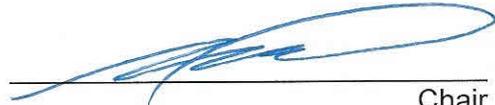
6. Surplus Lands / Updates: None

7. Access Easement Requests

- Chris and Diana Topping – Access Easement Relocation Request – Lukens Tract, Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

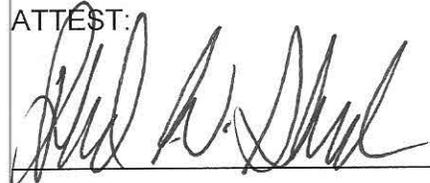
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SECONDED BY SCHWAB. MOTION CARRIED.

- 8. Announcements. None
- 9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 12:22 p.m.

Steinhatchee Springs River Access Project Update

Mr. McKinstry presented a powerpoint on the improvements at the Steinhatchee Springs River Access.

Introduction to the North Florida-Southeast Georgia (NFSEG) Regional Groundwater Flow Model

John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, presented a powerepoint on the North Florida-Southeast Georgia (NFSEG) Regional Groundwater Flow Model.