

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
April 10, 2018

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	Sec./Treas.	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	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	

Executive 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	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

**Guests:**

Ken Watson, HSW Engineering	Dori Sabeh, HSW Engineering
Pamela Flores, FDEP	Terri Lowery, Jones Edmunds
Morgan Westberry, FDEP	Jack Furney, FDEP
Mike Murphy, Mott McDonald	Cody Pridgeon, City of Lake City
Brian Icerman, Jones Edmonds	Jose Cruzman, Jacobs
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Scott Knight, Wetland Solutions, Inc.
Bob Palmer, Florida Springs Institute	Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Mike Williams, Nutrien	Ed Booth, City of High Springs
Mike Branch, Florida Forestry Association	Cory Harris, City of Archer
Charlie Daniel, Town of Branford	Mickey Dempsey, Town of Branford
Charles Fellows, Water & Air Research	Del Bottcher, SWET
Joanne Luther, City of Live Oak	Louis Tirado, City of Live Oak
Scott Tucker, FDACS	Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau

John Smith, PS&M, Inc.  
Fletcher Hope, City of Archer  
Joe Helfenberger, City of Archer  
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy  
Edward Dean, Town of Greenville  
Jon Dinges, Black & Veatch  
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn  
Ken Waters, HSW Engineering  
Carlos Herd, NFWMD  
Greg Lang, Mittauer & Associates  
Kathleen Greenwood, FDACS  
Jeff Hill  
Wendell Hurst  
Georgia Schmitz  
Steve Gladin  
Sara Brannon  
Frank & Sue Batey  
Jon Moses

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk  
Bob Knight, Florida Springs Institute  
Bill Henderson, Henderson GP  
Tripp Lancaster, City of Fanning Springs  
Bob Milner, City of Starke  
Commissioner Ronnie Richardson, Suwannee County  
Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk  
Officer Troy Wadford  
Brett Cyphers, NFWMD  
Mike Murphy, Hatch Mott  
Bill Anderson  
Melvin Landerware  
Robert Kasicki  
Michael Roth  
Linda Kasiski  
Mike Tice  
Glenn Biggerstaff

**STAFF**

John Good  
Katelyn Potter  
Tyler Jordan  
Pat Webster  
Bob Heeke  
Ben Glass  
Pam Shaw  
Scott Gregor  
Stefanie Weeks  
Mark Minno

Warren Zwanka  
Kevin Flavin  
Keith Rowell  
Tilda Musgrove  
Joel Carnow  
Bill McKinstry  
Steve Carpenter  
Justin Garland  
Kris Eskelin  
Edwin McCook

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

Addition:

Governing Board Legal Counsel: Supplemental 1 - **Approval of Declarations of Restrictive Covenants for the Rock Bluff Springs Property.**

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Fletcher Hope, City of Archer – Support of Springs Projects.
- Bob Knight, Florida Springs Institute - Support of Springs Projects.
- Joe Helfenberger, City of Archer - Support of Springs Projects.
- John Hewitt – Concerns regarding FWC and hunting in Lafayette County.
- Wendell Hurst - Concerns regarding FWC and hunting in Lafayette County.
- Bill Anderson - Concerns regarding FWC and hunting in Lafayette County.
- Robert Kasicki - Support of Springs Projects.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked the Board for supporting agriculture.
- Tripp Lancaster, City of Fanning Springs - Support of Springs Projects.
- Edward Dean, Greenville Town Manager - Support of Springs Projects.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - March 13, 2018, Governing Board Meeting, Workshop and Land Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of February 2018 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 13 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-221534-3, with a 0.1071 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1941 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Lawton McCulley Farm in Hamilton County

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

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

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

- Tom Mirti recognized Marc Minno for his 5-Years of Service.
- Mr. 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, Legal Counsel, provided an update on the following cases:

- Brown
- Water Supply Assessment
- Jeff Hill

**SUP 1 - Approval of Declarations of Restrictive Covenants for the Rock Bluff Springs Property.** Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

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

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

Agenda Item No. 10 – Consideration of Waiver of Right of First Refusal Tisdale Conservation Easement, 83 Acres +/-, Levy County. Keith Rowell, Land Acquisition/Local Government, 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 Access Easement Relocation Request from Chris and Diana Topping, Lukens Tract, Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-047-221534-3, with a 0.1071 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1941 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Lawton McCulley Farm in Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 15 - Request to Increase Fiscal Year 2018 Prescribed Fire Services Funding Amount. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Program Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval to Enter into Contract with Land Dairy for the Construction of the Irrigation Component of the Groundwater Capture and Treatment System. Justin Garland, Engineer II, presented this item to the Board.

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

#### **Additional Public Comments:**

- Mike Roth – Thanked the District for the Land Management Review Tour.
- Bob Milner, City of Starke - Support of Springs Projects.
- Commissioner Ronnie Richardson, Suwannee County - Support of Springs Projects.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval to Submit Springs Funding Applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Review and Approval for Fiscal Year 2018. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

Bob Milner, City of Starke, provided comments to the Board.  
Mike Williams, Nutrien, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Ranking and Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Contract for Services for the Upper Suwannee River Regional Aquifer Recharge Project. Bob Heeke, Senior Projects Manager, presented this item to the Board.

Ken Watson and Dori Sabeh, HSW Engineering Consultants, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Approval to Enter into Agreements with Two Agricultural Producers to Implement Low Input Rotations in Selected Locations. Darrell Smith, Assistant Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

Mike Tice, Tice Farms, provided comments to the Board.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

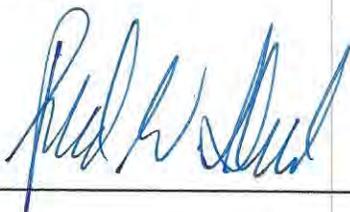
Agenda Item No. 22 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on various District activities.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a. m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 12:25 p.m.

Public Use of District Lands Discussion

Edwin McCook, Land Management Specialist, presented a workshop presentation on public use of District lands titled *District Lands...Yours to Enjoy*. The presentation discussed fee owned District lands, lands open to recreation and hunting, and public use classifications. Discussion was held on the benefits of District lands including protecting resources and water conservation, recreation opportunities, creating economic development through ecotourism, issuing special use authorizations and partnerships.

## LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 1:12 p.m.

**Committee Members**

Al Alexander  
Kevin Brown  
Gary Jones  
Virginia Sanchez  
Bradley Williams

**Present**

X  
X  
X  
X  
X

**Not Present**

**Attendees:**

Richard Schwab, Board Member  
Virginia Johns, Board Member  
Bruce Johnson, Stantec Consulting  
Pam Flores, FDEP  
Morgan Wetherby, FDEP  
Carlos Herd, NFWFMD  
Georgia Schmitz  
Steve Gladin

Charles Keith, Board Member  
Don Quincey, Board Member  
Ken Huntington, Comprehensive Environmental  
Richard Darabi, Moore Bass Consulting, Inc.  
Jack Furney, FDEP  
Brett Cyphers, NFWFMD Executive Director  
Jim Moses

**Staff**

Hugh Thomas  
Steve Minnis  
Katelyn Potter  
Tyler Jordan  
Bill McKinstry  
Pam Shaw

Darrell Smith  
Tom Mirti  
Edwin McCook  
Tilda Musgrove  
Keith Rowell  
Warren Zwanka

2. Public Comment. None.

3. General Discussion / Updates. None

4. Land Acquisition / New Property Offers:

• Jim Moses and George Burnham Property Exchange Proposal – Suwannee and Hamilton Counties – 10 Acres +/-. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Board.

ALEXANDER MADE MOTION, SECONDED BY WILLIAMS TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO COMMENCE DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Conservation Easement Modification Requests. None

6. Regulatory Conservation Easements Requests.

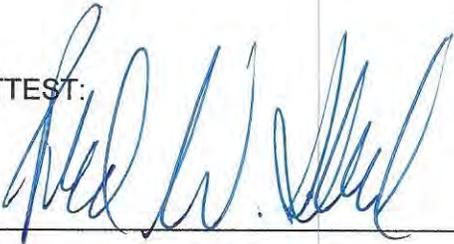
• Weyerhaeuser - North Florida Mega Industrial Park – Proposed ERP Conservation Easement, Columbia County, 94.83 Acres +/- of 2,622 Acres +/- Project Area. Mr. Rowell updated the Committee on this item.

7. Surplus Lands / Updates.

• Surplus Lands Policy. Mr. Rowell provided an update on the policy to the Committee.

8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p. m.

ATTEST:



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Chair

