

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
August 14, 2018

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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	

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	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Hale McBeth, Florida Farm Bureau	Lane Lucas, Eutaw, Inc.
Bob Moresi, Black & Veatch	Steve Land, Lafayette County
Matthew Kershner, FDEP	Kathleen Greenwood, FDACS
Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds	Andy Townsend, City of Live Oak
Thomas Henry, City of Lake City	Joe Helfenberger, City of Lake City
Jake Hill, City of Lake City Council	Kyle Jerrels, City of Starke
Morgan Westberry, FDEP	Chuck Oliver, City of Starke
Joseph Henderson, Town of Cross City	Jim Tatum, OSFR
Morgan Westberry, FDEP	Tyson Johnson, Gallagher & Associates
Kenneth Lee, Town of Cross City	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Jose Guzman, City of Live Oak	Corey Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Jennifer Sagan, Wood Environmental	Robert Hawkins, Bob's River Place
Sara Gardner, Bob's River Place	Marcus Cullum, City of Jasper

Greg Harden, Florida Farm Bureau
Chris Wynn, FWC
Craig Varn, Manson Bolves & Varn
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper
John McPherson, Cedar Key Water & Sewer
Jeff Hill
Susan Penhale

Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Jesse Sadeca, NRPS, Inc.
George Rowe
Mary Rowe
Steve Gladin
Diane Freeman
Kevin Wright

Staff

John Good
Keith Rowell
Tyler Jordan
Mary Diaz
Leroy Marshall
Matthew Cantrell
Kris Esklin
Bill McKinstry
Faye Baird

Pam Shaw
Stefani Weeks
Pat Webster
Katelyn Potter
Tilda Musgrove
Sara Zybell
Katie Kelly
Darlene Valez
Andrew Neel

Agenda Item No. 3 - Reappointed Board Member Oath of Office. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office for reappointed Board Member Alphonas Alexander.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

Deletion: Business & Community Services – Agenda Item No. 25 - Approval of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-007-232576-2, Alligator Creek/Sampson River Debris Removal, Bradford County

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment.

- Jeff Hill – Request reimbursement from District and other matters of concern.
- George Rowe – Support of Jeff Hill.
- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeeper – Bob’s River Place concerns.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 7 - July 10, 2018 Governing Board, Workshop, and Lands Committee Minutes, July 13, 2018 Executive Director Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Approval of June 2018 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Second Amendment to the Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement, Dixie County
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Third Amendment to the Montechoa Creek Conservation Easement, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215819-2, with a 0.1384 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1039 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Miller Farm Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215845-2, with a 0.0396 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.0281 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Carr Farm Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-220997-3, with a 0.0786 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2068 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Larry Warner Farm Project, Suwannee County

- Agenda Item No. 22 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-220718-2, with a 0.0398 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.0524 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Hyldemoer Farms 1 Project, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Approval of a Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-007-216650-2, with a 0.4209 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing a Maximum 1.3026 mgd of Groundwater for Public Supply Use at the City of Starke, Bradford County
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Request for Approval and Authorization to Submit the 2018-2019 Annual Regulatory Plan

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

Agenda Item No. 7 – July 10, 2018 Governing Board, Workshop, and Lands Committee Minutes, July 13, 2018 Executive Director Committee Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 8 - 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. 9 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Legal Counsel, had no updates at this meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Approval of Evaluation of Executive Director by Executive Director Evaluation Committee. Approved on Consent.

Chair Johns moved Agenda Item No. 37 to this section of the Meeting to accommodate the Cooperating Agencies and Organizations present at the Board Meeting

Agenda Item No. 37 – Approval to Enter into Contracts for the Fiscal Year 2018 Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost-Share Program. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following guest provided comments to the Board: Kenneth Lee, Town of Cross City, Joe Helfenberger and Jake Hill, City of Lake City, Steve Land, Lafayette County, and John McPherson, Cedar Key Water & Sewer.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Item No. 11 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Approval of June 2018 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Green Maintenance and Cleaning for Painting Services. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Authorization to Enter into Contract with Furst Automotive & Cycle, Inc., for Vehicle Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2019. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Second Amendment to the Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement, Dixie County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Third Amendment to the Montechoa Creek Conservation Easement, Alachua County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-221111-3, with a 0.1480 mgd Increase in Allocation and a Nine-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.3662 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the George Townsend Farm Project, Suwannee County. Stefani Weeks, WUP/WWC Program Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215819-2, with a 0.1384 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1039 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Miller Farm Project, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

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Agenda Item No. 23 – Approval of a Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-007-216650-2, with a 0.4209 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing a Maximum 1.3026 mgd of Groundwater for Public Supply Use at the City of Starke, Bradford County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-029-214825-6, Hawkins Project, Dixie County, and Associated Sovereign Submerged Lands Lease Application. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

Sara Gardner and Robert Hawkins, Bob's River Place, presented a video to the Board and provided comments to the Board. Kevin Wright, Susan Penhale, and Diane Freeman provided comments to the Board.

AMENDED MOTION BY QUINCEY TO DENY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT APPLICATION ERP-029-214825-6, HAWKINS PROJECT, DIXIE COUNTY, WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND POSTPONE ENFORCEMENT ACTION FOR 30 DAYS. SECONDED BY SANCHEZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Approval of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-007-232576-2, Alligator Creek/Sampson River Debris Removal, Bradford County. Deleted

Agenda Item No. 26 - Authorization to Enter into Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer Risk MAP for Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 - Request for Approval and Authorization to Submit the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Regulatory Plan. Approved on Consent.

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 28 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Annual Water Quality Summary. Darlene Valez, WR Program Manager, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

Merrilee M. Jipson, Steve Gladin, Lucinda Merritt, and Steve Quarterman provided comments to the Board.

CHAIR JOHNS RECOMMENDED AGENDA ITEMS 31-36 BE APPROVED WITH ONE RECOMMENDATION.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with North Florida Timber Dealers, Inc., for the Ellaville #16 Timber Sale.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Approval to Remove Bay Creek Tract from the Cypress Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Agenda Item No. 33 – Approval to Amend the Lease Agreement with the University of Florida for the Santa Fe River Ranch Tract.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-008 with Wood Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., for Water Quality and Biological Sampling.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, Florida District, for Streamgaging Services.

Agenda Item No. 36 – Authorization to Enter into an Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 31-36, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Agenda Item No. 37 – Approval to Enter into Contracts for the Fiscal Year 2018 Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Cost-Share Program. This item was moved to after Agenda Item No. 10 on the agenda.

CHAIR JOHNS RECOMMENDED AGENDA ITEMS 38-39 BE APPROVED WITH ONE RECOMMENDATION.

Agenda Item No. 38 – Authorization to Enter into Contract Negotiations for the Construction of the CR 241 Local Agency Partner Safety Improvements in Union County.

Agenda Item No. 39 – Consideration of Renewal of Employee Health Care Insurance Coverage for Fiscal Year 2019.

MOTION MADE BY JONES TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEMS 38-39, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 40 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 41 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 42 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.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 12:52 p. m.

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

Board Members Johns, Keith, Quincey, and Williams also attended the Lands Committee. Mr. Schwab presides as Chair of the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates. None

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

3. Chastain Property Offer, 7 Acres +/-, Columbia County. Keith Rowell, Land Acquisition, presented this item to the Committee.

ALEXANDER MADE MOTION TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
SECONDED BY SANCHEZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Easement Requests

4. Berniece Knight, Manatee Springs – South Tract, Levy County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

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

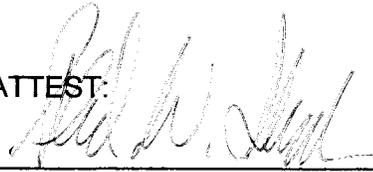
Surplus Lands

5. Consideration of Surplus, R. O. Ranch, 700+/- Acres, Lafayette County. Mr. Rowell presented this item to the Committee.

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

- 6. Announcements: None
- 7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:





Chair

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 1:31 p.m.

Springs Campaign Discussion

Katelyn Potter, Communications Director, presented the Statewide Springs Campaign Results and Findings for the August Governing Board Meeting Workshop. The presentation highlighted the efforts over the 90-day outreach initiative, including a 100% subscriber increase, approximately 375,000 content views and over 100,000 unique views across all social media channels.

Workshop ended at 1:57 p.m.

