

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
November 13, 2018

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

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

Bob Moresi, Black & Veatch	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Rebecca Perry, North Florida Land Trust	Marc Hudson, North Florida Land Trust
Don Dahlgren, PCS Phosphate / Nutrien	Cameron Lynch, PCS Phosphate / Nutrien
Linda Cooley, Cooley Farm	Kathleen Greenwood, FDACS
Mary Beth Litrico, FDACS	Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn	Cory Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab
Mike New, City of Newberry	Bryan Thomas, City of Newberry
Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River	B.J. Wilkerson, Wilkerson Farms
Steve Gladin	Georgia Schmitz
Jeff Hill	Rusty Rudell

Staff

John Good	Katelyn Potter
Warren Zwanka	Tyler Jordan

Fay Baird  
Scott Gregor  
Christina Green  
Pat Webster  
Pam Shaw  
Leroy Marshall

Stefani Weeks  
Matt Cantrell  
Bob Heeke  
Katie Kelly  
Kelly Landis  
Darlene Valez

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

Additions:

Business and Community Services

- Supplemental Page 1 - Approval of a Letter Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-215601-4, with No Change in Allocation, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2093 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Batson Place Project, Gilchrist County
- Supplemental Page 8 - Approval of Water Use Permit 2-041-232812-1, Authorizing a Maximum 0.0790 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the 341 Farm Project, Gilchrist County
- Supplemental Page 18 - Approval of Water Use Permit 2-041-233330-1, Authorizing a Maximum 0.0899 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Trenton Field Project, Gilchrist County

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River - Sinkhole concerns, clean-up, and educational opportunities.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - October 9, 2018 Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Approval of September 2018 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-215657-2, with a 0.1142 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2266 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Jones Place Project, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-075-219867-3, with a 0.1032 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Ten-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2006 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Woods Place Project, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-001-220599-2, with a 0.0035 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Seven-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1893 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Ley Farm Project, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-001-220597-2, with a 0.0287 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a Seven-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing a Maximum 0.0845 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Elaine Farm Project, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC., for the Mattair Springs #5 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Ratification of Contract 17/18-244 for the Sale of Timber with Renewable Energy Innovation, Inc. for the Alapahoochee #2 Emergency Timber Sale

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2018 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- Fay Baird gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – Mike New and Bryan Thomas, City of Newberry, presented a powerpoint regarding Agritech Innovation Park mission. Merrilee M. Jipson provided comments to the Board.
- Service Recognition – None

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update - Consideration of "Modification to Quitclaim Deed" Requested by White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

Cameron Lynch and Don Dahlgren, PCS Phosphate / Nutrien, provided comments to the Board.

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

Mr. Reeves also updated the Board on Wyche case currently with Division of Administrative Hearing.

**BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of September 2018 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Authorization to Purchase Vehicles. Mrs. Shaw presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of a Letter Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-220474-3, with a 0.1276 mgd Decrease in Allocation, Authorizing a Maximum 0.2835 mgd of Groundwater for Institutional and Recreational Use at the Camp Weed Project, Suwannee County. Stefani Weeks, WUP/WWC Program Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

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Steve Gladin and B.J. Wilkerson provided comments to the Board.

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

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Steve Gladin, B.J. Wilkerson, and Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance, provided comments to the Board.

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Steve Gladin provided comments to the Board.

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

## **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 19 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 - Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Harley Forest Products, LLC., for the Mattair Springs #5 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

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**ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Agenda Item No. 23 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with Florida Fill and Grading, Inc., for Construction of the Pot Springs Restoration Project. Bob Heeke, Senior Projects Manager, presented this item to the Board.

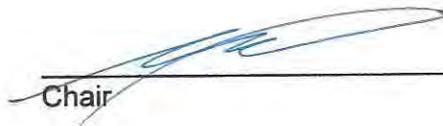
MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 24 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Mr. Thomas also recognized our staff members and Board Member Alexander for their military service. Mr. Tomas mentioned the passing of Dave Fisk who previously served as Assistant Executive Director for the District.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a. m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 11:07 a.m.

FY2020 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Christina Green, provide a powerpoint discussion on the Fiscal Year 2020 Preliminary Budget.

Projects Evaluation Process

Pat Webster, Justin Garland, and Ben Glass provided a powerpoint regarding the projects evaluation process to the Board members.

Workshop adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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 11:32 a m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Al Alexander	X	
Kevin Brown	X	
Gary Jones	X	
Virginia Sanchez		X
Bradley Williams	X	

2. Public Comment. None

3. General Discussion / Updates.

- Agreement Consideration with the North Florida Land Trust. Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Committee.

Marc Hudson, North Florida Lands Trust, provided comments to the Committee.

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

- Property Offers Process. Mr. Minnis presented this updated process to the Committee.

WILLIAMS MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED PROCESS, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Land Acquisition / New Property Offers:

- Steinhatchee Property – Citizens State Bank Donation, Taylor County. Mr. Minnis presented this recommendation to the Committee.

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

- Long Pond – Springs Grant Acquisition, Levy County. Mr. Minnis presented this recommendation to the Committee.

Steve Gladin, Merrilee M. Jipson, and Pat Webster provided comments to the Committee.

JONES MADE MOTION TO DENY RECOMMENDATION BASED ON CURRENT CONFIGURATION. SECONDED BY ALEXANDER. MOTION CARRIED.

- Cooley Conservation Easement, Jefferson County. Mr. Minnis presented this recommendation to the Committee.

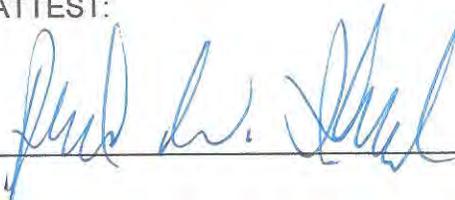
Mrs. Cooley provided comments to the Committee.

WILLIAMS MADE MOTION TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER. OPPOSED BY MR. JONES. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Conservation Easement Modification Requests. None
6. Surplus Lands / Updates. None
7. Announcements. None
8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p. m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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