

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
May 14, 2019

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Chair Johns asked Board for recommendations for Vice-Chair.

MRS. SANCHEZ NOMINATED MR. QUICNEY TO FILL THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIR. THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JONES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**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.	Vice-Chair	X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown		X	
Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

**Governing Board Legal 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	
Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

**Guests:**

Morgan Westberry, FDEP	Mary Beth Litrico, FDACS
Glenn Horvath, FDACS	Roary Snider, FDEP
Jack Furney, FDEP	Bob Moresi, Black & Veatch
Tom Bartol, JEA	Craig Varn, Mason, Bolves & Varn
Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River	Rebecca Perry, NFLT
Matt Scott, MOS Office Systems	Trevor Bass, Bass Farms
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Georgia Schmitz
John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers	Eric Parker
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River
Aline Kazokas	Jeff Hill

Steve Gladin  
Georgia Schmitz  
**Staff:**  
Warren Zwanka  
Justin Garland  
Pat Webster  
Darlene Valez  
Tyler Jordan  
Jonathan Crain  
Amy Brown  
Bill McKinstry  
Steve Schroder  
Fay Baird

Mike Kern

Katelyn Potter  
Katie Kelly  
Christina Green  
Tilda Musgrove  
Ben Glass  
Chrissy Carr  
Stefanie Weeks  
Leroy Marshall  
Pam Shaw  
Julianna Nevaro

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance – Agenda Item No. 20 - Parker Pond Water Use Permit concerns.
- Mike Kern – Requested the District have a public meeting regarding Rock Bluff Management Plan.
- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy – Thanked the District for agricultural support.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - April 9, 2019 Board Meeting, Audit and Lands Committee Meetings Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Acceptance of Revised Statement of Agency Organization and Operation
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Approval of March 2019 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Financial Audit from Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule for New Rule 40B-8.101, F.A.C. and to Amend Rule 40B-8.021, F.A.C., to Set Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels for the Steinhatchee River and Priority Springs
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with M.A. Rigoni, Inc., for the Gar Pond #4 Timber Sale

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019 Board Meeting, Audit and Lands Committee Meetings Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- Faye Baird 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. No updates.

## **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### *Legislative and Governmental Affairs*

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 – Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 19-0001, Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands. Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 19-0002, Conservation Easements Amendment Guidelines. Mr. Minnis presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Acceptance of Revised Statement of Agency Organization and Operation. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – 2019 Legislative Session Overview. Katie Kelly, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chief, provided a powerpoint update to the Board.

### *Office of Finance*

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of March 2019 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Financial Audit from Powell and Jones, Certified Public Accountants. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Approval of Resolution 2019-01 Updating Classification of the Fiscal Year 2019 Reserves. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY QUINCEY TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL JUNE BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### *Office of Information Technology*

Agenda Item No. 18 – Lease of Printer/Copiers. Tyler Jordan, Systems Administrator, presented this item to the Board.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 19 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials. Mr. Minnis updated the Board on District compliance and activities on the Suwannee River. The Board requested a presentation by Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding derelict vessels at its June meeting.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Approval of New Water Use Permit 2-001-234425-1, Authorizing a Maximum 0.1462 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Parker Pond Project, Alachua County. Stefanie Weeks, WUP/WWC Program Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board: Mike Roth and Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance, Mike Kern, and John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule for New Rule 40B-8.101, F.A.C. and to Amend Rule 40B-8.021, F.A.C., to Set Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels for the Steinhatchee River and Priority Springs. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 22 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 16/17-250 for Suwannee River Partnership (SRP) Cooperative Conservation Technician Services. Ben Glass, Community Affairs Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Approval of Governing Board Directive GBD19-0003, Water Management Agricultural Cooperative Funding Initiative. Justin Garland, Engineer III, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Approval to Enter into Contract with Two Agriculture Producers to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding. Mr. Garland presented this item to the Board.

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

**WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 25 - 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. 26 - Fiscal Year 2019 Land Management Review Team Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with M.A. Rigoni, Inc., for the Gar Pond #4 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Authorization to Purchase Sierra Wireless LX-60s Modems. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Resources Program

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

Agenda Item No. 30 – Valdosta Wastewater Update. Mr. Mirti provided an update to the Board.

John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers, provided comments to the Board.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 31 – Western Planning Region Update. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided a presentation update to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 32 – Qualitative Study Results. Katelyn Potter, Communications Chief, provided this powerpoint presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 33 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Accept Grant Funding. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 35 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 36 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

  
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 12:40 p.m.

Land Acquisition and Surplus Triage Discussion

Andrew Neel, GIS Analyst, provided a powerpoint on the Suwannee Triage land evaluation tool. The GIS-based tool is designed to help staff evaluate lands for potential acquisition or surplus based on the natural resources present in the District.

Minimum Flows and Levels Rules Review

John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint reviewing the history of the current Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs MFLs and next steps.

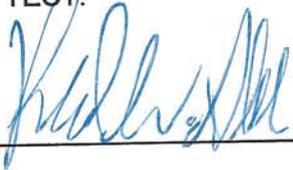
Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget Presentation

Christina Green, Senior Budget and Financial Analyst, provided a powerpoint on the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget.

Workshop adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

  
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