

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
July 9, 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

**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	Kraig McLane, SJRWMD
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance
Madeline Hart, FDACS OAWP	Lisa Baker, Locklear & Associates
Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua	Jennifer Sagan, Wood
Jon Dinges, Black & Veatch	Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn
Chase Moses, Candler Moses & Associates	Tom Bartol, JEA
Jason Holifield	Georgia Schmitz
Jim Moses	Jeff Hill
Noah Turner	Emma Turner
Ivan Landaeta	Merrilee M. Jipson

**Staff:**

Lindsey Garland  
Tara Rodgers  
Gwen Lord  
Fay Baird  
Kevin Flavin  
Kris Esklin  
Leroy Marshall  
Katie Kelly  
Andrew Davis  
Steve Schroeder

Justin Garland  
Pam Shaw  
John Good  
Pat Webster  
Amy Brown  
Bill McKinstry  
Darlene Valez  
Jonathan Crain  
Scott Gregor  
Andrew Neel

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

Updates: Agenda Item 15 – Business and Community Services - Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Millage and Budget

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Noah Turner - Senate Bill 7068, Toll Road concerns.
- Emma Turner - Senate Bill 7068, Toll Road concerns.
- Ivan Landaeta - Senate Bill 7068, Toll Road concerns.
- Merrilee M. Jipson – Agenda Item 19, Phosphate Mining concerns, Toll Road concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - June 11, 2019 Board, Workshops, and Lands Committee Minutes and June 27, 2019 Executive Director Evaluation Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Reaffirmation of Surplus and Approval of Revised Surplus Plan – Country Club Road Parcels, 80 Acres +/-, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No.14 - Approval of May 2019 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No.17 - Authorization to Renew Contract for Vehicle Maintenance for Fiscal Year
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Authorization to Renew Contracts for Forestry Consultant Services for Fiscal Year 2020
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Authorization to Renew Contract 98/99-098 with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for Enhanced Law Enforcement Services for Fiscal Year 2020
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 18/19-047 with Fores Tech Consulting, Inc., DBA F4 Tech for SilAssist Inventory Manager Software for Fiscal Year 2020
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-009 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., for Discharge Measurements and Calculation of Daily Values for Fiscal Year 2020
- Agenda Item No. 31 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-011 with Vieux & Associates, Inc., for Purchase of Gage Adjusted Radar Rainfall Data for Fiscal Year 2020
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-008 with Wood Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., for Water Quality and Biological Sampling for Fiscal Year 2020

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes - June 11, 2019 Board, Workshops, and Lands Committee Minutes and June 27, 2019 Executive Director Evaluation Committee 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. Lucinda Merritt, Merrilee M. Jipson, and Noah Turner provided comments to the Board regarding the hydrologic report.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – None

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves updated the Board on receivership action in Lake City regarding the Hill Property and the Cothron enforcement case.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of Evaluation of Executive Director by Executive Director Evaluation Committee. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

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

Mr. Reeves requested consideration of Hugh Thomas' Amended Contract.

MOTION MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE MR. THOMAS AMENDED CONTRACT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Johns requested with approval of Mr. Thomas' amended contract, a motion authorizing the Chair to send a letter to Governor DeSantis requesting the initiation of the process to confirm Hugh Thomas as the District's Executive Director.

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

### **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### *Legislative and Governmental Affairs*

Agenda Item No. 10 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Reaffirmation of Surplus and Approval of Revised Surplus Plan – Country Club Road Parcels, 80 Acres +/-, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 19-0005, Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands. Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – **Public Hearing** and Approval of Resolution Number 2019-03 Authorizing the Conveyance of 9.54 +/- Acres in Hamilton County for 20+/- Acres of the District's Blue Sink Tract in Suwannee County and Authorizing the Use of Funds. Mr. Minnis presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened Public Hearing regarding the Approval of Resolution Number 2019-03 Authorizing the Conveyance of 9.54 +/- Acres in Hamilton County for 20+/- Acres of the District's Blue Sink Tract in Suwannee County and Authorizing the Use of Funds.

Chair Johns opened the floor for Public comments. No comments from Public.  
Chair Johns opened the floor for Board comments. No comments from the Board.  
Chair Johns closed the Public Hearing.

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

Office of Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Millage and Budget. – **UPDATED.** Christina Green, Senior Budget Fiscal Analyst, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Approval of Resolution No. 2019-04 for Release of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 State Appropriations. Ms. Green presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Renew Contract for Vehicle Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Office of Information Technology

No Items

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 18 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development and Notice of Proposed Rule to Amend Rule 40B-2.301, F.A.C., to Incorporate the Western Water Resource Caution Area. Warren Zwanka, Resource Management Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance, provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY QUINCEY, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MR. SCHWAB VOTED AGAINST. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Quincey suggested a motion be made to draft a letter from the Governing Board to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to initiate rulemaking to change the terminology of "Water Resource Caution Area" to "Water Resource Planning Area"

MRS. SANCHEZ MADE A MOTION TO DRAFT A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INITIATE RULEMAKING TO CHANGE THE TERMINOLOGY OF "WATER RESOURCE CAUTION AREA" TO "WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AREA". SECONDED BY SCHWAB. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Denial of Works of the District Permit, WOD-079-234121-2, Wilfong Building Deck and Carport, Madison County. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

#### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 21 – Approval to Enter into Contract with Three Agriculture Producers to Provide Water Conservation Cost-Share Funding. Justin Garland, Engineer III, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Local Cooperative Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

### **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

#### Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 23 - 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. 24 - Authorization to Renew Contracts for Prescribed Fire Services for Fiscal Year 2020. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Chief, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-006 with Perpetual Contracting, Inc., for Construction and Maintenance of Hydrologic Improvements and Roads for Fiscal Year 2020. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Authorization to Renew Contracts for Forestry Consultant Services for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Authorization to Renew Contract 98/99-098 with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for Enhanced Law Enforcement Services for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 18/19-047 with Fores Tech Consulting, Inc., DBA F4 Tech for SilAssist Inventory Manager Software for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

#### 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 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-009 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., for Discharge Measurements and Calculation of Daily Values for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-011 with Vieux & Associates, Inc., for Purchase of Gage Adjusted Radar Rainfall Data for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Authorization to Renew Contract Number 17/18-008 with Wood Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., for Water Quality and Biological Sampling for Fiscal Year 2020. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 33 – Water Quality Summary – Informational. Darlene Valez, Water Resources Chief, provided a powerpoint update to the Board.

Merrilee M. Jipson and Lucinda Merritt provided comments to the Board.

#### Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 34 – Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee River MFL Update – Informational. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, provided an update to the Board.

Lucinda Merritt provided comments to the Board.

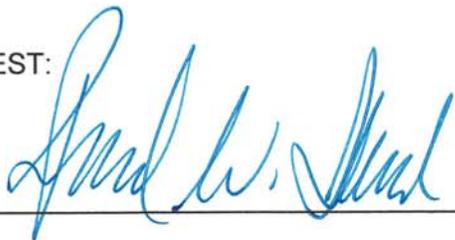
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 35 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 36 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 37 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 12:50 p.m.

Sustainable Suwannee Evaluation Tool Discussion

Ben Glass and Andrew Neel provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Sustainable Suwannee Evaluation Tool process.

Upper Suwannee Recharge Wells Update

Amy Brown and Bob Heeke provided a powerpoint regarding the Upper Suwannee Recharge Wells.

## LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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July 9, 2019  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 2:48 p.m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Kevin Brown (Chair)	X	
Gary Jones	X	
Don Quincey	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	
Bradley Williams		X

-Chair Johns attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

### **General Discussion / Updates**

3. Land Acquisition Land Disposition List. Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, presented this list to the Committee.

### **Property Offers / Exchange Offers**

4. Bullock Property Offer, Madison County. Offer withdrawn.
5. Greene Property Offer, Madison County.
6. Sasser Property Offer, Columbia County.
7. Dollinger Property Exchange Offer, Columbia County. Steve Schroeder, Business and Community Services Manager, presented these items to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT STAFFS RECOMMENDATION ON THE GREENE AND SASSER PROPERTY OFFERS, AND DOLLINGER PROPERTY EXCHANGE OFFER. MOTION CARRIED.

8. O'Toole Property Donation Offer, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO ACCEPT THE DONATION WITH NO COST TO THE DISTRICT. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Surplus Lands**

9. Suwannee Run Shores Parcel, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY QUINCEY, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO SURPLUS THIS PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Three Rivers Estates Parcel, Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY JONES TO SURPLUS THIS PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Brown un-tabled the Rocky Creek/Molphus Property recommendation for the July 2019 Lands Committee Meeting. Chair Brown requested a motion to forward the Rocky Creek/Molphus Property recommendation to the August 2019 Board meeting for approval.

MOTION MADE BY QUINCEY TO MOVE FORWARD AND ADD ROCKY CREEK/MOLPHUS PROPERTY TO THE AUGUST 2019 BOARD FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY SANCHEZ. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion with Lands Committee Members regarding Land Uses, etc.

11. Announcements. None
12. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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