

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
February 11, 2020

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

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Chair Johns requested nominations for Governing Board Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Keith nominated Mr. Schwab for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY QUINCEY TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MR. SCHWAB AS SECRETARY/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Johns requested nominations for Governing Board Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Schwab nominated Mr. Keith for the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF MR. KEITH AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Governing Board**

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Sec./Treas.	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Vice Chair	X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Vacant		-	-
Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones			X
At Large	Charles Keith	Asst. Sec./Treas.	X	

**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:**

Edward Smith, FDEP	Jack Furney, FDEP
Madeline Hart, FDACS OAWP	Morgan Westberry, FDEP
Erica Hernandez, Alachua Conservation Trust	Kelly Aue, Suwannee River Partnership
Craig Varn, Manson & Bolves	Doug Manson, Manson & Bolves
Corey Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Stephen Browning, FDOT
Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance	Jon Dinges, Black & Veatch
Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River	Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Kristin Rubin, Our Santa Fe River	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Mace Bauer, 83 Farms	Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy
Jennifer Sagan, Wood	Michael Smith, Locklear & Associates
Georgia Schmitz	Steve Gladin

**Staff:**

Katelyn Potter	Tilda Musgrove
Matt Cantrell	Pat Webster
Libby Schmidt	Amy Brown
Tyler Jordan	Fay Baird
Steve Schroeder	Pam Shaw

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – Seven Springs WUP application concerns.
- Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River – MFL concerns, Seven Springs WUP application concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 14, 2020 Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Approval of December 2019 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 13 - District-Permitted Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Calendar Year 2019 Report to Local Governments
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Big Bend Timber for the Cuba Bay #2 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Suwannee Timber Management LLC for the Steinhatchee Springs #19 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Timber with Williams Timber Inc., for the Ft. White Wellfield #2 Timber Sale

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – January 14, 2020 Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit 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.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – Hugh Thomas introduced Edward Smith, FDEP Office of Ecosystems Projects.

## **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Hill cases.

## **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### *Administration*

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 – Facilities Update. Steve Schroeder, Office of Administration Chief, updated the Board on progress of the facilities upgrades.

### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of December 2019 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

### *Resource Management*

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – District-Permitted Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Calendar Year 2019 Report to Local Governments. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220570-2, Jr. Kelly Field #2 Project, for Agricultural Use, Gilchrist County. Stefanie Weeks, WUP/WWC Program Engineer, present this item to the Board.

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

### *Agriculture and Environmental Projects*

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval to Enter into Contract with Two Agriculture Producers to Implement Precision Agriculture Practices. Matt Cantrell, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

## **WATER AND LAND RESOURCES**

### *Land Management Program*

Agenda Item No. 16 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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Water Resources Program

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

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 21 – MFL Update. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, provided an update to the Board.

**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 – Consolidated Annual Report Update. Katelyn Potter, Communications Chief, provided a powerpoint update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

  
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Chair

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 10:09 a.m.

Water Supply Planning Update

Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided a powerpoint on the District's water supply planning activities.

Pot Springs Project Update - Deleted from agenda.

Workshop adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 10:50 a.m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Don Quincey	X	
Virginia Johns	X	
Richard Schwab	X	

\*Board Members Keith and Sanchez attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

3. Discussion Items:

- Acceptance of Inspector General Audit Report #20-01 from Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.  
Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Committee

MOTION MADE BY JOHNS, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO ACCEPT THIS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

  
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Chair

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LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Don Quincey	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	
Gary Jones		X
Virginia Johns	X	

\*Chair Quincey appointed Mrs. Johns to fill in for Mr. Gary Jones. Board Members Keith and Schwab attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

**General Discussion / Updates**

3. FPL Resiliency Corridor Presentation. Daniel Hroneck and Samantha Saucier, FPL Representatives, presented a powerpoint to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHNS, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO REVIEW APPRAISALS.  
 MOTION CARRIED.

**Land Acquisition / Property Offers**

4. Riverview Road Acquisition Request – Gilchrist County. Steve Schroeder, Office of Administration Chief, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO ENTER INTO DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS OF THE PROPERTY WITH A \$1,000 MAXIMUM COST FOR THE ASSESSMENT. MRS. JOHNS VOTED AGAINST. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Springs 2020 Grant Acquisition Projects. Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Webster presented this item to the Committee. Mr. Schroeder informed the Committee that the Long Pond Project and the Tim Walker Conservation Easement Project have been withdrawn from consideration.

Stephen Browning, FDOT, provided comments to the Committee

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO FORWARD THE REMAINING PROJECTS TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

**Conservation Easement Modification Requests**

6. Carter Estate Conservation Easement Amendment - Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

**Surplus Lands**

7. Lee Peanut Farms, LLC. Easement Request – Madison County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

**Title / Deed Modifications and Corrections**

8. Jennings Bluff Corrective Deed - Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

9. Announcements: None

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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