

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

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Tuesday, April 14, 2020

District Headquarters

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call:

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	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			X	

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X		

Leadership Team

Position	Name	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	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 Via Telephonically and/or GoTo Webinar:

Lyle Wilkerson	Jon Dinges
Doug Hearn	Stewart Lilker
Tom Bartol	Shanna Chatraw
Nick Porter	Christina Register
Beau Corbett	Christina Coger
Gregor St John	Carolyn Ciarlariello
Maddy Hart	Peter Kleinhenz
Geoffrey Sample	Jacqui Sulek
Craig Varn	Chris Wynn
Stephen Browning	The Florida Channel
Crystal Anderson	JD James
Rebecca Perry	Bob Moresi
Greg Lang	Glenn Horvath
Bob Moresi	Paul Still
Kelly Aue	Bryan McDonald
Michael Roth	Larame Ferry
Jennifer Sagan	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson
Gabrielle Redfern	Cynthia Lippert
Richard Powell	Allen McDaniels
Jacki Hodges	Tom Kay
Barry Vance	Kevin Wright
Erica Hernandez	Melissa Hill
Morgan Westberry	Charles Shinn
Steven Gladin	David Christian
Lucinda Merritt	Terry Clark

Staff Via Telephonically and/or GoTo Webinar:

Kris Esklin	Tyler Jordan
Tilda Musgrove	Darlene Velez
Jon Wood	Sky Notestein
Tara Rodgers	Lindsey Garland
Katelyn Potter	Leroy Marshall
Pat Webster	Ben Glass
David Christian	

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

Consent Agenda:

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-216070-2, Class, for Agricultural Use, Gilchrist County

Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0002, Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still – Requested Board reconsider the revocation of water use permit.
- Kathy Still – Requested Board reconsider the revocation of water use permit.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River – Concerns with Seven Springs WUP application and the letter from the Santa Fe Lake Dwellers regarding Seven Springs WUP.
- Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson – Concerns regarding the Springs Projects on the Board agenda and MFL's.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Approval of February 2020 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Approval of Resolution 2020-01, to Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget – FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment Number One and Authorization to Enter into Agreements
- ~~Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-246070-2, Class, for Agricultural Use, Gilchrist County (REMOVED FROM CONSENT)~~
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Approval to Submit Springs Funding Applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- ~~Agenda Item No. 18 – Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0002, Agricultural Cost-Share Program (REMOVED FROM CONSENT)~~
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Approval to Enter into Contract with Alliance Grazing Group to Provide Agricultural Cost-Share Funding
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Prescribed Fire Services Budget Increase

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2020 Governing Board Meeting. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Hydrologic Conditions Report. The Hydrologic Conditions Report was emailed to Board members.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations - None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. No updates.

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 Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, updated the Board on the status of the facilities renovations.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – Approval of February 2020 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Resolution 2020-01, to Amend the Adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget – FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment Number One and Authorization to Enter into Agreements. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 13 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of Final Order 20-0004, Denial of Variance Request for Works of the District General Permit Number WOD-121-236011-1, JD James River House, Suwannee County. Leroy Marshall, Senior Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

Tom Reeves, General Counsel, and JD James provided comments to the Board.

AMENDED MOTION BY QUINCEY TO **APPROVED** THE VARIANCE AND FINAL ORDER REQUEST FOR WORKS OF THE DISTRICT GENERAL PERMIT NUMBER WOD-121-236011-1, JD JAMES RIVER HOUSE, SUWANNEE COUNTY, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-216070-2, Class, for Agricultural Use, Gilchrist County. ~~Approved on Consent.~~ **Removed from Consent Agenda.** Warren Zwanka, Resource Management Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Sanchez publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The Conflict of Interest Form was completed and signed by Mrs. Sanchez. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board meeting minutes files of the District.

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

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 16 – Approval to Submit Springs Funding Applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

Beau Corbett, USCOE, Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, and Paul Still provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 - Approval of Governing Board Directive Number 20-0002, Agricultural Cost-Share Program. ~~Approved on Consent.~~ **Removed from Consent Agenda.** Mr. Minnis presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 - Approval to Enter into Contract with Alliance Grazing Group to Provide Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Approved on Consent.

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 20 - 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. 21 - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Prescribed Fire Services Budget Increase. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 23 – MFL Peer Review Summary. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, provided the MFL Peer review summary update.

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 – Temporary Delegation of Additional Authority. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB. AFTER BOARD DISCUSSION KEITH WITHREW THIS MOTION.

AMENDED MOTION BY KEITH, SECONDED BY QUINCEY TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO ADD LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE CHAIR AND/OR VICE CHAIR AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION TO HOLD A REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Legislative Update. Ben Glass, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chief, provided a powerpoint presentation.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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April 14, 2020
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:02 a.m.

Committee Members	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
Don Quincey		X	
Virginia Johns	X		
Richard Schwab		X	

***Mrs. Johns chaired the meeting for Mr. Quincey.**

2. Public Comment. None

3. Discussion Items:

Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer introduced Richard Powell, Powell & Jones, CPA, to present the Audit Report to the Committee.

- Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report. Mr. Powell presented this item to the Committee

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

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:





Chair



LAND COMMITTEE MEETING

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Committee Members	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
Don Quincey		X	
Virginia Sanchez		X	
Gary Jones		X	

***Mrs. Johns chaired the meeting for Mr. Quincey.**

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates

3. Riverview Road Acquisition – Gilchrist County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, updated the Committee on the withdrawal of this project from consideration

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

None

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

None

Surplus Lands

4. Santa Fe Oasis – Gilchrist County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JONES, SECONDED BY QUINCEY TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Suwannee River Electric Cooperative Easement Request – Lafayette Blue Springs – Lafayette County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

6. Announcements: None
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



