

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

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Conference Room Number: 704-019-452 #

9:00 a.m., Tuesday
May 12, 2020

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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:

Rebecca Perry	Betty Gibson-Johnson
Scott Koons	Clay Powell
Jennifer Sagan	Edward de la Parte
Peter Kleinhenz	Maddy Hart
Craig Varn	Kevin Wright
Morgan Westberry	Bob Moresi
Angela Tucker	Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson
Paul Still	Janet Llewellyn
The Florida Channel	Michael Roth
Jacki Hodges	Cynthia Lippert
Adam Blalock	Frank Powell
Melissa Hill	Jim Tatum
Lucinda Merritt	Doug Hearn
Christina Register	

Staff Via Telephonically and/or GoTo Webinar:

Pam Shaw	Tyler Jordan
Paul Buchanan	Sky Notestein
Darlene Velez	Lindsey Garland
Pam Sanders	Warren Zwanka
Tilda Musgrove	Jon Wood
Katelyn Potter	Christina Green

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

Amendments Recommended by Staff:

Deletions:

Agenda Item No. 16 – Business and Community Services - Resolution 2020-02, Updating Classification of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Fund Balance

Agenda Item No. 19 – Business and Community Services - ERP-123-214390-7, Big Top Manufacturing Parking, Taylor County

Agenda Item No. 20 – Business and Community Services - WOD-023-235168-1, Caputo River Lot, Columbia County

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Mike Roth – Flooding and MFL concerns.
- Merrilee M. Jipson – Water concerns and Seven Springs WUP questions regarding litigation.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - April 14, 2020 Board Meeting, Audit and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 -Surplus of Parcel Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Easement
- Agenda Item No. 14 - March 2020 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Contract for Tree Planting Services with Crews Customs Services, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – April 14, 2020 Board Meeting, Audit and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes. 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 and Enforcement Updates. Tommy Reeves, Legal Counsel, provided updates on Seven Springs litigation and final hearing dates.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Governing Board Directive 20-0003, Code of Ethics. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

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 – Facilities Update. Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, presented an update regarding the restroom renovations and generator progress.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Surplus of Parcel Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Easement. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 14– March 2020 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Resolution 2020-02, Updating Classification of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Fund Balance. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Board - **DELETED**

Agenda Item No. 17 – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tentative Budget Presentation. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

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 – ERP-123-214390-7, Big Top Manufacturing Parking, Taylor County - DELETED~~

~~Agenda Item No. 20 – WOD-023-235168-1, Caputo River Lot, Columbia County. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board – DELETED~~

Agenda Item No. 21 – WOD-029-235816-1, Celona Fill/Dirt Pole Barn, Dixie County. Leroy Marshall, Senior Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Final Order 20-0006, Approval of Variance Request ERP-001-206323-6, Poe Springs Canoe Launch, Alachua County. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – WUP 226457-2, Suwannee Farms Project, Suwannee County. 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.

Mr. Jones announced he was leaving the webinar/call at 9:46 a.m.

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 24 - 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. 25 - Contract for Tree Planting Services with Crews Customs Services, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 26 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 27 – MFL Update. John Good, Senior Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Legislative Update. Ben Glass, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Chief, provided and update to the Board.

Mr. Quincey requested an update regarding the District's plan to address potential State appropriations reductions associated with COVID19.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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


Chair

ATTEST:



