

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

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3:00 p.m., Tuesday
September 8, 2020

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Johns opened the Board meeting and handed the gavel to Mr. Schwab to conduct the Board meeting.

Tommy Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Harry Smith, Suwannee River Water Management District's newly appointed Board Member.

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	Vice Chair	X		
Lower Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Vacant		-	-	-
Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair		X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X		
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X		
At Large	Harry Smith		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 Present Telephonically:

Arteaga Garcia Alejandro	Kelly Aue
The Florida Channel	Steve Gladin
Madeline Hart	Doug Hearn
Ray Hodge	Jacki Hodge
Merrillee- M. Jipson	Charla Markesteyn
Lucinda Merritt	Bob Moresi
Michael Roth	Kristin Rubin
Charles Shinn	Jim Tatum
Craig Varn	Stefani Weeks
Sable Bolling	Melissa Hill
Dennis Price	

Staff:

Tyler Jordan	Bo Cameron
Steve Schroeder	Katelyn Potter
Fay Baird	Kris Esklin
Lindsey Garland	Sky Notestein
Paul Buchanan	

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

Deletion:

Agenda Item No. 11 – Sale of Surplus Property, Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River – Seven Springs water use permit application concerns.
- Carol Schwarz – Did not respond to name being called during public comments.
- Lucinda Merritt, Ichetucknee Alliance – Board Member quorum concerns and strategic plan comments.
- Dennis Price, SE Environmental Geology – Water recharge concerns and water use permit concerns.
- Merrillee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River - Requested verbiage of minutes to be revised concerns with and request to remove agenda item # 22 from consent agenda.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River – Welcomed Mr. Smith to the Governing Board. Concerns with and a request to remove agenda item # 22 from consent agenda. Seven Springs water use permit application concerns.
- Steve Gladin – Board quorum comments and concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - August 11, 2020 Board Meeting and Lands Committee Minutes, and August 27, 2020 Audit Committee and Supplemental Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Detailed Assessment and Negotiations for a Conservation Easement over a 300 +/- Acre Parcel, Econfina Timberlands (Bishop), Jefferson County

- Agenda Item No. 13 - Renew Property and Casualty, Comprehensive General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto, and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency
- Agenda Item No. 14 - July 2020 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Renew Environmental Systems Research Institute GIS Software License Maintenance
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Renewal of Contract Number 05/06-131 for Florida Forest Service -Twin Rivers State Forest Land Management Activities
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-022.002 Task 2 with Kleinfelder Southeast, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – August 11, 2020 Board Meeting and Lands Committee Minutes, and August 27, 2020 Audit Committee and Supplemental Board Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- Tom Mirti 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. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

- Bradford County Road Project Hearing
- Seven Springs Administrative Hearing
- Cothron Enforcement

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 – Detailed Assessment and Negotiations for a Conservation Easement over a 300 +/- Acre Parcel, Econfina Timberlands (Bishop), Jefferson County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Sale of Surplus Property, Santa Fe Oasis, Gilchrist County. **Deleted**

Agenda Item No. 12 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Renew Property and Casualty, Comprehensive General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto, and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 – Approval of July 2020 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Office of Information Technology

Agenda Item No. 15 – Renew Environmental Systems Research Institute GIS Software License Maintenance. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 17 – Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Alliance Branford, Gilchrist County. Matt Cantrell, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 18 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest Summary Report. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Renewal of Contract Number 05/06-131 for Florida Forest Service -Twin Rivers State Forest Land Management Activities. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources

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

Water Supply / MFL

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-022.002-Task 2, with Kleinfelder Southeast, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided an update to the Board.

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 – **Public Hearing** - 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. Katelyn Potter, Communications Chief, presented this item to the Board.

Vice-Chair Schwab opened Public Hearing regarding the Acceptance of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan.

Vice-Chair Schwab opened the floor for Public Comments. No comments from public.
Vice-Chair Schwab opened the floor for Board comments. No comments from the Board.
Vice-Chair Schwab closed the Public Hearing.

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

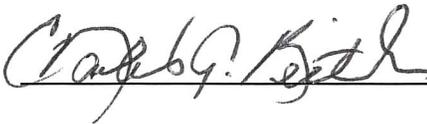
Agenda Item No. 26 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 28 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**MINUTES OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 MILLAGE AND BUDGET**

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5:05 p.m., Tuesday
 September 8, 2020

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Chair Johns opened the Public Hearing and handed the gavel to Mr. Schwab to conduct the Hearing.

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
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Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X		
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Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair		X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X		
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X		
At Large	Harry Smith		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 Present Telephonically:

Arteaga Garcia Alejandro
Madeline Hart
Jim Tatum

Kelly Aue
Merrilee M. Jipson

Staff:

Lindsey Garland
Bo Cameron
Pam Shaw

Tyler Jordan
Katelyn Potter
Christina Green

Vice-Chair Schwab opened the public hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget Presentation. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, presented a powerpoint presentation on the Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution No. 2020-06, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Green noted the District received two inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage.

Public Comments: None

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution No. 2020-07, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Mrs. Green presented a powerpoint presentation on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Public Comments:

- Merrilee M. Jipson – Questions regarding Nestle and Packaging Cooperation of America revenue funds received through the monitoring network.

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

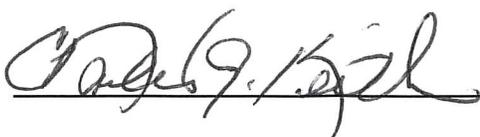
Agenda Item No. 5 – Announcements: Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5:05 p.m. is the Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage and Budget.

Vice-Chair Schwab closed the public hearing on the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**MINUTES OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP**

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September 21, 2020
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

The workshop was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Governing Board

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Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X		
Lower Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Vacant		-	-	-
Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X		
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X		
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X		
At Large	Harry Smith		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		

Offsets and Credits for Potential Water Resource Development and Water Supply Projects. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, and Chrissy Carr, Chief Environmental Scientist, presented this presentation to the Board.

Workshop adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**MINUTES OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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September 21, 2020
Following Board Workshop

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 4:47 p.m.

Committee Members	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
Virginia Johns (Chair)	X		
Charles Keith	X		
Richard Schwab	X		

Board Members Smith and Sanchez attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

3. Discussion Items:

- Contract 12/13-40 Amendment, Law, Redd & Crona, P.A. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item to the Committee.

Richard Law, Law, Redd & Crona, P.A., provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO SEND TO FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

ATTEST:


Chair

**MINUTES OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 MILLAGE AND BUDGET**

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5:05 p.m.
 September 21, 2020

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Governing Board

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Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X		
Lower Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
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Upper Suwannee Basin	Vacant		-	-	-
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X		
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X		
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X		
At Large	Harry Smith		X		

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
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Leadership Team

Position	Name	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
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Deputy Executive Director	Tom Mirti	X		
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Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X		

Guests Present Telephonically:

Craig Varn
Mark Hammond
Stefani Weeks

Fred Reeves
Charla Markesteyn
Charles Shinn

Staff:

Katelyn Potter
Christina Green
Tilda Musgrove
Matt Cantrell
Ben Glass

Tyler Jordan
Steve Schroeder
Pam Shaw
Lindsey Garland

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget Presentation.
Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, presented a powerpoint presentation on the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution No. 2020-08, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.
Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board.

Public Comments: None

Mrs. Green noted the District received two inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Millage.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:07 P.M.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution No. 2020-09, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board.

Public Comments: Charla Markesteyn provided comments to the Board regarding the workshop.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 5:11 P.M.

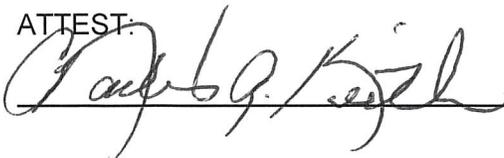
Agenda Item No. 5 – Announcements: None

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Final Millage and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**MINUTES OF SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LANDS COMMITTEE**

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Following Board Workshop

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Live Oak, FL

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Committee Members	Present In-Person	Present Telephonically	Not Present
Richard Schwab (Chair)	X		
Charles Keith	X		
Virginia Sanchez	X		

Chair Johns and Board Member Smith also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates. None

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

3. Drufner Property, Hamilton County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Committee.

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

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 KEITH SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND ADDED TO THE RECOMMENDATION TO SELL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY SEALED BID. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Announcements: Mr. Schroeder updated the Committee on the Florida Power and Light easement, RO Ranch, and Madison Avenue.
6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



