

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
November 10, 2020

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	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	Larry Sessions		X	
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	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 and Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Corey Mikell, H2O Technologies	Bill Steves, Steves Engineering
Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River	Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Adam Collins, ACE Inc.	Sherilyn Pickels, Madison County
Mayor Wayne Hamlin, Town of Mayo	Fred Handy, Florida Rural Water Association
Bill Menadier, Dewberry	Sabel Bolling
Kelly Aue	Charles Barrett
Michael Blankenship	The Florida Channel
Roberto Denis	Madeline Hart
Ray Hodge	Peter Kleinhenz
Dallas Lee	Janet Llewellyn

Bob Moresi
Nick Porter
Charles Ross
Zack Thompson
Jim Tatum
Tony Wallace
Kevin Wright
Jan Henderson
Stasi Wachter

Mike New
John Quarterman
Michael Roth
Paul Still
Craig Varn
Stefani Weeks
Benjamin Wyche
Elliot Mallard

Staff:

John Good
Sean King
Christina Green
Warren Zwanka
Libby Schmidt
David Christian
Tyler Jordan
Tara Rodgers

Louis Mantini
Tim Alexander
Libby Schmidt
Patrick Webster
Paul Buchanan
Lindsey Covington
Sky Notestein
Katelyn Potter

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River – Seven Springs Water Use Permit concerns. Mr. Tatum sent an email to Board members.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River - Seven Springs Water Use Permit concerns.
- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers – FDEP Lands Tour comments and Seven Spring Water Use Permit application concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - October 13, 2020 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - September 2020 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – October 13, 2020 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations - None
- C. Service Recognition - John Good, Senior Professional Engineer, recognized Louis Mantini for 20 years of service. Mr. Mirti introduced new employee Sean King, MFL Chief.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Updates. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on Seven Springs Water Use Permit Application Administrative case.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Governing Board Directive Number 20-0006, Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Steve Minnis, Deputy Executive Director, introduced Tim Alexander, Community Affairs Manager, to the Board.

Administration

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

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Resolution No. 2020-11, Release of Funds from the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Modifications. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Water Use Permit 2-075-217981-10, Alliance Dairies LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties. Chrissy Carr, Chief Environmental Scientist, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Emergency Variance Request for General Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237339-1, Cothron Residence, Dixie County. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:
Adam Collins, ACE, Inc.
Sable Bolling

AMENDED MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO TABLE THE RECOMMENDATION. ADAM COLLINS, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONER, IS TO PROVIDE PLANS FOR THE SEAWALL AND WORK WITH LEROY MARSHALL TO PROVIDE A MITIGATION PLAN THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO STAFF; STAFF IS TO EXTEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANT AND ORDER UNTIL FEBRUARY 4, 2021; AND TO ACCEPT MR. COLLINS STIPULATION THAT THEY WISH TO WAIVE THE CHAPTER 120, FLORIDA STATUTES, TIME FRAMES TO ALLOW THE MATTER TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE DECEMBER 8, 2020 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 17 – Contracts for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Full Circle Dairy, LLC, Madison County. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 19 - District Land Management and Twin River State Forest Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Resources

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.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Task Work Assignment #19/20-025.001 with Greenman Pedersen, Inc.
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Task Work Assignment #19/20-009.016 with HSW Engineering, Inc.
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Task Work Assignment #19/20-041.011 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided an update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 26 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Communications - Year in Review and Looking Ahead. Lindsey Covington, Public Communications Coordinator, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DISTRICT WORKSHOPS

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Workshops began at 12:36 p.m.

Projects Credits Discussion Continued

Janet Llewellyn, LLC., provided a powerpoint presentation regarding offsets and credits of water use statewide. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided input to the Board during the workshop.

Municipal Water Systems Estimates and Efficiencies

Emily Ryan, Water Supply Planner, and Patrick Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding Municipal Water Systems Estimates and Efficiencies in our District. Gary Williams, Florida Rural Water Association, provided input to the Board regarding water audits.

Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Preliminary Budget.

Annual Ethics and Sunshine Law Discussion

Tommy Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding Ethics and Sunshine Law. This is a yearly update for the Board.

Workshop adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DISTRICT LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Workshops

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 3:16 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab (Chair)	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Virginia Sanchez	X	

Board Members Johns and Smith also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates.

3. Lukens Tract – Levy County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, provided an update to the Committee.

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

4. Crosby Lake - Bradford County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

5. Camp and Abel Tract – Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

6. Quail Heights - Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

7. Plantations at Deep Creek Conservation Easement - Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

8. Rio Lindo Conservation Easement – Gilchrist County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

AMENDED MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO CONTACT OWNER FOR AN UPDATED PRICE AND RETURN TO NEXT LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING WITH NEW INFORMATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Conservation Easement Modification Requests: None

Surplus Lands: None

9. Announcements:
10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



