

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
February 9, 2021

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

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	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry Thompson		X	
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 & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River	Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau	Toby Witt, Columbia County Commissioner
Adam Collins, ACE, Inc.	William Sexton, Bradford County Attorney
Rock Ford, Columbia County Commissioner	Kevin Wright
Cory Mikell, H2O Technologies	Kelly Aue
Jennifer Daniels	Janet Llewellyn
Rick Hutton	Jamie Bell
Rachel King	Peter Kleinhenz
Michelle Sempstrott	Public Seven

Kristin Rubin
Bob Moresi
Craig Varn
Mark Hammond
The Florida Channel
Shawn Ruhl
Mike Smith
Zoey Hendrickson
Sable Bolling
John Fitzgerald
Hannah Love
Lucinda Merritt
Benjamin Wyche
Fred Hill

Madeline Hart
Brian Megic
Paul Still
Alex Charwin
Jim Tatum
Steve Gladin
Karin Cox
Deserrai Goosen
Ryan Smart
Christian Merricks
Stacie Greco
Melissa Hill
Walter Daniel Lovett
Lisa Hill Waltrip

Staff:

Tim Alexander
Tilda Musgrove
Sean King
John Good
Alex Blankenship
Bo Cameron
Stasi Watcher
Sky Notestein

Tyler Jordan
Leroy Marshall
Amy Brown
Pat Webster
Kris Esklin
Paul Buchanan
Tara Rodgers

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment - (No public comments will be taken during this meeting concerning Seven Springs Water Company or Nestle Waters North America nor the recommended order the District has received from the Division of Administrative Hearings in *Seven Springs Water Company v. Suwannee River Water Management District*, DOAH Case No. 20-3581. Public Comments on this issue will be allowed at a subsequent special meeting of the Governing Board. See notice at the end of this agenda for details.)

Chair Johns announced that the Special Board Meeting previously scheduled for February 23 and 24, 2021, at the Suwannee River Pavilion in Fanning Springs, has been relocated to District Headquarters with webinar availability.

Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, explained the reasoning regarding no public comments on the Seven Springs Water Use Permit application.

- Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River – MFL concerns.
- Ryan Smart – Did not respond to name being called for public comment
- Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – MFL concerns.
- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River – Public Interest discussion. Mr. Reeves reminded Mr. Roth about no comments regarding the Special Meeting on February 23, 2021.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 12, 2021 Governing Board and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Disposal of a Previously Surplused 2000 Massey Ferguson Tractor
- Agenda Item No. 13 - December 2020 Financial Report

- Agenda Item No. 20 - Updates to the Hydrologic Modeling Reports and Develop Status Assessment Technical Memos for Lakes Alto, Hampton, and Santa Fe

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – January 12, 2021 Governing Board and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologist IV, presented the hydrologic conditions report to the Board.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Mr. Thomas introduced Will Sexton, Bradford County Attorney.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Updates. No updates.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Final Order Number 21-001, Still v. Suwannee River Water Management District and Bradford County; SRWMD No. ERP-007-233697-2; DOAH CASE NO. 20-0091.

Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

William Sexton, Bradford County Attorney

Paul Still

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STIPULATED FINAL ORDER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Steve Gladin provided comments to the Board regarding DOAH hearings filed by Mr. Still.

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 – Disposal of a Previously Surplused 2000 Massey Ferguson Tractor. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Contract Number 19/20-164 Amendment, Ivey League Cleaning Services, LLC. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 13 – December 2020 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Office of Information Technology

Agenda Item No. 14 – Virtual Infrastructure Upgrade. Tyler Jordan, Systems Administrator, presented this item to the Board.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

Adam Collins, ACE, Inc.
Sable Bowling

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

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 17 – Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Water Quality Improvement Funds and to Enter into Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management Program

Agenda Item No. 18 - District Land Management and Twin River State Forest (TRSF). Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 19 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 20 – Updates to the Hydrologic Modeling Reports and Develop Status Assessment Technical Memos for Lakes Alto, Hampton, and Santa Fe. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee MFL Status Assessment. John Good, Senior Professional Engineer, provided a powerpoint presentation update to the Board.

Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utilities, provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided an update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 23 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. These reports were provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Jamie Bell, Jones, Edmunds and Associates, provided comments to the Board regarding the Lake City access locations and projects.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Governing Board Directive Number 21-0002, Online Content Management. Katelyn Potter, Communications and Organizational Development Chief, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Consolidated Annual Report Update. Mrs. Potter provided an update to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 - Governing Board Comments. Mr. Schwab asked the District about Econfina Public Access Road concerns and addressing issues from the public.

Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River, provided comments to the Board.
Mr. Reeves discussed the Special Board Meeting details.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshops began at 1:30 p.m.

Country Club Road Discussion (Time Specific-1:30 p.m.).

Mr. Reeves discussed the timeline with El Rancho No Tengo, Inc. and the Hill Family concerning the dam and property in Columbia County (hand-out).

The following attendees provided comments:

Fred Hill and Linda Hill Waltrip (adjacent property owners).

Daniel Lovett (adjacent property owners).

Commissioner Toby Witt

Commissioner Rocky Ford

Pat Webster introduced Erik Falkenberry, Gannet-Fleming Consultants, and provided a powerpoint presentation regarding alternatives to correct the issues at the property. Leroy Marshall provided comments to the Board.

~~Water Management District's Budget Comparison Discussion.~~ Moved to March 2021 Board Meeting.

Water Use Permitting Discussion

Warren Zwanka introduced the Office of Environmental Compliance to the Board and presented a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding water use permitting.

Continued discussion of the Country Club Road Project and how to reach a conclusion of the issues with Mr. Hill.

Workshop adjourned at 4:05 p.m.