

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

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

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:59 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 and 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 and 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

Greg Hardin, Florida Farm Bureau	Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Kelly Aue, Suwannee River Partnership	Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk
Cory Mikell, H2O Technologies	Doug Manson, Manson Bolves
Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River	John Fitzgerald
Steve Gladin	Bradley Heilwagen
Corinne Hermle	Jordan Jacobs

Betty Johnson
Hannah Love
Lucinda Merritt
Rebecca Perry
Paul Still
Jeff Hill

Peter Kleinhenz
Christian Merricks
Eric Olsen
Mike Smith
Craig Varn
Benjamin Wyche

Staff

Warren Zwanka
Tilda Musgrove
Wri Irby
Robbie McKinney
Steve Schroeder
Lindsey Covington
Leroy Marshall
Amy Brown
Sean King
David Christian
Sky Notestein

Katelyn Potter
Tyler Jordan
Bill McKinstry
Tim Alexander
Christina Green
Pat Webster
Libby Schmidt
Alejandro Garcia
Bo Cameron
Kris Esklin
Tara Rodgers

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River – Public interest concerns and Seven Springs Water Use Permit objections.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 9, 2021 Board and Workshops Minutes, and February 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - January 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Clarifications to One of the Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program Approved Projects
- Agenda Item No. 21 – Upper and Middle Suwannee Tracts Road Repairs

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – February 9, 2021 Board and Workshops Minutes, and February 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologist IV, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District. Tom Mirti, Deputy Executive Director, answered questions regarding the recent Georgia water quality concerns and discharges.
- B. 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 Florida Defenders of the Environment, Inc., Notice of Intention to File Civil Complaint for Injunctive Relief pursuant to the Florida Environmental Protection Act.

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 – HVAC Update. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, updated the Board on the progress of the HVAC installations.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – January 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 12 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-1.703, 40B-1.704, 40B-1.706, and 40B-4.709; and Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Warren Zwanka, Resource Management Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

AMENDED MOTION BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE ONLY THE WORKS OF THE DISTRICT MINOR MODIFICATION FEE, 40B-1.706(2), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, WITH THE REMAINING RULE AMENDMENTS TABLED PENDING A BOARD WORKSHOP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-069 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Leroy Marshall, 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. 15 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-070 with Atkins North America, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 16 – Clarifications to One of the Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program Approved Projects. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Contract to Provide Precision Agriculture Cost-Share Funding to Putnal Farms. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, 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 Precision Agriculture Cost-Share Funding to Murray Tillis. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – CCR Update. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, provided an update on the Country Club Road project and meeting update with Mr. Keith and Columbia County Commissioner Toby Witt.

Board Members provided guidance to Mr. Thomas to continue discussions with Columbia County and work toward a final resolution.

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 - Upper and Middle Suwannee Tracts Road Repairs. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Road Maintenance Discussion. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Chief, and Wri Irby, Land Management Specialist, provided a powerpoint presentation to update the Board on road and hydrologic maintenance on District Lands.

Water Resources Program

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL Programs

Agenda Item No. 24 – MFL Update. Sean King, MFL Office Chief, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Regional Water Use Discussion. Amy Brown, Water Supply Chief, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding Regional Water Use and the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs.

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 – Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Accept Grant Funding and Contract with a for Suwannee River Partnership Educational Outreach Campaign. Lindsey Covington, Communications and Outreach Manager, presented this item to the Board

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

Agenda Item No. 28 – Contract with Moore Communications, Inc., for District Lands and Recreation Web Map. 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. 29 – Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation. Mrs. Covington presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Mrs. Covington presented this item to the Board.

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

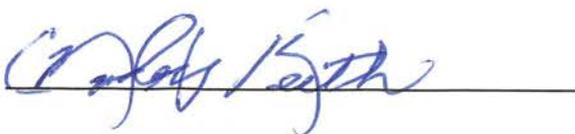
Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 2:21 p.m.

Water Management District's Budget Comparison Discussion

Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding other water management district's budget analysis.

Workshop Adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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Following Board Workshops

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 2:32 p.m.

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

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

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates.

3. Bailey Brothers Property - Dixie County. Steve Schroeder, Administration Chief, provided an update to the Committee regarding the requested amendments to the conservation easement and the current status of the requests.

Exchanges

4. R.O. Ranch Exchange – Lafayette County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

5. Thakor Ashish – Ingress/Egress Easement – Suwannee County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

Thakor Ashish attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

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

6. Springs Restoration Grant Acquisition Projects. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

7. Lasky Tract – Gilchrist County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

8. Suwannee Bluffs Tract - Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

9. Warner-Harrell Conservation Easement – Suwannee County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

Surplus Lands

10. Newberry Wellfield – Alachua County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

11. Announcements:

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



