

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
May 13, 2021

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 8:58 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 K. 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	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Guests:

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk	Doug Manson, Manson Law Group
Matt Hurd, Eutaw, Inc.	Andy Townsend, City of Live Oak
Merrilee M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River	Michael Roth, Our Santa Fe River
Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council	George Curtis, City of Live Oak Manager
Kelly Aue, IFAS	Del Bottcher
The Florida Channel	Roberto Denis
Steve Gladin	Madeline Hart
Jacki Hodges	Christian Merricks
Lucinda Merritt	Bob Moresi
Stan Murphy	Kristin Rubin

Thomas Skierski
Jacob Spradley
Stephani Weeks
Benjamin Wyche
Kevin Coyne

Mike Smith
Craig Varn
Terry White
Paria Shirzadi
Sean Stevenson

Staff:

Libby Schmidt
Jonathan Crain
Ben Glass
Steve Schroeder
Tara Rodgers
Tyler Jordan
Sean King
Amy Brown
Alex Garcia
Bo Cameron
Lindsey Covington
Sky Notestein
Jon Wood

Pat Webster
Katelyn Potter
Warren Zwanka
Pam Shaw
Darlene Velez
Tilda Musgrove
Leroy Marshall
Christina Green
Paul Buchanan
Dave Christian
Kris Eskelin
Emily Ryan
Stasi Wachter

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

Amendments Recommended by Staff:

Addition:

Supplemental Page 1 - Governing Board Legal Counsel - Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Johns Water Management District allowing each District to include its Recovery and/or Prevention Strategies as part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 – April 13, 2021 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 14 - March 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Audit
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1110, 40B-4.1140, 40B-4.3020, and 40B-4.3040 for Works of the District Permits
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Contract with University of South Florida to Update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool Model

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – April 13, 2021 Board Meeting, Audit Committee Meeting, and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Updates. None

Agenda Item No. 9 - Final Order Number 21-008, Florida Springs Council, Inc. vs. Seven Springs Water Company and Suwannee River Water Management District, DOAH Case No. 21-1180 and Final Order Number 21-009, Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson vs. Seven Springs Water Company and Suwannee River Water Management District, DOAH Case No. 21-1179. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Mike Roth, Our Santa Fe River. (Doug Manson, Attorney, Manson Law Group, objected to public comments at this time.)
- Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council. (Mr. Manson objected to public comments at this time.)

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ORDER 21-008. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL ORDER 21-009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supplemental Page 1 - Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Johns Water Management District allowing each District to include its Recovery and/or Prevention Strategies as part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS. 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 – Resolution 2021-01, Quail Heights Acquisition, Columbia County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – RO Ranch Update. Mr. Schroeder provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 13 – HVAC Update. Mr. Schroeder provided an update to the Board.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 14 – March 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Payments. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Audit Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 17 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-4.1110, 40B-4.1140, 40B-4.3020, and 40B-4.3040 for Works of the District Permits. Approved on Consent.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Florida Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Water Supply and Conservation Funds Agreements. Pat Webster, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

George Curtis, City of Live Oak Manager, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Cost-Share Funding to Southern Cross Organics and Energy, LLC, Suwannee County. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

Ray Hodge, Southeast Milk, provided comments 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 SMITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MRS. SANCHEZ.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Cost-Share Funding to Murphy Farms of Hamilton County, LLC, Hamilton County. 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. 22 - Cost-Share Funding to Murphy Farms 2, LLC, Hamilton County. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER AND LAND RESOURCES

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL

Agenda Item No. 25 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-8.021 and Adopt New Rule 40B-8.121, Florida Administrative Code, for the Lake Butler Minimum Surface Water Levels. Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management, and Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Contract with University of South Florida to Update the Soil and Water Assessment Tool Model. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided an update 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, Chief, Office of Legislative and Community Affairs, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and provided an update regarding the Country Club Road project status.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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May 13, 2021
Following Board Workshops

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:21 a.m.

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

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

Board Members Smith, Session, and Thompson were nominated by Mr. Schwab to be added to the Lands Committee. This recommendation will be on the June Board agenda for approval.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates.

3. Bailey Brothers Conservation Easement Update – Dixie/Lafayette. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY SESSION TO SEND TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

4. GBD21-0003 – Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands Directive. Mr. Schroeder presented this update to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE REGARDING APPRAISALS ADDED TO THE DIRECTIVE. MOTION CARRIED.

Exchanges

None

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

- 5. Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract – Bradford County. Mr. Schroeder and Bob Heeke, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Committee.

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

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

None

Surplus Lands

None

- 6. Announcements: None
- 7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 11:52 a.m.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Discussion

Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget.

Agricultural Monitoring Discussion

Darlene Velez, Chief, Office of Water Resources, and Tara Rodgers, Chief, Office Hydrologic Data Services, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Directive.

Workshops adjourned at 1:52 p.m.