

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
June 8, 2021

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Dr. George Cole		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry Thompson		X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
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	

Agenda Item No. 3 – New Governing Board Members Oath of Office. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the District Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Members Dr. George Cole and William Lloyd.

Agenda Item No 4 – Lands Committee Member Assignments. Chair Johns recommended the addition of Mr. Sessions, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Thompson to the Lands Committee.

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

Agenda Item No. 5 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 6 – Public Comment. None

Agenda Item No. 7 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 8 - May 11, 2021 Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Governing Board Directive 21-0003, Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract, Bradford County
- Agenda Item No. 14 - April 2021 Financial Report

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

Agenda Item No. 8 – May 11, 2021 Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Workshops Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 - 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. Chris Petit, Office of Ag Water Policy, introduced himself to the Board.
- C. Service Recognition. The following staff were recognized for five years of service:
Amy Brown, Kevin Jones, Tim Beach, and Mary Diaz.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 10 – Update on Legal Activities / Enforcement Status Updates. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the legal actions regarding Seven Springs water use permit.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 11 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Governing Board Directive 21-0003, Updated Water Resource Guidelines for Acquisition and Surplus of Lands. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Rayonier Lake Sampson Tract, Bradford County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Resolution Number 2021-02, Release of Funds for Alternative Water Supply Projects. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tentative Budget Status Update. Mrs. Green provided and update to the Board.

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-1.703, 40B-1.704, 40B-1.706, and 40B-4.709; and Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Warren Zwanka, Director, Division of Resource Management presented this item to the Board.

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

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Soil Moisture Probe Presentation. Dr. Charles Barrett, University of Florida, IFAS, provided this presentation to the Board.

Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau, provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services Contract Number 16/17-250 Renewal. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Petit provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Circle H Ranch, Inc., Bradford County. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract to Provide Cost-Share Funding to Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

Dr. Barrett provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SANCHEZ 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.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Scott Gregor, Senior Natural Resource Specialist, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 25 – Agricultural Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Supply / MFL

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Supply Plan Update. Amy Brown, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Prevention and Recovery Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs Discussion. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, 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.

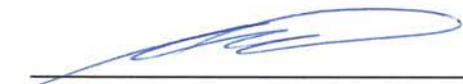
Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, provided an update to the Board regarding Governor DeSantis signing of the state budget.

Agenda Item No. 29 – CCR Update. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, and Mr. Reeves provided an update to the Board regarding the Country Club County Road resolution with Columbia County.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas discussed with the Board the updated Organizational Chart that begins July 1, 2021.

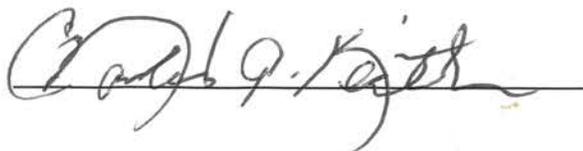
Agenda Item No. 31- Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Chair

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 1:31 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	

Board Member Cole, Lloyd, Thompson, Sanchez, Sessions, and Smith also attended the Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None
3. General Discussion

Executive Director Evaluation Discussion

The Committee discussed the topics on the Executive Director Performance Evaluation form. Committee Members provide feedback on topics listed on the form. These forms have been sent to Hugh Thomas employment personnel file.

Ranking by Committee Members:

Committee Member	Ranking
Johns	5
Keith	5
Schwab	5

MOTION MADE BY SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY KEITH TO FORWARD TO FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF EVALUATION. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Announcements

The Committee also discussed increasing the Executive Director expenditure authority from \$30,000 to \$50,000. This will be presented at the July 2021 Board Meeting for approval.

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 1:45 p.m.

Multi-Basin Aquifer Recharge (MBAR) Project Update

Pat Webster, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, introduced John Locklear, Locklear and Associates, and Duane Cannon, Manager, Dixie County. Mr. Locklear provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding the MBAR Project in Dixie County.

Workshop ended at 2:27 p.m.