

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
October 12, 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	Vacant		-	-
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	Amy Brown	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

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

Updated: Agenda Item No. 13 - Business and Community Services - Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2022

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Steve Gladin – Requested to comment on Agenda Item 25.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - September 14, 2021 Governing Board Meeting and First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Minutes, and September 27, 2021 Workshops, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 9 - Second Amendment to Amended Contract 16/17-244, for Executive Director
- Agenda Item No. 12 - August 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 18 – Contract with Loncala, Inc. for the Little River #6 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Task Work Assignments for Contract 21/22-004, Attack-One Fire Management Services, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Task Work Assignments for Contract 21/22-005, B & B Dugger, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Task Work Assignment for Contract 21/22-006, Schmidt Reforestation Services, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-033, Perpetual Contracting, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.004 with Wetland Solutions Inc., for Water Supply Feasibility Study

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

Agenda Item No. 6 — September 14, 2021 Governing Board Meeting and First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Minutes, and September 27, 2021 Workshops, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Minutes. Approved on Consent.

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

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologist IV, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Mr. Thomas recognized the following agencies to the Board:
 - Anita Nash and Greg DeAngelo, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - Chris Petit and Mattie Hart, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - Jennifer Welte, Georgia Department of Environmental Protection
- C. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, was recognized for five years of service. Bob Heeke, Senior Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, was recognized on his upcoming retirement.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. No update.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Second Amendment to Amended Contract 16/17-244 for Executive Director. Approved on Consent.

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 – Contract with Claudies Ivey DBA Ivey League Cleaning Services, LLC. for Custodial Services.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – August 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Human Resources

Agenda Item No. 13 – Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2022 - **UPDATED.** Lisa Cheshire, Human Resources Chief, Office of Human Resources, presented this item to the Board.

Tyson Johnson, Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., provided comments to the Board,

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH 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.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

No Items

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 15 - 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. 16 – Contract with Flatwoods Forest Products, Inc. for the Withlacoochee #4 Timber Sale. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Schwab publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. 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 THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SCHWAB.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Contract with M. A. Rigoni, Inc. for the Ellaville #21 Timber Sale.
Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Schwab publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. 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 KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SCHWAB.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Contract with Loncala Inc. for the Little River #6 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Task Work Assignments for Contract 21/22-004, with Attack-One Fire Management Services Inc. Approved on Consent

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Agenda Item No. 22 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 20/21-033, with Perpetual Contracting Inc. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 24 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.004 with Wetland Solutions Inc., for Water Supply Feasibility Study. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contract to Provide Agricultural Cost-Share Funding to Alliance Dairies, Gilchrist and Levy Counties. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns called on Steve Gladin for public comment. Mr. Gladin stated he would contact staff with his comments.

Mr. Lloyd publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd. 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 SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LLOYD.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 26 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, provided and update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 - 2021 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels. Mr. King presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns called on Paul Still for public comment. Mr. Still did not respond.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 28 – Water Supply Update. Emily Ducker, Program Manager, Office of Water Supply, provided this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report. Mrs. Ducker presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Resources

No Items

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

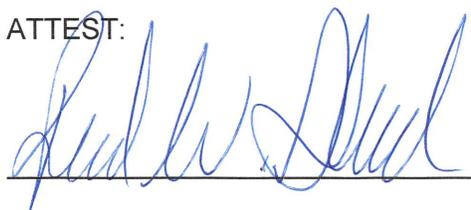
Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District programs and activities. Mr. Thomas also informed the Board on the death of Mr. Earl Starnes, former Board Member.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. Mr. Keith thanked the District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the I75/SR 47 project in Columbia County.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**MINUTES OF
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GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOPS**

Workshop began at 10:46 a.m.

Water Quality Presentation - Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Anita Nash and Greg DeAngelo, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, provided a presentation on the Summary of Withlacoochee Monitoring near the Florida and Georgia state line. Chris Petit, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, provided comments to the Board.

Water Use Data Discussion

Mrs. Ducker provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the 2019 Draft Annual Water Use Estimates.

Workshop ended at 11:50 a.m.

**MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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August 10, 2021
Following Board Workshops

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:53 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab (Chair)	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	
Dr. George Cole	X	

Board member Johns and Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

3. **General Discussion / Updates**

Acquisition and Surplus Review Team – Activity Report. Moved to end of agenda.

Land Acquisition / Property Offer

4. Bierman Property Exchange, Levy County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COLE, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

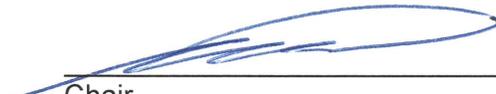
5. Alapaha Point (Hickman) Final Approval, Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

General Discussion / Updates.

Acquisition and Surplus Review Team – Activity Report. Mr. Schroeder provided a presentation on the review team process to the Committee.

- 6. Announcements: None
- 7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:
