

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

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday  
November 9, 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	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.		X
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

**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	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - October 12, 2021 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - September 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, for the Cabbage Grove #2 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – October 12, 2021, Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting 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. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition. Pam Sanders, Engineer III, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, was recognized for five years of service.

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the upcoming hearing regarding the Florida Defenders of the Environment and the Jeff Hill case.

### **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 – Proposed Exchange, Bierman Property, Levy County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Resolution 2021-08, Acquisition of Alapaha Pointe Property, Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

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

#### Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget Modifications. Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Resolution 2021-09, Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Budget Amendment Number One. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SMITH 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.

**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 16 - 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. 17 – Contract with H. B. Tuten Jr. Logging, for the Cabbage Grove #2 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Task Work Assignment with Atkins North America, Inc. for Federal Emergency Management Agency Fiscal Year 2020 Risk Mapping Assessment and Planning Program Services. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Task Work Assignment with Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for the Open to Closed Basin Investigative Project in the Ichetucknee and Santa Fe Basins. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Task Work Assignment with Eutaw Utilities, Inc. for the Retention Pond Conversion Investigative Project in the Ichetucknee and Santa Fe Basins. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 22 - Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, provided an update to the Board,

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 23 – Water Supply Update. Emilie Ducker, Manager, Office of Water Supply, provided a powerpoint update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 24 – Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis. Approved on Consent.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 25 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas recognized our Board and Staff Veterans and thanked them for their service to our Country. Mr. Thomas also recognized Paul Buchanan, GIS Program Manager, Office of Information Technology, for his help with Branford FFA corn maze project which won a National Award. He also updated the Board on the Country Club Road project and the upcoming meeting with Columbia County.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Governing Board Comments. Mr. Sessions invited Veterans to the parade in Live Oak on Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshops began at 10:34 a.m.

District Fertilization Projects – IFAS Presentation

De Broughton, Regional Specialized Agent, IFAS, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding 2021 Corn Nutrient Management Projects using Controlled Release Fertilizer and Liquid Nitrogen Side-Dressing.

Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Workshop

Mrs. Green provided a powerpoint presentation regarding Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget highlights and timeline.

Projects Success Criteria

Mr. Marshall provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the calculation of benefits for agriculture and environmental projects.

Workshop adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

**MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE  
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November 9, 2021  
Following Board Workshops

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:58 a.m.

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Charles Keith		X
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	
Dr. George Cole	X	

\*Board members Johns and Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment.
  - Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timbers Research, Inc. - Support of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract acquisition.
  - Peter Kleinhenz, Partnership Programs Coordinator, Tall Timbers Research, Inc. - Support of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract acquisition.

**General Discussion / Updates**

*None*

**Land Acquisition / Property Offer**

3. Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Committee

Keith Fountain, Legal Counsel for Scott Adams, provided comments to the Committee.

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

4. Announcements: None
5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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