

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

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December 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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 K. 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:

Addition to Consent Agenda:

Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 19/20-031 with Water & Air Research Inc.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

Agenda Item No. 5 was moved below Agenda Item No. 7

Agenda Item No. 6 - November 9, 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.

- Robbie McKinney, Hydrologist IV, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - November 9, 2021, Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - October 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Water Use Permit 2-121-220392-2, Anderson / Goff Farm, Agricultural Use, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Contract with Great South Timber and Lumber LLC, for the Newberry Wellfield #1 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 21 - 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Amendment to Contract #19/20-117 with the City of Madison for Cost Share Assistance with the Lake Francis Sediment Control Project

ADDED:

- Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 19/20-031 with Water & Air Research Inc.

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

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 legal case and the Jeff Hill legal 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 – Resolution Number 2021-10, Property Acquisition of Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Peter Kleinhenz, Tall Timbers Research, Inc.
- Keith Fountain, Keith Fountain Law, PLLC (Adams Family Legal Counsel)
- James Dunbar, Aucilla Research Institute

- Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timbers Research, Inc.
- David Ward, Aucilla/Wacissa River Group
- Sherilynn Pickles, Madison County Manager
- Derrick Dunlap
- John Middleton, Four Rivers Audubon, (letter of support in Board package)
- Ms. Lopez (online) – Did not respond when called.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO DENY THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, AS PRESENTED, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS WITH THE SELLERS. DR. COLE VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION TO DENY STAFF RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Submission. Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 13 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Water Use Permit 2-023-239112-2, North Florida Mega Industrial Park Wellfield, Public Supply Use, Columbia County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

David Kraus, Manager, Columbia County, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Water Use Permit 2-121-220392-2, Anderson / Goff Farm, Agricultural Use, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 16 – 2021 Strategic Plan Annual Update. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Florida Forever Workplan Update. Mrs. Potter provided an update to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 18 - 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. 19 - Contract with Great South Timber and Lumber LLC, for the Newberry Wellfield #1 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 20 - 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. 21 – 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Springs Grant Funds and to Enter into Cooperative Agreements. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Amendment to Contract #19/20-117 with the City of Madison for Cost Share Assistance with the Lake Francis Sediment Control Project. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 24 – Minimum Flows and Minimum Levels Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-8.121, Florida Administrative Code, to add Lake Alto and Lake Santa Fe Minimum Surface Water Levels. Mr. King and Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Supply Update. Emily Ducker, Manager, Office of Water Supply, provided an update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 19/20-031 with Water & Air Research Inc. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

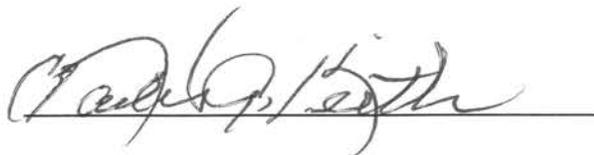
Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Governing Board Comments. Chair Johns thanked District staff for their effort and support this year.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshops began at 12:37 p.m.

FEMA Process Discussion

Mr. Marshall provided a powerpoint presentation on the FEMA process from beginning to end focusing on the Upper and Lower Suwannee FEMA Study

Water Use Estimates and Projections Presentation Update

Mrs. Ducker provided a powerpoint presentation on water use estimates and projections for the District.

Workshops ended at 2:06 p.m.