

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

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January 11, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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:

**Deletion:**

Agenda Item No. 12 – Business and Community Services – Denial of Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237707-2, William Tess Deck, Dixie County

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON 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 – December 14, 2021, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - November 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026
- Agenda Item No. 17 - 2021 Land Management Annual Report

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – December 14, 2021, Governing Board 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. Jamie Gaylord 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 Florida Defenders of the Environment 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.

#### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 10 – November 2021 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

#### *Resource Management*

Agenda Item No. 11 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Denial of Works of the District Permit Application WOD-029-237707-2, William Tess Deck, Dixie County. **DELETED**

Agenda Item No. 13 – Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026. Approved on Consent.

### **OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

#### *Communications and Outreach*

Agenda Item No. 14 – **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2021 Annual Work Plan.

Chair Johns opened the Public Hearing.  
Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented the recommendation to the Board.  
Chair Johns opened for Public Comments.  
No Public Comments were received.  
Chair Johns closed the Public Hearing.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – **Public Hearing** and Acceptance of the 2022 Florida Forever Work Plan.

Chair Johns opened the Public Hearing.  
Mrs. Potter presented the recommendation to the Board.  
Chair Johns opened for Public Comments.  
No Public Comments were received.  
Chair Johns closed the Public Hearing.

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

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 - 2021 Land Management Annual Report. 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 – Amend Contract 20/21-162 with Koons Farms Inc. for Additional Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Libby Schmidt, Project Manager, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Amend Contract 21/22-026 with Townsend Brothers Ag Enterprises, LLC for Additional Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Ms. Schmidt presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Wastewater 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. 22 – Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Fixed Capital Outlay Funds for the Dairy Farm Pollutant Pilot Project. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Task Work Assignment with Gannett Fleming, Inc. for Engineering Services for Country Club Road Dam Revisions. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

Jeff Hill provided comments to the Board.

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

#### Minimum Flows and Levels

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-8.121, Florida Administrative Code, to add Lake Hampton Minimum Surface Water Levels. Mr. King and Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SESSIONS 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.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 27 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Governing Board Comments. No comments.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m.

Chair Johns served as Chair of the Lands Committee Meeting.

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

\*Board member Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

**General Discussion / Updates**

Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, provided an update to the Committee regarding the Adams Springs Acquisition and the R.O. Ranch Acquisition.

3. Update to Surplus Lands Process. Mr. Schroeder provided an update on the surplus lands process to the Committee.

**Easement Requests**

4. FDOT Temporary Easement for Bridge Construction (Aucilla River) – Jefferson/Taylor Counties. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee

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

**Easement Requests**

5. Right of First Refusal, Carter Estate Conservation Easement – Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

6. Final Exchange for Timber River Parcel, Riverbend Estates – Madison/Dixie Counties. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

7. Announcements: None

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:

