

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

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February 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

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

Governing Board Legal Counsel: *Consideration of Offer to Settle District's Claims for Attorney's Fees and Costs in FLORIDA DEFENDERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INC., et al., v. DISTRICT, Case No. 2021-107, In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ADDITION. 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 - January 11, 2022, Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Temporary Construction Easement for Florida Department of Transportation, Jefferson and Taylor Counties
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Right of First Refusal on Carter Estate Conservation Easement, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 14- December 2021 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Acceptance of the Updated 2022 Florida Forever Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Cuba Bay #3 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Contract 20/21-086 Amendment with North Florida Holsteins, L.C., Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Consulting LLC
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.011 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6- January 11, 2022, Governing Board Meeting 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 Shaw and Kelly Wooley were recognized for five years of service. Hugh Thomas also recognized Tom Mirti on his upcoming retirement from the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Update

ADDITION:

Consideration of Offer to Settle District's Claims for Attorney's Fees and Costs in FLORIDA DEFENDERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INC., et al., v. DISTRICT, Case No. 2021-107, In the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, in and for Suwannee County, Florida. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

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

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 – Temporary Construction Easement for Florida Department of Transportation, Jefferson and Taylor Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Right of First Refusal on Carter Estate Conservation Easement, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Resolution 2022-01, Final Exchange for Timber River Parcel, Riverbend Estates, Madison and Dixie Counties. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – R. O. Ranch Update. Mr. Schroeder updated the Board on this item.

Finance

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 16 – 2022 Consolidated Annual Report. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this report to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 17 – 2022 Communications Plan Presentation. Mrs. Potter and Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this powerpoint to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Acceptance of the Updated 2022 Florida Forever Work Plan. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 19 - 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. 20 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Cuba Bay #3 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract with H2O Mobile Lab for Field Support Services. Tara Rodgers, Chief, Office of Hydrologic Data Services, presented this item to the Board. Ms. Rodgers announced the updated budget code for this project is 09-2-586-2-1200-36-01.

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 23 – Governing Board Directive Number GBD22-0001, Agricultural Cost-Share Program Update. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE WORD “OFFICERS” ADDED TO SECTION 8.0, NOTICE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT SECTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.006 with Wetland Solutions Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

Chris Keller, Wetland Solutions Inc., and Chad Wisdom, Cedar Key Water and Sewer District, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Progression Plan to Complete the Country Club Road Dam Project. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

Eric Falkenberry, Gannett Fleming, and Jeff Hill provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY COLE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO OBTAIN AND APPRAISAL ON SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PROPERTY, TO INCLUDE THE 0.39 ACRE “TRIANGLE” NORTHWEST OF THE DAM PARCEL AND TO PROCEED WITH DISPOSITION OF SOUTHERN PARCEL AND “TRIANGLE” AND TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE 6 AND BEGIN THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE DAM ON THE NORTHERN PROPERTY (54.96 +/- ACRES). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-078.005 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 – Amend Contract 20/21-086 with North Florida Holsteins, L.C. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 28 – 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. 29 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.014 with HSW Consulting LLC. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.011 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 31 – Water Supply Update. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided an update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 32 – SWIM Plan Overview. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided an overview to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 33 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the Jeff Hill Appeals court case.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 35 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP**

Workshop began at 1:04 p.m.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Peer Review Process

Mr. King provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding the process of the minimum flows and minimum water levels peer review process.

Workshop adjourned at 1:51 p.m.