

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

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March 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: None

ADDITION:

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL: Discussion of Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County Board of Commissioners regarding Country Club Road Property.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Don Wainwright – Concerns with District permitting process regarding projects in Suwannee County.
- Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Services – Concerns with District permitting process and growth development in our District. Provided handout to Board. Requested a workshop regarding the District permitting process.
- Dennis Music, DDP Development - Concerns with permitting process in our District.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 8, 2022 Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Recission of Acceptance of Grant Funding for Acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County
- Agenda Item No. 13 - January 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 – Revised
- Agenda Item No. 18 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.008 with Environmental Consulting and Technology Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - February 8, 2022 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop 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. Jim Suggs, Garrett Menichino and Vongmony Var, Unites States Army Corp of Engineers, provided a presentation regarding the engineering and economic analysis of flooding concerns along Alligator Creek in Bradford County.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

Addition:

Discussion of Proposed Interlocal Agreement between the District and Columbia County Regarding Country Club Road Property. Mr. Thomas and Board Member Keith informed the Board that they had attended the March 3, 2022 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida. At such meeting, the Board of County Commissioners considered and approved an updated version of the proposed Interlocal Agreement on behalf of Columbia County.

Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, discussed with the Board the proposed Interlocal Agreement updates and changes.

Chair Johns found good cause to do so and amended the agenda for this meeting to add to the agenda consideration and possible approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY KEITH TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH UPDATES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH, TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS ACTION OF THE BOARD AT ITS FEBRUARY 8, 2022 BOARD MEETING DIRECTING STAFF TO OBTAIN APPRAISALS FOR THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD PROPERTY AND BEGIN THE PROCESS TO HAVE THE DAM ON SUCH PROPERTY PERMITTED AND DISPOSE OF PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY. 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 – Recission of Acceptance of Grant Funding for Acquisition of the Adams Aucilla Springs Tract, Madison County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Request for Qualifications 21/22-11, Facilities Construction Projects. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 12 – Surplus Vehicle and Acquisition of a Replacement Vehicle. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 13 – January 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan 2022-2026 – Revised. Approved on Consent.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 16 – Springs Protection Awareness Month Proclamation. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Mr. Roberts presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-117 with Moore Communications. 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 Earth Balance for Groundcover Restoration Services. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 21 – 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. 22 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Update. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Contract with 83 Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Contract 20/21-114 Amendment with Dixie County for Cost Share Assistance. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Duane Cannon, Manager, Dixie County, thanked the District for support of this project.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 25 – 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. 26 – Upper Suwannee MFL Presentation. Mr. King provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-009.020 with HSW Consulting LLC. Mr. King presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 28 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.008 with Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 29 – Water Supply Update. Emily Ducker, Manager, Office of Water Supply, provided an update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 30 – Water Quality Presentation. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Water Resources Office, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

March 8, 2022
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Workshop began at 1:04 p.m.

District Facilities Discussion

Mr. Schroeder and Ashley Spivey, Asset and Purchasing Specialist, Office of Administration, provided a powerpoint presentation on the District facilities improvements and the interior LiDAR system of the buildings.

Workshop ended at 2:02 p.m.