

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

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May 10, 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.

Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, announced Dr. Cole resigned from the Board on April 14, 2022. The Board extended best wishes to Dr. Cole.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
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. 18 – Resource Management - Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-067-241240-1, Willis Seawall, Lafayette County

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AMENDMENT. 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 - April 12, 2022 Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - March 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Audit
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Inspector General Audit Report #22-01, Payroll and Related Human Resources Processes
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Amendment and Renewal of Interlocal Agreement 01/02-239 with Hamilton County for Management of the Gibson Park Tract
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Contract with Flatwoods Forest Products for the Mill Creek South #10 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 33 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-182 with Wayne Lane, Jefferson and Madison Counties
- Agenda Item No. 34 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-042 with Riley Putnal, Suwannee and Lafayette Counties
- Agenda Item No. 35 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Dixie, Levy and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 36 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 37 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-061.009 with Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc
- Agenda Item No. 38 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-043.005 with Land & Sea Surveying Concepts, Inc

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – April 12, 2022 Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit 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: The following cooperating agencies were represented at the meeting:
White Springs, City of Lawtey, Greenville, City of Lake City, Alachua County, City of Branford, and City of Archer
- C. Service Recognition: Edwin McCook was recognized for 20 years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the District's participation on the rule challenge with South Florida Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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 – March 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 11 – Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Audit. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 12 – Inspector General Audit Report #22-01, Payroll and Related Human Resources Processes. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 13 – Resolution 2022-03, Fund Balance Classifications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB 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.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code, and Stormwater System Design Criteria in the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume II. Warren Zwanka, Division Director, and Ashley Stefanik, Regulatory Office Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Extension of Order Number 19-0002 Granting a Variance to Sarah Elizabeth Gardner, Dixie County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-067-241240-1, Willis Seawall, Lafayette Count. **DELETED**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Denial of Environmental Resource Permit Application ERP-123-206184-3, Capital City Bank, Taylor County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

CHAIR JOHNS MOVED AGENDA ITEM 30 AND 31 TO THIS SECTION OF THE AGENDA TO ACCOMMODATE OUR GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Springs Funding Applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided this presentation to the Board.

The following guest provided comments to the Board:

- Charlie Houder, Alachua County
- Debbie Preble, City of Archer

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LLOYD.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Alternative Water Supply Funding Applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

The following guests provided comments to the Board:

- Eliana Bardi, Alachua County
- Kathleen Hamilton, City of Greenville
- Joan White, City of Archer
- Vanessa George, Town of White Springs

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 20 – Dive-In Presentation. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this presentation to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 21 - 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. 22 - Land Management Review Team Tour Presentation. Bill McKinstry, Land Management Chief, Office of Land Management, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Amendment and Renewal of Interlocal Agreement 01/02-239 with Hamilton County for Management of the Gibson Park Tract. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Contract with Greenwood Resources Inc., for the Gilchrist Wellfield #1 Timber Sale. Mr. Mckinstry presented this item to the Board. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Schwab announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SCHWAB.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contract with Flatwoods Forest Products, for the Mill Creek South #10 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 26 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 27 – Water Resource Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 28 – Projects Update Presentation. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Receive Alternative Water Supply Grant Funds and Agreements with Local Cooperative Entities. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

CHAIR JOHNS MOVED AGENDA ITEMS 30 AND 31 BELOW AGENDA ITEM 19 TO ACCOMMODATE OUR GUESTS AND COOPERATING AGENCIES PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Contract with Smith Farms of Bell, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

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Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 39 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 40 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 41 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 1:31 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget Discussion

Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget.

Workshop ended at 1:42 p.m.