

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

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June 14, 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	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 - Oath of Office for Board Members Charles Keith and Larry Sessions: Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Board Member Charles Keith.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

UPDATES:

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects - Renewal of Conservation Technician Services Contract Number 16/17-250 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment.

- Terri Rasmussen – Concerns with water basin and drainage in Columbia County

Agenda Item No. 6 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 7 - May 10, 2022 Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - April 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-042 with Riley Putnal, Suwannee and Lafayette Counties
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Task Work Assignment for Contract 19/20-031.010 with Water & Air Research Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 7 - May 10, 2022 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 8 - 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. Mr. Thomas introduced Brett Cyphers, former Northwest Florida Executive Director, to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment (continued).

- Paul Still (online comment) – Concerns regarding Chemours mine permits in Bradford County

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the following:

- Thakor Ashish
- Jeff Hill
- Starke Bypass Wetland Mitigation

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Resolution 2022-04, Final Exchange Agreement for R.O. Ranch, Lafayette County. 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.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – April 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

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 – Enforcement Action for Unpermitted Structures and Wetland Dredging - Hearn Properties, Inc., Madison County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

Eric Hearn provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO TABLE THIS RECOMMENDATION UNTIL THE JULY 2022 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND GIVE BOARD MEMBERS TIME TO RESEARCH WITH DUE DILIGENCE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permit to Protect Presentation. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this presentation to the Board.

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 - Fiscal Year 2022 Land Management Review Team Report. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Chemical Application Services for Fiscal Year 2022. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 19 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 20 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, and Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 21 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-042 with Riley Putnal, Suwannee and Lafayette Counties. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 22 – Contract with Grimmway Enterprises, Inc., Madison County for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Extend Engineering and Environmental Service Contracts. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Renewal of Conservation Technician Services Contract Number 16/17-250 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - UPDATED. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment for Contract 19/20-031.010 with Water & Air Research Inc. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 26 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 27 - Governing Board Comments. Board members provided comments to Mr. Thomas.

Agenda Item No. 28 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



Chair

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Following Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions		X
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	

*Board member Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates

3. Surplus Lands Process Presentation. Mr. Schroeder and Andrew Neel, Senior GIS Analyst, provided presentation presentations of the surplus lands process and interactive District Lands map to the Committee.
4. Announcements. None
5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.


Chair

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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 1:29 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	

*Board Member Lloyd, Thompson, and Smith also attended the Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None
3. General Discussion

Executive Director Evaluation Discussion

The Committee discussed the topics on the Executive Director Performance Evaluation form. Committee Members provide feedback on topics listed on the form. These forms have been sent to Hugh Thomas employment personnel file.

Ranking by Committee Members:

Committee Member	Ranking
Johns	5
Keith	5
Schwab	4

MOTION MADE BY JOHNS, SECONDED BY KEITH TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS.
MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Johns appointed Larry Thompson and Larry Sessions to the Executive Director Evaluation Committee.

4. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



