

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

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July 12, 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 Member Larry Sessions. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Board Member Larry Sessions.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Board Committee Assignments.

Chair Johns updated the Board on the new Committee Assignments.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item No. 5 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

**UPDATE:**

Agenda Item No. 16 – Business and Community Services - Tentative Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget

**DELETION AT BOARD MEETING:**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Business and Community Services - Enforcement Action for Unpermitted Structures and Wetland Dredging - Hearn Properties, Inc., Madison County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – Public Comment. None

Agenda Item No. 7 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 8 - June 14, 2022 Governing Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment
- Agenda Item No. 14 - May 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Renewal of Agricultural Water Use Permit 2-029-215986-4, Oak Grove Farm, Dixie and Lafayette Counties
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Renewal of Contracts 20/21-033, 20/21-036, 20/21-037 for Construction and Maintenance of Hydrological Improvements and Roads
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Steinhatchee Springs #22 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Contract for Agricultural Cost-Share with Carl Allison, Suwannee and Columbia Counties
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Contract for Agricultural Cost-Share with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc., Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 32 – Contract with Packaging Corporation of America for Streamflow Monitoring
- Agenda Item No. 33 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.017 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 34 - Memorandum of Agreement 21/22-013 with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

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

Agenda Item No. 8- June 14, 2022 Governing Board Meeting, Lands Committee Meeting, and Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Robbie McKinney, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition: Ben Glass and Steve Carpenter were recognized for five years of service with the District.

## **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 10 – Legal Activities Update. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the Thakor Ashish lawsuit.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment. Approved on Consent.

## **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### *Administration*

Agenda Item No. 12 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Resolution Number 2022-05, Ross Preserve/Rio Lindo Conservation Easement, Gilchrist County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 14 – May 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Resolution Number 2022-06, Release of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 State Appropriations. Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Tentative Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget – **UPDATED**. Mrs. Green 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. 17 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Renewal of Agricultural Water Use Permit 2-029-215986-4, Oak Grove Farm, Dixie and Lafayette Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Enforcement Action for Unpermitted Structures and Wetland Dredging – Hearn Properties, Inc., Madison County. **DELETED**

Agenda Item No. 20 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-3.021, 40B-3.035, 40B-3.051, 40B-3.101, 40B-3.201, 40B-3.411, and 40B-3.521, Florida Administrative Code. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract with GreenTrust Environmental, Inc. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Task Work 19/20-024.001 with Eutaw Utilities, Inc. Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, presented this item to the Board.

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

## **OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

### *Communications and Outreach*

No Items

### *Land Management*

Agenda Item No. 23 - 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. 24 - Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton County for Management of the Turner Bridge Park and Roline Boat Ramp. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Renewal of Contracts 20/21-033, 20/21-036, 20/21-037 for Construction and Maintenance of Hydrological Improvements and Roads. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Contract with Williams Timber Inc. for the Steinhatchee Springs #22 Timber Sale. Approved on Consent.

### *Hydrologic Data Services*

Agenda Item No. 27 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-078.007 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Vince Robinson, Manager, Office of Hydrologic Data Services, presented this item to the Board with the added budget code of 20-2586-1-1102-18-00.

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

### **WATER RESOURCES**

#### *Agriculture and Environmental Projects*

Agenda Item No. 29 – Contract for Agricultural Cost-Share with Carl Allison, Suwannee and Columbia Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Contract for Agricultural Cost-Share with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc., Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

#### *Minimum Flows and Levels*

Agenda Item No. 31 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-082.006 with Intera, Inc. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

#### *Water Supply*

No Items

#### *Water Resources*

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Agenda Item No. 33 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.017 with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Memorandum of Agreement 21/22-013 with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 35 – Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with United States Geological Survey. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, presented this item to the Board.

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

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 36 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 37 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 38 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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

Workshop began at 12:43 p.m.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Groundwater Recharge Wetlands Project Presentation  
Rick Hutton and Kristen Sealey, Gainesville Regional Utilities, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Groundwater Recharge Wetland Park and other recharge wetland projects developed by Gainesville Regional Utilities.

Workshop ended at 1:36 p.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:



