

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

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August 9, 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 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair. None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Nancy Turner – Flooding and drainage concerns at Woodborough North Subdivision in Columbia County.
- Lee Jones, Town of Greenville – Thanked the Board for the support regarding the RIVER project item on the Board agenda for approval.
- Terri Rasmussen – Flooding and drainage concerns at Woodborough North Subdivision in Columbia County.
- Paul Still – Flooding concerns with Edwards Bottomlands Project in Bradford County.
- Commissioner Rocky Ford, Columbia County - Thanked the Board for the support regarding the RIVER projects item on the Board agenda for approval.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - July 12, 2022 Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 13 - June 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 – Amendment to Contract 17/18-219 with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Regulatory Plan
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-217276-3, Boatright Farm, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Contract with Locklear & Associates, Natural Analytic Services Price Creek Cattle Company, Wetlands Solutions Inc., H2O Mobile Labs, and Tide Line Services, LLC
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-171 with Herman Sanchez III for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Dixie, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Dixie, Lafayette, Levy and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-045.006 with Northstar Contracting Group, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - July 12, 2022 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, Hydrologic Program Manager, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition - Kris Esklin was recognized for five years of service and Robbie McKinney was recognized for 15 years of service. Marc Minno was recognized on his upcoming retirement.

Recommendation by Board to amend the agenda to move Agenda Item Number 25, Contracts with Local Entities for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program, to follow Agenda Item Number 7 to accommodate Local Officials in attendance.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE AMENDING THE AGENDA TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 25 TO FOLLOW AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contracts with Local Entities for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- George Curtis, City of Live Oak
- Town of Fort White
- Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utilities

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

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 - Settlement of Claim on Insurance Policy No. WLG-904943-1220 - Starke Bypass Mitigation Area Project. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board

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

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the Jeff Hill District Court Case.

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 – Electronic Bid Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, and Sharon Hingson, Procurement Manager, Office of Administration, updated the Board on the Electronic Bid process beginning October 1, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Right of First Refusal on Layman Law Firm – Walker Springs Conservation Easement, Jefferson County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

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

Human Resources

Agenda Item No. 14 – Amendment to Contract 17/18-219 with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. Approved on Consent.

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 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Regulatory Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-217276-3, Boatright Farm, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-4.1070, Florida Administrative Code. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – District Lands Web Map Showcase. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, Andrew Neel, Senior GIS Analyst, Office of Information Technology, and Edwin McCook, Senior Land Management Specialist, Office of Land Management, presented this showcase to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 20 - District Land Management & Twin River State Forest (TRSF) Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

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 Locklear & Associates, Natural Analytic Services, Price Creek Cattle Company, Wetlands Solutions Inc., H2O Mobile Labs, and Tide Line Services, LLC. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 23 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-043.007 with Land and Sea. Alejandro Garcia, Senior Data Analyst, Office of Hydrologic Data Services, presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 24 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided and update to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Mr. Marshall presented an overview presentation of the Flood Risk Review virtual platform.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Contracts with Local Entities for Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program. **THIS ITEM WAS MOVED BELOW AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 7 ON AGENDA.**

Agenda Item No. 26 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-171 with Herman Sanchez III for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Dixie, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, LLC for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Dixie, Lafayette, Levy and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Contract with Hidden River Farms, LLC, for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Hamilton County. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 – Contract with Herman Sanchez Jr., for Agricultural Cost-Share Funding, Dixie, Lafayette, Gilchrist, Levy and Suwannee Counties. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 31 – Contract for Fiscal Year 2022 with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 32 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-045.006 with Northstar Contracting Group, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

No Items

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 33 – Water Use Estimation Update. Emily Ducker, Manager, Office of Water Supply, provided this update to the Board.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 34 – Water Quality Update. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 35 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 36 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 37 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:




**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 12:01 p.m.

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

*Board Members Thompson, Smith, and Sessions also attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Administration, introduced Jon Ingram, Powell and Jones, CPA, and Sam Powell, District Inspector General, to the Committee.

2. Public Comment: None

Discussion Items

3. Inspector General Report #22-02, Prior Audit Findings. Mr. Ingram and Ms. Shaw to present this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH, TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mr. Ingram and Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Committee.

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

5. Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2025 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Internal Audit Work Plan. Mr. Ingram and Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Committee.

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

6. Renewal of Contract Number 16/17-082 with Powell and Jones, CPA. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Committee

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

- 7. Announcements. None
- 8. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE**

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 12:25 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	

*Board Members Sessions, Lloyd, and Johns also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment: None

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

3. Waldo Tree Farm, Alachua County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SMITH TO PROCEED.

AMENDED MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SMITH TO PROCEED WITH A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

4. Carter Estates, Columbia County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY KEITH TO PROCEED WITH RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Announcements. None

6. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

ATTEST:






Chair