

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

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September 13, 2022
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.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:

- Layne Schultetus - Concerns with potential zoning and flooding issues at Russwood Estates and Turkey Creek area in Columbia County.
- Jeff Hill - Provided legal update.
- John Joplin, Ichetucknee Alliance – Requested support for the Springs Protection Zones being administered by Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission on the Ichetucknee River.
- Paul Still, Bradford Environmental Forum – Concerns with Edwards Bottomlands Mitigation Project in Starke.
- Mike Hensch – Concerns with clogged outlets on Lake Santa Fe, Alachua County.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - August 9, 2022 Governing Board Meeting, Audit Committee, and Lands Committee Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Amendment to Carter Estate, Tract 2 Conservation Easement, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition
- Agenda Item No. 13 - July 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Inspector General Report #22-02, Prior Audit Findings
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 to 2025 and Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Internal Audit Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Renewal of Contract Number 16/17-082 with Powell and Jones, CPA.
- Agenda Item No. 22 - Renewal of Contract Number 21/22-183 with Greentrust Environmental Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-026 with Townsend Brothers Ag Enterprises, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.018 with Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Contract with Vieux & Associates, Inc., for Gage-Adjusted Radar-Rainfall Data

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - August 2022 Governing Board Meeting, Audit Committee, and Lands Committee 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. Mr. Thomas recognized the Florida Forest Service and Nature Coast Biological Center present at meeting.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Ashish Thakor lawsuit and upcoming mediation.

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 – Amendment to Carter Estate, Tract 2 Conservation Easement, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Renew Property and Casualty, Comprehensive General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Auto, and Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage from Public Risk Insurance Agency. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 14 – Inspector General Report #22-02, Prior Audit Findings. Approved on Consent.

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Agenda Item No. 17 – Renewal of Contract Number 16/17-082 with Powell and Jones, CPA. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 18 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – Permit to Protect Presentation. Troy Roberts, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, and Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, presented this powerpoint 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.

Agenda Item No. 21 - Renew Contract 05/06-131 with Florida Forest Service and Twin Rivers State Forest. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

Mr. McKinstry introduced the Florida Forest Service attendees to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Renew Contract 21/22-183 with Greentrust Environmental Inc. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 24 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided an update regarding Edwards Bottomlands Mitigation Project.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-026 with Townsend Brothers Ag Enterprises, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 26 – Contract with the University of Florida for an Evaluation of Thermal Refuge Habitat for Snook in Springs within the Suwannee River Basin. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

Dr. Mike Allen, University of Florida Nature Coast Biological Center, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 27 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.018 with Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

No Items.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 28 – Contract with Vieux & Associates, Inc. for Gage-Adjusted Radar Rainfall Data. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 29 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and the upcoming September 26, 2022, Board Workshop scheduled at 3:00 pm and the Final Public Hearing scheduled at 5:05 p.m.

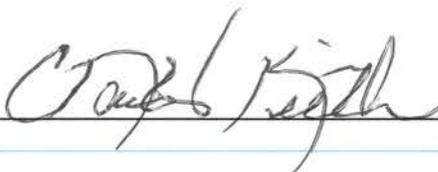
Agenda Item No. 30 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 31 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF
 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET**

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5:05 p.m., Tuesday
 September 13, 2022

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry 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	Amy Brown	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget Presentation. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution Number 2022-07, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mrs. Green noted the District received no inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution Number 2022-08, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments

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

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Announcements. Monday, September 26, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. is the Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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September 26, 2022
 3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Workshop Began at 3:00 p.m.

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Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X*	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Larry 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		-	-

*Vice Chair Schwab presided over the Board workshops.

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	
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Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander		X
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Katelyn Potter, Chief, Outreach and Operations Division, provided an update on Hurricane Ian.

Paul Still provided a public comment regarding potential flooding from Hurricane Ian and the Edwards Bottomlands Project.

RIVER Cost-Share Discussion

Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided a powerpoint presentation on the RIVER Cooperative Funding Program and potential updates to the program directive.

Water Resource Development Work Program Discussion

Emilie Ducker, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided a powerpoint presentation on the five-year water resource development program.

Workshops adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF
 FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 MILLAGE AND BUDGET**

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At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair		X
At Large	Harry Smith			X
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Vacant		-	-

*Vice Chair Schwab presided over the Final Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget.

Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
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Leadership Team

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Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander		X
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Vice Chair Schwab opened the public hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget Presentation. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution Number 2022-09, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Board

Vice Chair Schwab opened the public comments on the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Ms. Shaw noted the District received no inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage.

No public comments.

Vice Chair Schwab closed public comments

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution Number 2022-10, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Board

Vice Chair Schwab opened the public comments on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

No public comments.

Vice Chair Schwab closed public comments

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

Vice Chair Schwab closed the public hearing on the Final Millage and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Announcements. None

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



