

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

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October 11, 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.

- Staci Greco, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department – Support of the alternative water supply grant funding recommendation on Board agenda

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - September 13, 2022 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget Minutes, September 26, 2022 Workshops, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - August 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Insurance Broker Services

- Agenda Item No. 17 - Hydrological and Road Maintenance Field Supplies for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Contract with Gulf Forestry LLC, for the Adams Tract #4 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Natural Well Branch #3 Timber Sale
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-078.006 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.020 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 — September 13, 2022 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget Minutes, September 26, 2022 Workshops, and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Millage and Budget Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - 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

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

- Ashish Thakor Mediation
- Jeff Hill Case
- Florida Springs Council Appeal

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.

Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on the closing of RO Ranch and thanked Alachua Conservation Trust for assistance in the closing.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – August 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Human Resources

Agenda Item No. 11 – Insurance Broker Services. Approved on Consent.

Lisa Cheshire, Chief, Office of Human Resources, introduced Tyson Johnson, Gallagher and Associates, to update the Board on staff health insurance renewal recommendation coming before the Board in November.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 12 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, provided an update on the Woodborough North (formerly Turkey Creek) Subdivision complaints that the Board has heard public comment on in the past several months. Mrs. Stefanik gave a history of the project and a timeline of the Notice of Violation actions.

Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Engineers, provide comments to the Board regarding the status of the corrections being made.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE BY DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-123-216141-5, Foley Cellulose, LLC, Taylor County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Mr. Schwab introduced Chet Thompson, Foley Cellulose, LLC, to the Board.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 14 – Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Communications Plan Presentation. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations, provided a powerpoint presentation.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 15 - 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. 16 - Prescribed Fire and Vegetation Management Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Hydrologic and Road Maintenance Field Supplies for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Dispersed Recreation Maintenance and Road Mowing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Contract with Gulf Forestry LLC, for the Adams Tract #4 Timber Sale.
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Contract with Williams Timber Inc., for the Natural Well Branch #3 Timber Sale.
Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Alternative Water Supply Grant Funds. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-078.006 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-041.020 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – 2022 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 27 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report. Emily Ducker, Chief, Office of Water Resources, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Resources

No Items

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and thanked District staff for assistance at the Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee.

Paul Still provide public comments regarding Edwards Bottomlands Project concerns and Lake Sampson MFL being dropped from the MFL list.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 11:40 a.m.

IFAS – Precision Agriculture Program Presentation

Dr. Sadeep Singh, UF/IFAS, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board regarding the Precision Agriculture program at the North Florida Research and Education Center.

Agriculture Cost-Share Discussion

Mr. Marshall provided a powerpoint presentation on the Agriculture Cost-Share program and updates to the directive to provide clarification to the criteria regarding program eligibility for the intent of the program.

Workshop adjourned at 2:40 p.m.