

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

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Due to internet connectivity issues at off-site location, the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board meeting, was in-person only.

November 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Eagle Lake Conference Center
White Springs, 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.

- Paul Still - Concerns regarding Edwards Bottomlands Project (public comment provided via email and placed in public record)
- Edward Chastain - Woodborough North concerns with pumps and ponds

- Terri Rasmussen - Woodborough North concerns. (handout to Board members placed in public record)
- Nancy Turner - Woodborough North concerns (handout to Board members placed in public record)
- Steve Gladin - Concerns regarding Woodborough North permit expiration date
- Stu Lilker, Columbia County Observer - Concerns regarding Florida Sunshine Law and hearing of the meeting

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - October 11, 2022 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - September 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.007 with Wetland Solutions Inc
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-195 with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc., Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection Monitoring Grant AT014
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Governing Board Directive Number 22-0004, Delegation of Expenditure Authority for the Executive Director
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Governing Board Directive Number 22-0005, Finance Directive

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - October 11, 2022 Governing 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, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations: Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, welcomed Adam Blalock, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Chris Wynn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, to the meeting.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

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

Thakor Ashish Mediation case
Nestle Legal case update
Jeff Hill case regarding attorney's fees
Jeff Hill Supreme Court Case

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.

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 Budget Modifications. Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Human Resources

Agenda Item No. 12 – Employee Health Care Insurance Coverages for Calendar Year 2023. Lisa Cheshire, Chief, Office of Human Resources, presented this item to the Board.

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

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 – Variance Request, Wainwright Property Master Drainage Plan, Suwannee County. Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

Don Wainwright
Greg Bailey, P.E.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO:

- A. DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM RULE 62-330.020(2)g., AND (2)j., F.A.C., REQUIRING INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR EACH NEW PROJECT WITHIN A MASTER STORMWATER SYSTEM;
- B. THAT FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS USING THE MASTER STORMWATER SYSTEM PERMITTED UNDER ERP-121-239314-6, IF NOT ISSUED EARLIER, WOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE LAST BOARD MEETING WHICH IS LESS THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT: AND,
- C. APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 3.4 OF THE ERP APPLICANT'S HANDBOOK REQUIRING STORMWATER POND RECOVERY FOR ALL EIGHT DESIGN STORMS, AND THE REQUIREMENT TO HOLD BACK-TO-BACK STORMS, WITH THE APPLICANT ONLY BEING REQUIRED TO HOLD UP TO A 100-YEAR/10-DAY STORM WITHOUT RECOVERY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

No Items

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 - Contract with M.A. Rigoni, Inc. for the Dedan Loop #1 / Mud Swamp Timber Sale. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board. Mr. Schwab announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Schwab. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SCHWAB.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 17 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-064.007 with Wetland Solutions Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-195 with Shenandoah Dairy, Inc., Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Contract with Lee Peanut Farms, LLC., Madison County. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Project, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Task Work Assignment 19/20.041.021 with WSP formerly known as Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. 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. 23 – Governing Board Directive Number 22-0003, Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cooperative Funding Program. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 24 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-8.121, Florida Administrative Code, Lake Santa Fe Minimum Surface Water Levels. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, and Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-031.011 with Water and Air Research, Inc. Mr. King presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

No Items

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Quality Update Presentation. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Florida Department of Environmental Protection Monitoring Grant AT014. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 – Governing Board Directive Number 22-0004, Delegation of Expenditure Authority for the Executive Director. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Governing Board Directive Number 22-0005, Finance Directive. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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

Workshop began at 2:35 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Christina Green, Manager, Office of Finance, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget.

Stan Posey, Nutrien Manager, Environmental Affairs, provided a powerpoint presentation on the history of Nutrien and provided a guided nature trail tour for District staff and attendees.



Chair

ATTEST:



