

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

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December 13, 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:

Addition:

Governing Board Legal Counsel: Supplemental Information - Woodborough North Subdivision Compliance Update

DELETIONS:

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 16 - Environmental Resource Permit Application Number ERP-029-241949-1, Cothron One-Acre Lot - Seawall and Dock, Dixie County

Agenda Item No. 17 - Environmental Resource Permit Application Number ERP-029-241241-1, Roberts Seawall, Dixie County

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

- Paul Still – Concerns regarding Edwards Bottomlands Mitigation Project and flooding in Bradford County.
- Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council – Comments regarding Springs Council legal case.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - November 8, 2022 Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - October 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Ratification of Contract 21/22-176 with North Florida Timber Dealers, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 — November 8, 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, Chief, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition - Ashley Stefanik and Ryan Sims were recognized for five years of service. Robin Lamm was recognized for 20 years of service.

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- Jeff Hill Supreme Court Case and Quiet Title Case

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The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

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- Terri Rasmussen, Woodborough North Resident

Mr. Zwanka provided details about the District's site visit on November 30, 2022 and staff's opinion that having the entire stormwater system operating as permitted by December 31, 2022 was unlikely. Mr. Zwanka recommended that the permit be modified to address the front pond pump and irrigation pond and requested direction on proceeding with enforcement.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO WITHHOLD ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNTIL THE JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING TO ALLOW FOR A PERMIT

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

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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 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ASSET NUMBER 3519 (SUNA v2 SUBMERSIBLE ULTRAVIOLET MITRARE ANALYZER) AND ASSET NUMBER 3544 (SEA-IRD COASTAL UNA v2 5MM, FRESHWATER CALIBRATION), WHICH HAVE BEEN LOCATED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – October 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget. Christina Green, Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH 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, Cornerstone Crossing at 47, Columbia County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Scott Stewart, Property Owner
- Bob White, North Florida Professional Services, Inc.
- Jim Zuber, Columbia County Business Owner
- Merrilee M. Jipson, Concerned Resident
- Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Services, Inc.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SCHWAB, TO APPROVE VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING OPEN BASIN REQUEST (SECTION 3.3, APPLICANT'S HANDBOOK VOLUME II). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO DENY THE VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING THE "NO RISE" REQUIREMENTS (SECTION 3.6.6, APPLICANTS HANDBOOK VOLUME II). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Rulemaking to Amend Rules 40B-3.037, 40B-3.504, and 40B-3.517; and Repeal Rule 40B-3.902, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

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OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 18 – 2022 Strategic Plan Annual Update. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations, presented this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Florida Forever Workplan Update. Mrs. Potter presented this update 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 - Ratification of Contract 21/22-176 with North Florida Timber Dealers, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 23 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 24 – 2022 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Governing Board Directive Number GBD22-0006, Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 26 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-188 with Tillis Farms, LLC, Levy, Alachua, and Gilchrist Counties. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 27 – Upper/Middle Suwannee River MFL Presentation. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this presentation to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

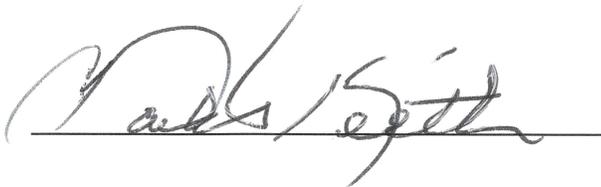
Agenda Item No. 29 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.



Chair

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Following Board Workshops

District Headquarters
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 1:52 p.m.

| Committee Members | Present | Not Present |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Richard Schwab - Chair | X | |
| Charles Keith | X | |
| Larry Sessions | | X |
| Harry Smith | | X |
| Larry Thompson | X | |
| *Virginia Johns | X | |
| *William Lloyd | X | |

*Board members Johns and Lloyd also participated in the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

General Discussion / Updates

None

Easement Requests

3. Florida Department of Transportation Temporary Construction Easement, Jefferson County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

4. Hart Springs Estates (Lots 7 & 8) Offer, Gilchrist County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENATION FOR DENIAL. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Still Conservation Easement Offer, Bradford County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee. Paul Still provided a powerpoint presentation and comments to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Stafford Conservation Easement Offer. **Deleted**
7. Announcements: Lands Committee wished the staff and attendees Merry Christmas.
8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.



Chair

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

Workshop began at 2:53 p.m.

Regional Water Supply Planning Discussion

Emily Ducker, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Regional Water Supply Planning update.

Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs MFL Status Updates

Mr. King provided a powerpoint presentation on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs MFL status.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects Updates

Mr. Marshall provided a powerpoint presentation on recovery efforts in the Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Basins

Workshop adjourned at 4:12 p.m.