

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

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February 14, 2023
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-Woodborough North Subdivision public records request concerns.
- Terri Rasmussen – Woodborough North Subdivision public records request concerns.
- Stew Lilker – District permitting and public records request concerns.
- Merrillie M. Jipson, Our Santa Fe River – Cornerstone Property, Columbia County, wetland concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - January 2023 Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - December 2022 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 19 - 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Acceptance
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-067.002 with Dewberry Engineers, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-070.004 with Atkins North America, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.004 with AECOM, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.005 with AECOM, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 — January 10, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Robbie McKinney, Hydrologic Program Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, recognized Chris Wynn, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Northwest Florida Water Management District guests to the Board Meeting. Mr. Thomas also recognized Harley Means, Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Means discussed the Alapaha Rise/Jennings Bluff site which has been chosen as the seventh Florida Geologic site.
- C. Service Recognition. Kristin Thompson was recognized for five years of service.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Florida Springs Institute rule challenge 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.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Electronic Bid Process Presentation. Sharon Hingson, Manager, Office of Administration, provided a powerpoint presentation update on this item.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Laboratory Building Task Work Assignment Update. Angela Leach, Facilities, Fleet, and Asset Specialist, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

The Board and guests recognized a moment of silence at 10:17 a.m. in honor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas Remembrance Day following the Governor's request.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – December 2022 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Governing Board Directive 23-0001, Education Reimbursement Program. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial; Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Board Members suggested changing the twelve month staff reimbursement period to a thirty six month reimbursement period in the District procedures manual.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Woodborough North Subdivision Update. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, updated to the Board on this item.

Nancy Turner provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code Stormwater Quality Criteria in Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook Volume II. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code Design Storm Criteria in Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook Volume II. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Repeal Rule 40B-1.1010, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Reeves updated the Board on the legal case with the Florida Springs Council.

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Acceptance. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – 2023 Consolidated Annual Report Update. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this update to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 21 - 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. 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 – Santa Fe Basin Flood Risk Review Overview. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, presented this update to the Board with dates of upcoming meetings in our District.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-024.004 with Eutaw Utilities, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

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Agenda Item No. 29 – Task Work Assignment 20/21-066.005 with AECOM, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 30 – North Florida Water Supply Plan Project Update. Emily Ducker, Chief, Office of Water Supply, provided this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and programs.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. Board Member Schwab requested continued prayers for the Steve Carpenter family on the loss of their son.

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



