

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

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March 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:

- Jerry Smalley (online comment form) – Did not respond.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - January 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC., Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Amendment of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - February 14, 2023 Governing Board Meeting 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 on hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Mr. Thomas recognized Chris Rothenberg, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. None

### **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 – Camp & Abel Tract, Hamilton County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

#### Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – January 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

#### Resource Management

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Woodborough North Subdivision Update. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, provided an update to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Terri Rasmussen (provided handout to Board)
- Nancy Turner (provided handout to Board)

### **OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

#### Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 14 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Water Conservation Proclamation. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Springs Protections Proclamation. Mr. Roberts presented this item to the Board.

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

#### Land Management

Agenda Item No. 17 - 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. 18 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, provided an update regarding the Coastal Resiliency Project and the Santa Fe Watershed Flood Risk Review process.

#### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 20 – Amendment to Contract 20/21-172 with Southern Cross Organics & Energy, LLC., Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

#### Minimum Flows and Levels

No Items

#### Water Supply

No Items

#### Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 21 – Amendment of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis. Approved on Consent.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 22 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 24 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:22 a.m.

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Present</b> | <b>Not Present</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Richard Schwab - Chair   | X              |                    |
| Charles Keith            | X              |                    |
| Larry Sessions           | X              |                    |
| Harry Smith              | X              |                    |
| Larry Thompson           | X              |                    |

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

2. Public Comment. None

**General Discussion / Updates**

3. California Swamp Conservation Easement, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

Kevin St. Laurent, Campbell Global, provided comments to the Committee:

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

**Land Acquisition / Property Offers**

4. Waldo Tree Farm, Alachua County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SESSION, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Announcements: None

6. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
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