

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

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May 9, 2023
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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: Agenda Item No. 29, Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and Agenda Item No. 30, Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, move to this section of the agenda to accommodate cooperating agencies and organizations.

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

Agenda Item No. 29 – Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. 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.

The following attendee provided comments to the Board:

- Robert Partin, Mayor, City of Bronson
- James McKane Cedar Key Water and Sewer District
- Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utilities
- Chris Keller, Wetland Solutions

Agenda Item No. 30 – Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Joanna Rielly-Brown, Alachua Conservation Trust
- Bruce Gillingham, City of High Springs
- Kevin Ratkus, Alachua County Forever Program

Agenda Item No. 4– Public Comment:

- Terri Rasmussen – Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - April 11, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - March 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Audit Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 – Inspector General Audit Report Number 23-01, Employee Remote Work Arrangements
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Inspector General Audit Report Number 23-02, Follow-Up Report on District Corrective Action Regarding Auditor General Audit Report Number 2023-047
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Engineering and Environmental Service Contract Renewals

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - April 11, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Audit Committee 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 of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations: Mr. Thomas introduced Hannah Love, FDACS, and Stan Posey, Nutrien.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Florida Springs Council 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 – Resolution 2023-02, Bierman Exchange, Levy County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Kirby Building Lab Update. Mr. Schroeder provided this update to the Board.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – March 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Financial Audit Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Inspector General Audit Report Number 23-01, Employee Remote Work Arrangements. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Inspector General Audit Report Number 23-02, Follow-Up Report on District Corrective Action Regarding Auditor General Audit Report Number 2023-047. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget Modifications. Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Education Reimbursement Directive Update. Ms. Shaw provided this update to the Board.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 19 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Woodborough North Subdivision Update. Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, provided this update to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board.

- Greg Bailey, NFPS
- Terri Rasmussen

Agenda Item No. 21 – Water Use Permit Number 2-001-218895-4, E. D. Norfleet Farm, Alachua County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 22 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 - 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. 24 – Fiscal Year 2023 Vegetation Management Services Budget Increase. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Task Work Assignment with WSP Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 26 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 27 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 28 – Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This item was moved to below Agenda Item No. 3 on the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This item was moved to below Agenda Item No. 3 on the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and WSP-USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 32 – Engineering and Environmental Service Contract Renewals. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 33 – Legislative Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Legislative and Governmental Affairs, provided an update to the Board. Mr. Zwanka also provided an update regarding the rulemaking process.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 35 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 36 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 12:55 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Budget Discussion

Mrs. Green presented a powerpoint presentation on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Budget.

Ethics Training

Mr. Reeves provided a powerpoint presentation for the Board on Voting Conflicts and Conflicting Contractual Employment Relationships.

Workshop adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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Following Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 1:59 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 – Serving as Chair	X	

-Board Member Lloyd also participated in the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

Conservation Easements

3. Tanner Springs (Dixon) Conservation Easement, Hamilton County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

4. Hodges Conservation Easement, Levy County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

Land Acquisition / Property Offers

5. Crimson Swamp, LLC. Ingress/Egress Easement and Conservation Easement Exchange, Levy County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

6. Announcements: None

7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



