

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

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June 13, 2023

District Headquarters

9:00 a.m.

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:

- Steve Gladin – Woodborough North Subdivision permit application concerns.
- Mike Holton, Friends of Cherry Lake – Cherry Lake Technical Report comments and concerns.
- Nancy Turner – Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.
- Terri Rasmussen - Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - May 9, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Tanner Springs (Dixon) Conservation Easement, Hamilton County

- Agenda Item No. 12 - Hodges Conservation Easement, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Crimson Swamp, LLC. Ingress/Egress Easement and Conservation Easement Exchange, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 15 - April 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Statement of Agency Organization and Operations Updates
- Agenda Item No. 23 - Dispersed Recreation Maintenance and Road Mowing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Amendment
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Corrected Amendment to Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-186 with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Amendment to Contract 20/21-187 with Sanchez Farms, Suwannee, Levy, Gilchrist and Dixie Counties
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Amend Agreement WG050 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Amend the Subrecipient Contract with Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 31 - Renewal of Contract 16/17-250 with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Corrected Recommendation and Funding Source for Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and WSP Global, Inc.

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item No. 5, Consent Agenda, which included Agenda Item No. 29 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy County. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd for this item. 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 SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. LLOYD.

Agenda Item No. 6 - May 9, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands 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. None
- C. Tim Alexander, Deputy Executive Director, recognized Emily Dicker for five years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Jeff Hill legal cases.

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 – Lab Renovation Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on this item.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Tanner Springs (Dixon) Conservation Easement, Hamilton County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Hodges Conservation Easement, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Crimson Swamp, LLC. Ingress/Egress Easement and Conservation Easement Exchange, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – California Swamp Conservation Easement Amendment, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 15 – April 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 16 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Regulatory Updates. Ashley Stefanik, Chief, Office of ERP and Environmental Compliance, updated the Board on the Woodborough North Subdivision permit application.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 18 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Communications and Outreach Update. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, provided an updated to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Statement of Agency Organization and Operations Updates. Approved on Consent.

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.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Land Management Review Team Report. Bill McKinstry, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Dispersed Recreation Maintenance and Road Mowing Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Amendment. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Amendment to Contract 12/13-016 with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 25 – 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. 26 – Corrected Amendment to Contract 21/22-121 with 83 Farms, Suwannee, Alachua, Columbia, and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

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Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 33 – Upper and Middle Suwannee MFL Peer Review Summary. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this summary to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 34 – Cherry Lake Technical Report Update. Mr. King provided this update to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 35 – Surface Water Improvement and Management Presentation. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Supply, presented this item to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 36 – Annual Water Quality Update. Ms. Hetrick provided this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 37 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 38 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 39 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:31 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Larry Thompson	X	

-Board Member Lloyd and Smith also attended the Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None
3. General Discussion

Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Discussion.

Members completed evaluation forms and provided positive comments regarding Mr. Thomas performance. The evaluation forms will be made part of Mr. Thomas personnel file. The Committee also discussed Mr. Thomas contract amendment.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND FORWARD MR. THOMAS CONTRACT TO THE JULY 2023 BOARD MEETING FOR APPROVAL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Announcements. None
5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



