

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

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July 11, 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:

UPDATES:

Business and Community Services - Agenda Item No. 13 – Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget

Outreach and Operations - Agenda Item No. 21 – Draft List of Critical Wetlands Discussion

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Theresa Davidson – Concerns regarding Administrative Complaint and Order, Hamilton County
- Public Comment received via Email – Denise Shirey – Concerns regarding Ms. Davidson fill in floodway, Hamilton County

- Public Comment received via Email – Russell Malley - Concerns regarding Ms. Davidson fill in floodway, Hamilton County
- Public Comment received via Email – Jack and Victoria Baugher - Concerns regarding Ms. Davidson fill in floodway, Hamilton County

Board requested moving Agenda Item No. 18 - Administrative Complaint and Order, Theresa Davidson, Hamilton County to this section of the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Administrative Complaint and Order, Theresa Davidson, Hamilton County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Davidson provided comments to the Board. She requested and received copies of the emails received regarding the complaint.

AMENDED MOTION BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY SESSION TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND FOR MS. DAVIDSON TO WORK WITH STAFF ON POTENTIAL RESOLUTION AND RETURN TO AUGUST BOARD FOR RECOMMENDATION AND/OR UPDATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment (continued):

- Nancy Turner – Woodborough North Subdivision concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - June 13, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 9 - Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment
- Agenda Item No. 12 - May 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis

Mr. Sessions announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item No. 5, Consent Agenda, which included Agenda Item No. 27 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County. The conflict of interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Sessions 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 THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. SESSIONS.

Agenda Item No. 6 - June 13, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Executive Director Evaluation 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. Service Recognition - Warren Zwanka was recognized for 10 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 two separate Jeff Hill Court Cases and the Seven Springs DOAH proceedings.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director and Contract Amendment. Approved on Consent.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Lab Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on this item.

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget – **UPDATED**. Christina Green, Budget 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.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Resolution Number 2023-03, Release of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Appropriations. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board,

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Regulatory Updates. Mr. Zwanka provided updates to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 17 – Renewal of Water Use Permit 2-001-216833-4, City of High Springs, Alachua County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Administrative Complaint and Order, Theresa Davidson, Hamilton County. **This agenda item was move to below Agenda Item No. 4 on the agenda.**

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 19 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Web Map Update. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Draft List of Critical Wetlands Discussion - **UPDATED**. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, provided this information to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 22 – 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Presentation. Mrs. Potter provided this update to the Board.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Management Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 24 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Hydrologic Data Monitoring Presentation. Alejandro Garcia, Senior Data Analyst, Outreach and Operations, provided this presentation to the Board.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided Division updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 27 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Larry Sessions, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 28 – Interagency Joint Funding Agreement with United States Geological Survey. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Supply, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 29 – Memorandum of Agreement with St. Johns River Water Management District for Surface and Groundwater Chemistry Analysis. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 30 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 31 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 12:55 p.m.

Agricultural Cost-Share Best Management Practices Discussion

Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided a powerpoint presentation on Agricultural Cost-Share Best Management Practices.

Workshop adjourned at 1:44 p.m.