

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

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September 12, 2023  
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No 2 – Oath of Office for Board Members William Lloyd and Richard Schwab. Tom Reeves, District Legal Counsel, administer Oath of Office to reappointed Board Members William Lloyd and Richard Schwab.

Agenda Item No 3 – 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. 4 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair: None

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment:

- Terri Rasmussen – Woodborough North Subdivision permit application concerns. Requested the permit on the Board agenda be tabled until October Board meeting.
- Greg Bailey, NFPS – Continued Board support for the counties effected by Hurricane Idalia.
- Paul Still, BSWC – Small streams and tributaries support following Hurricane Idalia and Edwards Bottomland project concerns.

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Agenda Item No. 6 - Consideration of the Following Items Collectively by Consent:

- Agenda Item No. 7 - August 8, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Surplus Uninterruptible Power Supply System
- Agenda Item No. 13 - July 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Inspector General Audit Report #23-03, Prior Internal Audit Findings
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 to 2026 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Internal Audit Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Renewal of Contract with Reliant CPAs, P.A. dba Powell and Jones, CPA
- Agenda Item No. 18 - Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220506-4, Walker Farm, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Renewal of Contract with Florida Forest Service and Twin Rivers State Forest

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

Agenda Item No. 7 - August 8, 2023 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 8 - 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. Hugh Thomas recognized Hannah Love, Florida Department of Agriculture.

**GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. None

**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 – Surplus Uninterruptible Power Supply System. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Property Liability Insurance Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 13 – July 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

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Agenda Item No. 18 – Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter. Approved on Consent.

### 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 – Modification of Water Use Permit 2-041-220506-4, Walker Farm, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Modification of Environmental Resource Permit ERP-023-211673-3, Turkey Creek (Woodborough North Subdivision), Columbia County. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board. Mr. Reeves discussed with the Board the addition of a special limiting condition added to the permit which states:

*The following permits have been previously issued for this site: permit numbers ERP-023-211673-1 (legacy no. ERP07-0081) and ERP-023-211673-2 (legacy no. ERP07-0081M), hereafter referred to collectively as the "Previous Permits." This permit (ERP-023-211673-3) supersedes the Previous Permits with one exception that, until all construction authorized under this permit is completed (meaning the District has given written approval of all as-built certifications for all such construction), all persons and entities liable under the Previous Permits shall remain and be liable under the Previous Permits and ERP-023-211673-3; and may be required to complete the construction authorized under ERP-023-211673-3.*

Nancy Turner and Terri Rasmussen provided comments to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONDITION ADDED TO THE PERMIT. 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 to the Board.

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Agenda Item No. 23 – 2024-2028 Strategic Plan. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Critical Wetlands Update. Mrs. Potter provided this update to the Board.

#### Land Management

Agenda Item No. 25 - Land Management Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Renewal of Contract with Florida Forest Service and Funding Approval for Twin Rivers State Forest. Approved on Consent

#### Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 27 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

### **WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 28 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

#### Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 29 – Governing Board Directive Number 23-0002, Agricultural Cost-Share Program. Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 30 – Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

Mr. Marshall updated the Board on Santa Fe Watershed FEMA Flood Maps.

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

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

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. None

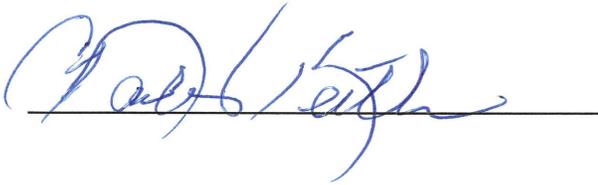
Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.



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 MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET**

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September 12, 2023  
 5:05 pm. District Headquarters  
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Governing Board**

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Vacant		-	-
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab	Vice Chair	X	
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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	Amy Brown	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget Presentation. Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution Number 2023-04, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mrs. Green noted the District received no inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage.

No public comments.

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Chair Johns closed public comments

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution Number 2023-05, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

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

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Announcements. Monday, September 25, 2023, at 5:05 p.m. is the Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage and Budget.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

  
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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 3:01 p.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
Virginia Johns* – Acting Chair	X	
William Lloyd* – Acting Member	X	

\*Mrs. Johns was acting Chair for the Lands Committee with the absence of Mr. Schwab. Mr. Lloyd also participated in the Lands Committee meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

**Conservation Easements**

3. Long Pond Conservation Easement, Levy County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Committee.

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

4. Rawson Conservation Easement, Lafayette County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

5. Taylor Conservation Easement, Gilchrist County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

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

**Utility Easements**

6. Wright Utility Easement, Taylor County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION.  
MOTION CARRIED.

7. Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO MOVE TO FULL BOARD WHEN  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED REGARDING COSTS. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.



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## SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP

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Workshop began at 4:15 p.m.

### Santa Fe River Investigative Projects Development

Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Santa Fe River investigative projects development within the District.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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 MINUTES OF FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET**

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September 25, 2023  
 5:05 pm. District Headquarters  
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**Governing Board**

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Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	William Lloyd		X	
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At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Chair	X	
At Large	Charles Keith	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Harry Smith		X	
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**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	Amy Brown	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget Presentation.  
 Christina Green, Senior Budget and Fiscal Analyst, Office of Finance, provided this presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution Number 2023-06, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mrs. Green noted the District received no inquiries regarding the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Millage.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Resolution Number 2023-07, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Mrs. Green presented this item to the Board

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments

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

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Final Millage and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

  
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