

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

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November 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. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - October 10, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - September 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Statement of Agency Operation and Organization Updates
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Agenda Item No. 5, which includes Agenda Item No. 24 - Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties. 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 LLOYD.

Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, informed the Board that we will be live streaming our Board meetings via YouTube beginning in December to enhance ADA regulations. All public comments will need to be made in person, or in writing prior to the Board meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6 – October 10, 2023 Governing Board Meeting and Workshop 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 recognized Justin Garland and Daniel Penniman, with Florida Department of Transportation. Board Member Sessions provided a video regarding the damage from Hurricane Idalia with respects to the agricultural impacts in our area.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

- Seven Springs Administrative Order
- William Merryman – Petition for Declaratory Statement
- Jeff Hill - Quiet Title court 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 – Olustee Creek Conservation Ingress/Egress Easement Exchange, Columbia County. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

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

Resource Management

Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, updated the Board on issues relating to the E-Permitting system being unavailable.

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Statement of Agency Operation and Organization Updates. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Amend Rules 40B-2.301, 40B-2.331, and 40B-2.351, Florida Administrative Code. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 16 – Works of the District Permit Application Number WOD-121-208958-4, Reichard Dock Restoration, Suwannee County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

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

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 17 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 18 – Land Management Update. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Contract with RES Environmental Operating Company LLC for Starke Bypass Mitigation Area Services. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 20 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 21 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board. Leroy Marshall, Chief, Agricultural and Environmental Project, updated the Board on the FEMA map process and upcoming public meetings.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

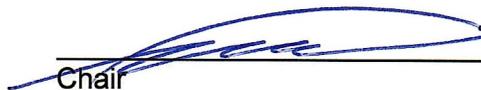
Agenda Item No. 23 – Amendment to Contract 21/22-040 with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Levy and Gilchrist Counties. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 24 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Governing Board Comments. Board discussion of the Foley Cellulose Plant closure in Taylor County.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 10:35 a.m.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Preliminary Budget Workshop

Christina Green, Budget Manager, Office of Finance, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Preliminary Budget.

2023 Draft North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan Discussion

Dr. Amy Brown provided a powerpoint presentation on the 2023 Draft North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan.

Workshop adjourned at 11:36 a.m.