

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

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December 12, 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:

Updated:

Business and Community Services – Agenda Item No. 13 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Amy Morie, Bradford Soil and Water District (online comment submitted and read for the record by Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Communications) – North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan concerns.
- Merrilee M. Jipson - North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan concerns, Seven Springs Water Company permit renewal concerns.
- Ryan Smart, Florida Springs Council - North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan concerns, Seven Springs Water Company permit renewal concerns.
- Joanne Tremblay, Our Santa Fe River - North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan concerns, Seven Springs Water Company permit renewal concerns, consumptive use permits reduction.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - November 14, 2023, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - October 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Concurrent Permit Review of Indirect Potable Reuse Projects
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Florida Forever Workplan
- Agenda Item No. 24 - 2023 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan
- Agenda Item No. 25 - Amendment to Contract 22/23-168 with Ladedo, LLC.
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Task Work Assignment 19/20-031.16 with Water and Air Research, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Order Number 23-007 – 2023 North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan (2020-2045)

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - November 14, 2023, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops 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 Tommy Langford, Gilchrist County Commissioner, to the Board.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 –Update on Legal Activities. No items.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Final Order Number 23-006, Florida Springs Council v. Seven Springs Water Company and Suwannee River Water Management District; SRWMD Renewal WUP App. No. 2-041-218202-3; DOAH Case Nos. 21-1180. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided public comments to the Board:

- Tommy Langford, Gilchrist County Commissioner
- Raven Siegfried, Rainbow River Conservation
- Thor Siegfried
- Merrilee M. Jipson
- Joanne Tremblay, Our Santa Fe River

The following legal representatives provided public comments to the Board:

- Doug MacLaughlin, Florida Springs Council, Inc.
- Doug Manson, Seven Springs Water Company
- Fred Reeves, Suwannee River Water Management District

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

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 – Request for Qualifications 23/24-002 Design-Build Construction Services for Renovation of the Field Services Building. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

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

Agenda Item No. 13 – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget - **UPDATED**. Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 14 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection Regarding Concurrent Permit Review of Indirect Potable Reuse Projects. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Brandon Creasy, Unlicensed Water Well Contracting Administrative Complaint and Order. Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

AMENDED MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM AND FORWARD THE AMDINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT AND ORDER TO THE STATE ATTORNEY OFFICE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Environmental Resource Permit Number ERP-023-244379-1, Gwynn Farms Subdivision, Columbia County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Greg Bailey, North Florida Professional Services
- Jacqui Sulek
- Laura Dailey

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

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 – 2024 Florida Forever Work Plan. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 20 - Land Management Update. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – 2023 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-168 with Ladedda, LLC. Approved on Consent.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 26 – Task Work Assignment 19/20-031.16 with Water and Air Research, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 27 – Order Number 23-007 – 2023 North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan (2020-2045). Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 30 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



CHAIR

ATTEST:



