

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

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January 9, 2024  
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 & Administrative 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:

- Terri Rasmussen – Woodborough North Subdivision concerns
- Nancy Turner - Woodborough North Subdivision concerns

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - December 12, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - November 2023 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 – 2024-2028 Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan

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

Agenda Item No. 6 -- December 12, 2023 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Robbie McKinney, Program Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Stephanie Armstrong recognition moved to February Board agenda. Ben Glass, Chief, Legislative and Government Affairs, introduced new staff member Tyler Winburn to the Board.

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 8 -- Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Seven Springs Final Order.

### **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### *Administration*

Agenda Item No. 9 -- Facilities Update. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

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 -- Resolution 2024-01 Waldo Tree Farm Acquisition, Alachua County. Mr. Schroeder presented this item to the Board.

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

#### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 12 -- November 2023 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

#### *Resource Management*

Agenda Item No. 13 -- Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 14 -- 2024-2028 Florida Department of Transportation Mitigation Plan. Approved on Consent.

### **OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

#### *Communications and Outreach*

Agenda Item No. 15 -- Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 16 – Land Management Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Amendment to Agreement 15/16-037 with the Florida Department of Military Affairs. Bill McKinstry, Interim Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – 2022-2023 Land Management Annual Report. Mr. McKinstry presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 19 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 20 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 22 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 24 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:



Chair



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

January 9, 2024  
Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters  
Live Oak, Florida

Workshop began at 11:00 a.m.

District Investment Discussion

Pam Shaw, Chief, Office of Finance, along with First Federal Bank of Florida Representatives, and FL Class Representatives provided a powerpoint presentations regarding investment strategies to the Board.

Surface Water Improvement and Management Discussion

Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the SWIM plan updates.

Workshop adjourned at 1:07 p.m.