

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

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March 12, 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 & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

UPDATE:

Business and Community Services – Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Gary Cone, Hamilton County

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA UPDATE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment: None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - February 13, 2024, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - January 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Gary Cone, Hamilton County - **UPDATED**

- Agenda Item No. 15 - Amendment to Contract 22/23-123 with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Amendment to Contract 22/23-118 with Beaver Lake LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Order Number 24-002 – 2024 Western Water Supply Plan (2020-2045 Planning Horizon)

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - February 13, 2024, 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. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, introduced Chris Wynn, Florida Wildlife Commission and Sheriff Sam St. John, Suwannee County Sheriff Office. Sheriff St. John recognized Paul Buchanan with the Coin of Courage for his and the District's support working with the emergency management operations and the community during the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on pending court cases with Jeffrey Hill. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on the Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia County regarding the Hill property.

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 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Steve Schroeder, Chief, Office of Administration, presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – January 2024 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

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

Agriculture and Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with Gary Cone, Hamilton County - **UPDATED.** Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-123 with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-118 with Beaver Lake LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties. Approved on Consent.

Leroy Marshall, Chief, Office of Agriculture and Environmental Projects, updated the Board on the state's 404 Permitting Process.

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.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Water Conservation Month Proclamation. Troy Roberts, Manager, Outreach and Operations, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Springs Protection Proclamation. Mr. Roberts presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 20 – Land Management Update. This update 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.

Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations, updated the Board on the Hurricane Idalia damages and status of District Lands.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Governing Board Directive 24-0001, Agriculture Water Use Monitoring Directive – Revised. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 23 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided a presentation to the Board regarding water supply assessment estimates and projections. Mr. Marshall provided a presentation to the Board regarding ongoing and completed projects within the District.

Water Supply

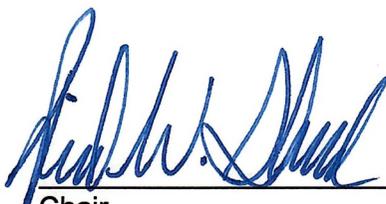
Agenda Item No. 24 – Order Number 24-002, 2024 Western Water Supply Plan (2020-2045 Planning Horizon). Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

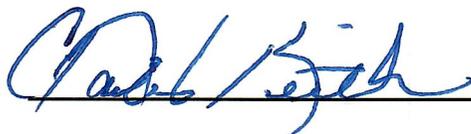
Agenda Item No. 25 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Ben Glass, Chief, Legislative and Government Affairs, updated the Board on the 2024 Legislative Session.

Agenda Item No. 26 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 27 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 11:39 a.m.

40B-4, Environmental Resource and Works of the District Permits Updates

Warren Zwanka, Director, Resource Management Division, provided a powerpoint presentation the upcoming changes to 40B-4.

Workshop adjourned at 11:53 a.m.