

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

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May 14, 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	
Assistant Executive Director	Tim Alexander	X	
Deputy Executive Director	Amy Brown	X	
Executive Office & Board Coordinator	Robin Lamm	X	

Agenda Item No. 3 – Appointment of Larry Sessions to Audit Committee.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MR. SESSIONS TO AUDIT COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

**UPDATED:**

Business and Community Services – Agenda Item No. 14 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit

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

Agenda Item No. 5 – Public Comment: None

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

- Agenda Item No. 7 - April 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting, Workshop, and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Amendment to Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 12 - March 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
- Agenda Item No. 16 - Administration of Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
- Agenda Item No. 24 - Updated Olustee Creek Conservation Ingress/Egress Easement Exchange, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Land Management Review Team Report
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Memorandum of Agreement Between the Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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

Agenda Item No. 7 - April 9, 2024 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, Manager, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, recognized cooperators, and agencies here for the AWS and Springs Projects approval.
- C. Service Recognition. Jon Wood was recognized on his upcoming retirement from the District.

**Chair Johns moved Agenda Item No. 19 and Agenda Item No. 20 to this section of the agenda to accommodate cooperators and agencies present at the Board Meeting.**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Robert Partin, Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative
- John Rittenhouse, Cedar Key Water and Sewer District
- Sue Beaudet, Town of Bronson

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

Agenda Item No. 20 – Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Mike New, City of Newberry
- Steve Brown, City of Lake City
- Shane Wellendorf, Tall Timbers
- Joanna Brown, Alachua Conservation Trust (received online and read into the record)

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

### **GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL**

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. No update.

### **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### *Administration*

Agenda Item No. 10 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Ben Class, 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.

#### *Agriculture Projects*

Agenda Item No. 11 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-158 with 3D Land and Farm, LLC, Alachua County. Approved on Consent.

#### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 12 – March 2024 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit – **UPDATED**. Pam Shaw, Chief Finance Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 15 – Resolution 2024-03, Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Amendment Number 2024-01. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Board.

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

#### *Human Resources*

Agenda Item No. 16 – Administration of Paid Parental Leave Following the Birth or Adoption of a Child. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 17 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Alternative Water Supply Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **Moved to below Agenda Item No. 8.**

Agenda Item No. 20 – Springs Funding Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **Moved to below Agenda Item No.8.**

Agenda Item No. 21 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Approved on Consent.

**OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 22 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Management Update. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Updated Olustee Creek Conservation Ingress/Egress Easement Exchange, Columbia County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Land Management Review Team Report. 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 division updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

Agenda Item No. 29 – Upper & Middle Suwannee River MFL Update. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, provided this update to the Board.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 30 – Memorandum of Agreement Between the Suwannee River Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Approved on Consent.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

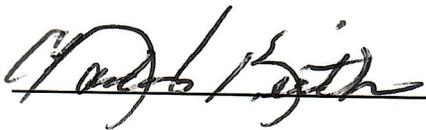
Agenda Item No. 31 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Tyler Winburn, Coordinator, Office of Administration, updated the Board on Legislative actions.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 33 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

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

Workshop began at 12:08 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget Workshop

Kristin Thompson, Manager, Office of Finance, presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget.

Off-Site Field Tour

Canceled due to river conditions and weather.

Workshop adjourned at 12:19 p.m.