

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

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August 13, 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		-	-

*Larry Sessions arrived at the Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

Addition:

Supp. Page 1 – Business and Community Services - Water Use Permit 2-079-218544-9, Blue Triton Madison, Authorization of Water Use for Emergency Circumstances.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA UPDATE. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Norman Leonard – Floodway and flooding concerns in Madison County.
- William Minor – Flooding concerns in Suwannee County.
- Ryan Smart – Florida Department of Environmental Protection MFL Rulemaking Workshop comments and concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - July 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11- Amendment to Contract 23/24-086 with Tillis Farms, LLC, Alachua, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties
- Agenda Item No. 12 - June 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Water Use Permit 2-001-220667-3, City of Alachua, Renewal, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 19 - Task Work Assignment with Northstar Contracting Group, Inc
- Agenda Item No. 26 - Gilchrist Wellfield Tract Management Agreement with the Gilchrist County School Board
- Agenda Item No. 27 - Leland Wright Conservation Easement Donation, 149 +/- Acres, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 28 - Florida Department of Transportation, Temporary Construction Easement, Britt Creek Bridge, Lafayette County
- Agenda Item No. 29 - Florida Department of Transportation, Temporary Construction Easement, Camp Grade Road Tract, Lafayette County
- Agenda Item No. 30 - Goosen Access Easement, Country Club Road Tract, Columbia County
- Agenda Item No. 31 - Denial of Exchange Offer from Mikel Koon, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 32 - Zellwin Farms Company - Jennings Bluff Conservation Easement, Right of First Refusal, Hamilton County
- Agenda Item No. 34 - Task Work Assignment with 3G Environmental Services, LLC
- Agenda Item No. 35 - Task Work Assignment with Schmidt Reforestation Services, Inc
- Agenda Item No. 36 - Task Work Assignment with B&B Dugger, Inc
- Agenda Item No. 37 - Task Work Assignment with Lieupo's Maintenance Group, LLC
- Agenda Item No. 40 - Task Work Assignment with Water & Air Research, Inc
- Agenda Item No. 41 - Task Work Assignment with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - July 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes.
Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 7 - 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. None

Board Member Larry Sessions arrived at the Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Settlement of Suwannee River Water Management District vs. Brandon Creasy, Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 9 - Cancellation of March 2022 Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County Board of County Commissioners Regarding Hill Dam and Impoundment Property. Mr. Reeves presented this item to the Board.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, updated the Board on the meeting on August 12, 2024, in Madison County with Senator Cory Simon, Representative Allison Tant, and Madison County Officials regarding flooding conditions in the county following Hurricane Debby.

Administration

Agenda Item No. 10 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 11 – Amendment to Contract 23/24-086 with Tillis Farms, LLC, Alachua, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 12 – June 2024 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 – Rulemaking to Amend Rule 40B-400.091, Florida Administrative Code. Approved on Consent.

Water Use Permitting

Agenda Item No. 15 – Water Use Permit 2-001-220667-3, City of Alachua, Renewal, Alachua County. Approved on Consent.

SUPP Page 1 - Water Use Permit 2-079-218544-9, Blue Triton Madison, Authorization of Water Use for Emergency Circumstances. David King, Chief, Resource Management/Project Division, presented this item to the Board.

Katie Kelly, representing Blue Triton, provided comments to the Board.

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

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 16 – Environmental and Agriculture Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mary Diaz, Professional Engineer, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utilities, provided comments to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Projects Database Solution Request for Proposal. Ms. Diaz presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 19 – Task Work Assignment with Northstar Contracting Group, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Task Work Assignment with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure Inc for Edwards Bottomlands. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Task Work Assignment with Wetland Solutions, Inc. Mr. Marshall presented this item to the Board.

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

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 Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Governing Board Directive 24-0004, Access and Utility Easement Requests Directive – Revised. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Governing Board Directive Governing Board Directive 24-0005, Land Acquisition and Surplus Guidelines – Revised. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, updated the District's response to Hurricane Debby.

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Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 38 – Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 39 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Water Resources

Agenda Item No. 40 – Task Work Assignment with Water & Air Research, Inc. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 41 - Task Work Assignment with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 42 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities and thanked the District staff for Hurricane Debby support.

Agenda Item No. 43 - Governing Board Comments. Board Members provided comments to staff regarding Hurricane Debby responses and assistance.

Agenda Item No. 44 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:46 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Virginia Johns	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Richard Schwab	X	
William Lloyd	X	
Larry Sessions	X	

-Board Members Smith and Thompson also attended the Audit Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

Discussion Items

3. Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, introduced Jon Ingram with Law, Redd, Crona and Munroe, P.A., who presented this report to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO ACCEPT REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 to 2027 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Internal Annual Work Plan. Mr. Ingram presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO ACCEPT REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Independent Financial Audit Services Proposal Review and Accounting Firm Recommendation.
Mrs. Shaw presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SCHWAB. SECONDED BY LLOYD TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Announcements. None

7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:

