

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

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September 10, 2024
3:00 p.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

- Oath of Office for Harry Smith, Larry K. Thompson, and George Wheeler. Tom Reeves, District Legal Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Smith, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Wheeler.

Agenda Item No 2 – Roll Call

Governing Board

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	George Wheeler		X	
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 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair. None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - August 13, 2024, Governing Board Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - July 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Annual District Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- Agenda Item No. 13 – Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 to 2027 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Internal Annual Work Plan
- Agenda Item No. 14 – Independent Financial Audit Services Contract
- Agenda Item No. 16 – 2024-2025 Annual Regulatory Plan
- Agenda Item No. 19 – Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program
- Agenda Item No. 20 – Qualified Firms for Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency RiskMAP Program
- Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract Number 97/88-077 with the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- Agenda Item No. 26 – Renewal of Contract with Florida Forest Service and Funding Approval for Twin Rivers State Forest
- Agenda Item No. 28 – Task Work Assignment with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – August 13, 2024, Governing Board Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting 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. None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. None

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, provided this update to the Board.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – July 2024 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Annual District Inspector General Internal Audit Activity Charter. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Annual Report of District Inspector General Activities for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Inspector General Three-Year Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 to 2027 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Internal Annual Work Plan. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Independent Financial Audit Services Contract. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Regulatory Plan. Approved on Consent.

Water Use Permitting

Agenda Item No. 17 – Water Use Permit 2-079-218544-9, Blue Triton Madison, Authorization of Water Use for Emergency Circumstances. David King, Chief, Office of Water Use and Water Well, presented this item to the Board.

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

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 – Contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to Administer the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Qualified Firms for Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency RiskMAP Program. Approved on Consent.

Outreach and Operations

Agenda Item No. 21 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 22 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Crimson Swamp LLC Ingress/Egress Easement Request, Levy County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 24 – Land Management Update Report. This update was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract 97/98-077 with the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Renewal of Contract with Florida Forest Service and Funding Approval for Twin Rivers State Forest. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Contracts for All Hazard Debris Clean-Up Services for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Lorna Radcliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

Hydrologic Data Services

Agenda Item No. 28 – Task Work Assignment with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. Approved on Consent.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 29 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

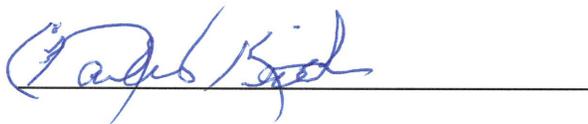
Agenda Item No. 30 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 32 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET**

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September 10, 2024
 5:05 pm.

District Headquarters
 Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

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Governing Board Legal Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Leadership Team

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Executive Director	Hugh Thomas	X	
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Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Resolution Number 2024-05, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 Kristin Thompson, Finance Program Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Millage for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 Mrs. Thompson noted the District received one inquiry regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

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

Agenda Item No. 3 – Resolution Number 2024-06, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
Mrs. Thompson presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

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

Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Announcements. Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:05 p.m. is the Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage and Budget.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOPS

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1. Call to Order. The workshops were called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call

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University of Florida Snook Thermal Refuge Study Presentation

Professor Mike Allen, Director, Nature Coast Biological Station, provided a powerpoint presentation on the snook thermal refuge study results to date.

Dairy Best Management Practices Discussion

Ray Hodge, Executive Director, United Dairy Farmers of Florida, provided a powerpoint presentation on dairy best management practices.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Basin Management Action Plan Discussion.

Kim Shugar, Director, Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, provided a powerpoint presentation on the FDEP's Basin Management Action Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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Chair Johns opened the public hearing on the Final Millage Rate and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Resolution Number 2024-07, Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 Kristin Thompson, Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Final Millage for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
 Mrs. Thompson noted the District received one inquiry regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Millage.

No public comments.

Chair Johns closed public comments.

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

Agenda Item No. 3 - Resolution Number 2024-08, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
Mrs. Thompson presented this item to the Board.

Chair Johns opened the public comments on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

No public comments.

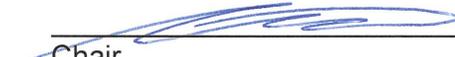
Chair Johns closed public comments.

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Chair Johns closed the public hearing on the Final Millage and Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Announcements. None

Agenda Item No. 5 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



