



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

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November 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**

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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**

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

**Leadership Team**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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 - October 8, 2024, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 - September 2024 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 17 - Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County - Final Terms
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Task Work Assignment with Water and Air Research, Inc

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - October 8, 2024, Governing Board Meeting and Workshop 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. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the Merryman lawsuit.

### **BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### *Administration*

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

#### *Agriculture Projects*

Agenda Item No. 10 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract with White Oak Dairy, Inc., Lafayette County. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

Ryan Sullivan, White Oak Dairy, provided comments to the Board.

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

#### *Finance*

Agenda Item No. 11 – September 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.

#### *Environmental Projects*

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

### **OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS**

#### *Communications and Outreach*

Agenda Item No. 14 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 15 – 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach, provided this informational item to the Board.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No.16 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Ellison Utility Easement, Dixie County - Final Terms. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 18 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

**WATER RESOURCES**

Agenda Item No. 19 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 20 – Task Work Assignment with Water and Air Research, Inc. Approved on Consent.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

Agenda Item No. 21 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities. Mr. Thomas also thanked the District and Governing Board Veterans for their service.

Agenda Item No. 22 - Governing Board Comments. Board Members provided commented regarding corrective measures being implemented by Valdosta on the recent sewage spill over the weekend, and Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels upcoming rulemaking comments received from stakeholders and response about those comments.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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Workshops began at 10:29 a.m.

Agricultural Cost-Share Discussion

Ben Glass, Jonathan Crain, and Savannah Atkins provided a powerpoint presentation on the 2024 Agriculture Cost-Share Program overview.

Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Projects Development Update

Leroy Marshall and Warren Zwanka provided a powerpoint presentation on the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Environmental projects.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Kristin Thompson provided a powerpoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget.

Field Service Building Tour

Ben Glass and Kelly Landis provided a tour of our newly renovated fields service building.

Workshop adjourned at 12:22 p.m.