



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

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April 8, 2025
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	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:

Updated:

Agenda Item No. 15 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Springs Grant Funds. Changed to informational item.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Donna Ellis – Ellaville Tract land swap concerns
- Lorelei McCraney – Ellaville Tract land swap concerns
- Shane Wellendorf – Springs Funding support

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - March 11, 2025 Governing Board Meeting and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - February 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 20 - Amendment to Agreement 18/19-050 with the Alachua Conservation Trust
- Agenda Item No. 21 - Extension to Agreement 04/05-269 with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Recreation and Parks

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

Agenda Item No. 6 - March 11, 2025 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, Chief, Office of Water Resources, gave a presentation of hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Mr. Thomas recognized Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utility, Stacie Greco, Alachua Environmental Protection, and Steve Minnis.
- C. Service Recognition. Paul Buchanan was recognized for 35 years of service. Lisa Cheshire was recognized for her upcoming retirement of 36 years with the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the ongoing Jeff Hill lawsuit.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Talecia Solomon, Finance Specialist II, to the Board. Leroy Marshall, RM/Projects Division Director, introduced Hays Paul, Environmental Scientist II, to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Facilities Update. Ben Glass, Chief, Office of Administration, updated the Board on this item.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 10 – February 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 11 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Water Use Permitting

Agenda Item No. 12 – Water Use Permit 2-001-218914-3, Tomoka Hills Golf, Alachua County. David King, Chief, Office of Water Use and Water Well, presented this item to the Board.

Stacie Greco, Alachua Environmental Protection Department, provided a powerpoint presentation to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MR. KEITH VOTED NO. MOTION CARRIED.

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 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Alternative Water Supply Grant Funds. Mary Diaz, Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

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

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

Agenda Item No. 15 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Springs Grant Funds. This item was presented as informational item to the Board. No approval required.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 16 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 17 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Resolution 2025-04, Conveyance of District-Owned Newberry Wellfield to City of Newberry. Katelyn Potter, Chief, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 19 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Amendment to Agreement 18/19-050 with the Alachua Conservation Trust. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Extension to Agreement 04/05-269 with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Recreation and Parks. Approved on Consent.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 22 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 23 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Governing Board Comments. Board Members provided comments to the staff.

Agenda Item No. 25 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:







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MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING
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Following Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:16 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. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Financial Audit. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, introduced Brad Huff, with Powell and Jones, CPA, who presented this report to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO ACCEPT 2023-2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Revised Inspector General Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Internal Audit Work Plan. Ms. Shaw presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY LLOYD TO ACCEPT THE REVISED WORK PLAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Announcements. Upcoming Audit schedule was discussed with the Committee.

6. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

ATTEST:




_____ Chair





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Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson	X	
George Wheeler		X
-Mrs. Johns and Mr. Lloyd also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.		

2. Public Comment:
 - Shane Wellendorf – Avalon Woodland Ravines Conservation Easement support.

Conservation Easements

3. Avalon Woodland Ravines Conservation Easement, Jefferson County. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SESSIONS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Conservation Easements

Agenda Item 5 was discussed prior to Agenda Item 4 for the convenience of guests at our Lands Committee Meeting.

4. Declaration of Surplus Lot Within the Turkey Island Tract, Levy County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

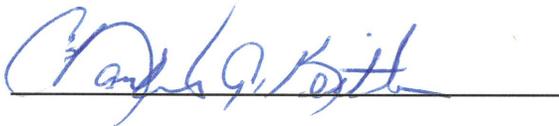
5. Intergovernmental Agreement for Conveyance of Suwannee Springs Park, Falmouth Spring Park, and Telford Spring Park to Suwannee County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Announcements: Springs projects to upcoming Board Meeting.
7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

Workshop began at 11:56 a.m.

Coastal Rivers Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan

Susie Hetrick, Water Resources Office Chief, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Coastal Rivers Surface Water Improvement and Management Plan.

Workshop adjourned at 12:04 p.m.