



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

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June 10, 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	

Chair Johns opened the Board Meeting and turned the gavel over to Vice-Chair Schwab to conduct the meeting. Chair Johns left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair:

The Board workshops have been postponed to a later date.

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

Agenda Item No. 4 - Public Comment:

- Paul Still (Troy Roberts read email received at District) – Edwards Bottomlands concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - May 13, 2025 Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Beach Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 15 - Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties
- Agenda Item No. 16 Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with NFL Sweet, LLC, Alachua County
- Agenda Item No. 17 Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with ADT Farms of Florida, LLC, Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Suwannee Counties
- Agenda Item No. 18 Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Dale Wainwright, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 19 - April 2025 Financial Report

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

Agenda Item No. 6 May 13, 2025 Governing Board Meeting and Workshops 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

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Second Corrective Deed for R.O. Ranch Closing, Lafayette County. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. None

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

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

Agenda Item No. 11 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Mr. Glass presented this item to the Board.

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

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 12 – Contract with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for Conservation Technician Services. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Beach Farms, LLC, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Coastal Sands Crops, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Beaver Lake, LLC, Suwannee and Madison Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with NFL Sweet, LLC, Alachua County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with ADT Farms of Florida, LLC, Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Dale Wainwright, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 19 – April 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

Agenda Item No. 20 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Environmental Resource Permitting

Agenda Item No. 21 – Environmental Resource Permit Application Number ERP-001-209338-9, Tara Forest West, Alachua County. Sara Ferson, Professional Engineer, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Steve Hofstetter, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department
- Jim Olsen, Geologist, Alachua County
- Stacie Greco, Alachua County Water Resources Program Manager
- Brian Buescher, Florida Karst Conservation Task Force
- Kristin Rubin, High Springs
- Jay Brown, JBPro Civil Engineering
- Ken Hill, GES Engineering & Consulting, Inc.
- Sayed Moukhtara, Developer/Applicant

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

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 23 – Taylor County Ground Water Study Presentation. Kulvir Singh, AECOM, provided this powerpoint presentation to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Econfina-Steinhatchee Watershed RiskMap Study Presentation. Mr. Singh provided this powerpoint presentation to the Board.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 25 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 26 – UF/IFAS Presentation. Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach, introduced Mark Warren, UF/IFAS of Levy County, to provide this presentation to the Board.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 27 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 28 – Resolution 2025-05, Sale of Santa Fe Spring Lots to Alan Kurt and Karen Burns Ardaman, Suwannee County. Katelyn Potter, Division Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 29 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 30 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 31 – Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Resources

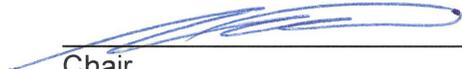
Agenda Item No. 32 – Annual Water Quality Update. Susie Hetrick, Chief, Office of Water Resources, presented this update to the Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 33 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 34 - Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 35 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:





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

Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels Discussion

This workshop was postponed to later date.

Water Use Permitting Rules Discussion

This workshop was postponed to later date.



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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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June 11 2024
Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 12:08 p.m.

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

***Vice-Chair Schwab conducted the Executive Director Evaluation Committee Meeting with the absence of Chair Johns.**

Board Member Lloyd, Smith, and Wheeler also attended the Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None
3. General Discussion

Performance Evaluation Review of Executive Director.

Members completed evaluation forms and provided comments regarding Mr. Thomas' performance. The evaluation forms will be made part of Mr. Thomas personnel file.

MOTION MADE BY KEITH SECONDED, BY SESSIONS TO ACCEPT THE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Announcements. None
5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

ATTEST:


Chair

