



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

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October 14, 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. None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment. None

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 – September 9, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes, and September 22, 2025 Lands Committee and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 11 – August 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking
- Agenda Item No. 17 – Land Acquisition for Environmental Projects Ranking
- Agenda Item No. 18 – Remove Surplus Designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County

- Agenda Item No. 19 – Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County
- Agenda Item No. 28 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – September 9, 2025 Governing Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget Minutes, and September 22, 2025 Lands Committee and Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Millage and Budget 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. Hugh Thomas, Executive Director, recognized the Tall Timbers group in attendance.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. None

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 9 – Facilities Update. Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, provided this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Disposition. Mr. Alexander presented this item to the Board.

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

Finance

Agenda Item No. 11 – August 2025 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.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 15 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Conservation Land Acquisition Project Ranking. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Land Acquisition for Environmental Projects Ranking. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Remove Surplus Designation for the Hatchbend Uplands Tract, Lafayette County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Declaration of Surplus for Four Nature Coast Parcels, Gilchrist County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Resolution 2025-13, Conveyance of 203rd Road and Boat Ramp within the Peacock Slough and Telford Spring Park Tracts, Suwannee County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 21 – Resolution 2025-14, Sale of Santa Fe Oasis Lot to David K Weaver, Gilchrist County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Resolution 2025-15, Sale of Santa Fe Springs Lots 14 and 15 to Kurt and Karen Burns Ardaman, Suwannee County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Livingston Place Conservation Easement Amendment, Jefferson County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

Mr. Wheeler publicly announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict-of-interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Wheeler. This form is hereby made part of these minutes and is filed in the permanent Governing Board Meeting minutes files of the District.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THOMPSON, SECONDED BY SMITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. WHEELER.

Land Management

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

Agenda Item No. 25 – Florida National Scenic Trail Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 26 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Minimum Flows and Levels

Agenda Item No. 27 – 2025 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels. Sean King, Chief, Office of Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels, presented this item to the Board.

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

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 28 – Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program Report. Approved on Consent.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

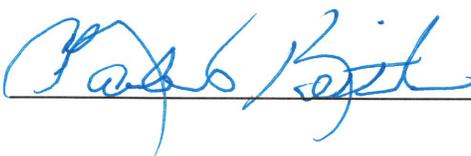
Agenda Item No. 29 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 30 – Governing Board Comments. Board Members discussed the current dry conditions in the District and the Water First project.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





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

October 14, 2025

Following Board Meeting

District Headquarters

- ~~Agriculture Cost Share Directive Discussion~~ – Workshop moved to November Board Meeting