



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

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Wednesday, November 12, 2025
9:00 a.m.

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Agenda Item No. 1 – Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 - October 14, 2025 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Alliance Branford, LLC, Gilchrist, Levy and Suwannee Counties
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Alliance Dairies, LLP, Gilchrist and Levy Counties
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Alliance Grazing Group, Gilchrist and Levy Counties
- Agenda Item No. 13 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Herman Sanchez Jr, Gilchrist, Levy, and Suwannee Counties

- Agenda Item No. 14 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Kelby Sanchez, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Suwannee Counties
- Agenda Item No. 15 - September 2025 Financial Report

Mr. Lloyd announced a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this agenda item. The conflict-of-interest form was completed and signed by Mr. Lloyd. 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 SCHWAB, SECONDED BY KEITH TO APPROVE THE ITEM. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MR. LLOYD

Agenda Item No. 6 - October 14, 2025 Governing Board 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 on hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None
- C. Service Recognition. Tim Alexander and Sean King were recognized for five years of service to the District.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Legal Activities Update. No updates.

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

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

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 10 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Alliance Branford, LLC, Gilchrist, Levy and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

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Finance

Agenda Item No. 15 – September 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget Modifications. Pam Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board

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

Environmental Resource Permitting

Agenda Item No. 17 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 18 – 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. 19 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 20 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Otter Creek Conservation Easement Amendment, Levy County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Corrective Deed for Boggess, Woods Ferry Surplus, Suwannee County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board,

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

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 23 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 24 – Governing Board Directive 25-0008, Permissive Use Agreement Guidelines. 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. 25 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Water Supply

Agenda Item No. 26 – 2025 Implementation Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs. Dr. Brown presented this item to the Board.

The following attendees provided comments to the Board:

- Jeremy Johnston, Clay County Utility Authority
- Rick Hutton, Gainesville Regional Utility

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 27 - Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

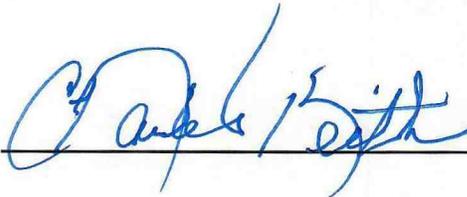
Agenda Item No. 28 - Governing Board Comments.

Agenda Item No. 29 - Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:







SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOPS

Workshops began at 10:36 a.m.

Agriculture Cost-Share Directive Discussion

Ben Glass provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current process and potential updates to the Agriculture Cost-Share Directive process.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Kristin Thompson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.

Outreach and Operations Division Presentations

The following staff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2025 accomplishments and 2026 key focus areas within the Outreach and Operations Division:

- Troy Roberts: Outreach and Communications Program
- April Olive: Land Acquisition and Surplus Program
- Lorna Radcliff: Land Management Program
- Vince Robinson: Hydrologic Monitoring Program

Workshop adjourned at 12:08 p.m.