



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

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December 9, 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:

- John Quarterman, Suwannee Riverkeepers – Concerns regarding wastewater and drought conditions.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 - November 12, 2025, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops Minutes
- Agenda Item No. 10 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Sanchez Farms, LLC, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy and Suwannee Counties
- Agenda Item No. 11 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Herman Sanchez III, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Suwannee Counties
- Agenda Item No. 12 - Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County

- Agenda Item No. 13 - October 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 18 - 2026 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – November 12, 2025, Governing Board Meeting and Workshops 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 on hydrologic conditions of the District.
- B. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. None.

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 Sanchez Farms, LLC, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Herman Sanchez III, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Suwannee Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with SanRiver Farms, LLC, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 13 – October 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget. Kristin Thompson, Manager, Office of Finance, presented this item to the Board.

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

Environmental Resource Permitting

Agenda Item No. 15 – Permitting Summary Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 16 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Task Work Assignment 23/24-166.02, with Black & Veatch Corporation. Mary Diaz, Chief, Office of Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – 2026 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk Mapping and Planning Program Five-Year Business Plan. Approved on Consent.

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 – Resolution 2025-16, Sale of Nature Coast Lots 16 and 17 to Mark Willis, Gilchrist County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Resolution 2025-17, Sale of Suwannee Run Shores Lot 16 to Harold G. Sharp, Dixie County. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Governing Board Directive Number 25-0009, Land Acquisition and Surplus Guidelines – Revised. Mrs. Potter presented this item to the Board.

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

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 – Amend to Management Agreement 07/08-254 with Alachua County to Add 21 +/- Acres on the Lake Alto Tract, Alachua County. Lorna Ratliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KEITH, SECONDED BY SCHWAB TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ADDED TO THE AGREEMENT REQUESTED BY BOARD PRIOR TO SIGNATURES TO PROTECT THE DISTRICT ASSETS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

WATER RESOURCES

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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

Agenda Item No. 28 – Governing Board Comments. None.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Chair

ATTEST:







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

Workshops began at 10:14 a.m.

University of Florida Smart Soaker Presentation

Hirys Olmo, University of Florida, provided a powerpoint presentation on the smart soaker system for cattle.

Drought Conditions and Review of the District's Water Shortage Process

Amy Brown and Robbie McKinney provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the water shortage process and drought conditions.

Workshop adjourned at 11:27 a.m.



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MINUTES OF LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call. Meeting began at 11:28 a.m.

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Richard Schwab - Chair	X	
Charles Keith	X	
Larry Sessions	X	
Harry Smith	X	
Larry Thompson		X
George Wheeler	X	

-Mrs. Johns and Mr. Wheeler also attended the Lands Committee Meeting.

2. Public Comment. None

Property Exchange / Surplus / Conveyance

3. Declaration of Surplus for the Riverbend Estates Parcels, Dixie County. Katelyn Potter, Director, Outreach and Operations Division, presented this item to the Committee.

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

4. Announcements: None

5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Chair

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ATTEST:

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