



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

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January 13, 2026
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	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	

Nomination of Chair Pro-Tem to serve today for the Board Meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SESSIONS, SECONDED BY LLOYD FOR LARRY THOMPSON TO SERVE AS CHAIR PRO-TEM FOR THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Announcement of any Amendments to the Agenda by the Chair. None

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment:

- Joanne Trembly, Our Santa Fe River– Drought conditions, Water First project, and Edwards Bottomlands concerns.

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

- Agenda Item No. 6 – December 9, 2025, Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes

- Agenda Item No. 8 – Authorization for General Counsel to Request Attorney General Opinion on Delegation of Authority for Executive Director to Execute Instruments of Sale, Lease, Release, or Conveyance
- Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Michael Wilkerson, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties
- Agenda Item No. 15 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Tillis Farms, LLC, Levy County
- Agenda Item No. 16 – November 2025 Financial Report
- Agenda Item No. 24 – Funding for Little River Springs Erosion Control Project, Suwannee County
- Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-166, Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative
- Agenda Item No. 29 – Declaration of Surplus for the Riverbend Estates Tract, Dixie County

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

Agenda Item No. 6 – December 9, 2025, Governing Board Meeting, Workshops, and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes. Approved on Consent

Agenda Item No. 7 – Items of General Interest for Information/Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.

- A. Cooperating Agencies and Organizations. Florida Department of Environmental Protection staff members were recognized.
- B. Service Recognition. Mary Diaz was recognized for 10 years of service and David King was recognized for five years of service.

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Authorization for General Counsel to Request Attorney General Opinion on Delegation of Authority for Executive Director to Execute Instruments of Sale, Lease, Release, or Conveyance. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Legal Activities Update. Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, updated the Board on the following:

WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 10 – Water Resources Division Updates. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, provided updates to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Hydrologic Conditions Report. Robbie McKinney, Manager, Office of Water Resources, provided this report to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Water Shortage Advisory Order Number 26-001. Amy Brown, Deputy Executive Director, presented this item to the Board.

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

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration

Agenda Item No. 13 – Facilities Update. Tim Alexander, Assistant Executive Director, provided this update to the Board.

Agriculture Projects

Agenda Item No. 14 – Agricultural Cost-Share Task Work Assignment with Michael Wilkerson, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Agricultural Cost-Share Contract and Task Work Assignment with Tillis Farms, LLC, Levy County. Approved on Consent.

Finance

Agenda Item No. 16 – November 2025 Financial Report. Approved on Consent.

Resource Management

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

Agenda Item No. 18 – Chapter 40B-3, Florida Administrative Code, Rulemaking. Warren Zwanka, Chief Hydrogeologist, Resource Management/Projects Division, presented this item to the Board.

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

Environmental Projects

Agenda Item No. 19 – Agriculture and Environmental Projects Monthly Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 20 – FEMA Flood Risk Review Update. Leroy Marshall, Director, Resource Management/Projects Division, provided this update to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 21 – GBD26-0001, Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources Cost-Share Program Directive Amendment. Mary Diaz, Chief, Office of Environmental Projects, presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 22 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Alternative Water Supply Grant Funds. Ms. Diaz presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 23 – Agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Local Cooperative Entities to Receive Springs Grant Funds. Ms. Diaz presented this item to the Board.

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

Agenda Item No. 24 – Funding for Little River Springs Erosion Control Project, Suwannee County. Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 25 – Amendment to Contract 22/23-166, Waccasassa Water and Wastewater Cooperative. Approved on Consent.

OUTREACH AND OPERATIONS

Communications and Outreach

Agenda Item No. 26 – Outreach and Communications Activity Summary. This summary was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 27 – 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. Troy Roberts, Chief, Office of Communications and Outreach, presented this informational item to the Board.

Land Acquisition

Agenda Item No. 28 – Land Acquisition and Disposition Activity Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 29 – Declaration of Surplus for the Riverbend Estates Tract, Dixie County. Approved on Consent.

Land Management

Agenda Item No. 30 – Land Management Update Report. This report was provided as an informational item in the Board materials.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Offer Additional Tracts of Land to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Inclusion within the Wildlife Management Area Program. Lorna Ratliff, Chief, Office of Land Management, presented this item to the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 32 – Announcements. Mr. Thomas updated the Board on District activities.

Agenda Item No. 33 – Governing Board Comments. None

Agenda Item No. 34 – Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:



