

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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9:00 a.m., Tuesday
October 11, 2016

District Headquarters
Live Oak, Florida

Governing Board:

Seat	Name	Office	Present	Not Present
Aucilla Basin	Bradley Williams		X	
Coastal River Basin	Richard Schwab		X	
Lower Suwannee Basin	Don Quincey, Jr.	Chair	X	
Santa Fe & Wacc. Basins	Kevin W. Brown			X
Upper Suwannee Basin	Alphonas Alexander	Vice Chair	X	
At Large	Virginia H. Johns	Sec./Treas.	X	
At Large	Virginia Sanchez		X	
At Large	Gary Jones			X
At Large	Vacant			

Governing Board General Counsel

Name	Firm	Present	Not Present
George T. Reeves	Davis, Schnitker, Reeves & Browning, P.A.	X	

Staff:

Position	Name	Present	Not Present
Executive Director	Noah Valenstein	X	
Chief of Staff	Roary Snider	X	
Gov. Affairs / Communications Director	Steve Minnis	X	
Water Supply Division Director	Carlos D. Herd, P.G.	X	
Water Resources Division Director	Tom Mirti	X	
Resource Mgmt. Division Director	Tim Sagul	X	
Agricultural Director	Darrell Smith	X	

Guests:

Beth Porter, Florida Gas	Prineet Sharma, SEDL
Corey Mikell, H2O Mobile Lab	Jacqui Sulak, Florida Audubon
Kristin Summers, FDEP	Greg Harden, Farm Bureau
Steve Carpenter, Florida Forest Service	Sam Leneave, Florida Forest Service
Chris Keller, Wetland Solutions	Steve Gladin
James Huntsman, Huntsman Tree Service	Kevin Wright, Generation Farms
Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau	Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua
Craig Varn, Manson, Bolves & Varn	Louis Shiver, R.O. Ranch, Inc. Board
Jennifer Sagan, AMEC Forest Wheeler	Herschel Vinyard, Foley & Ladner
Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy	Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River
Ed Booth, City of High Springs	Charles Shinn, Florida Farm Bureau
Chris Mericle	Georgia Schmitz
Jeff Hill	

Staff:

John Good
Leslie Ames
Tammy Girard
Bill McKinstry
Jamie Bell
Tyler Jordan
Greg Trotter
Robin Lamm

Leroy Marshall
Warren Zwanka
Hugh Thomas
Amy Brown
Bob Heeke
David Christian
Keith Rowell
Chrissy Carr

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 - Roll Call

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

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment

- Carolee Howe, Shenandoah Dairy - Invitation to Board to attend Christmas on the Square in Live Oak December 3, 2016.
- Jim Tatum, Out Santa Fe River – Thanks to staff for attending the Our Santa Fe River Board meeting and mining concerns in Columbia County.

Chair Quincey recognized Gary Hardacre, City of Alachua and Louis Shiver, RO Ranch, Inc. Board member.

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

- Agenda Item 6 - September 13, 2016 Audit Committee, Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Minutes and September 27, 2016 Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Minutes
- Agenda Item 9 - Approval of August 2016 Financial Report
- Agenda Item 10 - Authorization to Publish Notices of Rule Development and Proposed Rule to Amend Rules Contained in Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State for Adoption
- Agenda Item 23 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-023-216254-3, with a 0.0767 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2327 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the David Mann Farm Project, Columbia County
- Agenda Item 25 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development to Amend Rules 40B-2.021, 40B-2.301, and 40B-2.331, Florida Administrative Code to Implement Laws Enacted or Amended During the Previous Twelve Months that Affect the Duties or Authority of the District

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 6 – September 13, 2016 Audit Committee, Board Meeting, First Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Minutes and September 27, 2016 Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Minutes – Approved on Consent.

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

- Tom Mirti gave a presentation on the hydrologic conditions of the District.
- Cooperating Agencies and Organizations – None

GOVERNING BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL

Agenda Item No. 8 – Update on Legal Activities. No update provided.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Agenda Item No. 9 – Approval of August 2016 Financial Report – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Authorization to Publish Notices of Rule Development and Proposed Rule to Amend Rules Contained in Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.); and File Rule and any Changes with the Department of State for Adoption - Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Timber Management Update – Bob Heeke, Senior Land Resources Manager, provided the update.

Chair Quincey recommended an updated Management Plan taking in consideration the Board recommendations.

Agenda Item No. 12 - R.O. Ranch, Inc., Update – Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, provided the update.

Louis Shiver, R.O. Ranch, Inc., Board Member, provided comments to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 13 - Land and Facilities Operations Activity Summary. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 14 - Land Acquisition and Disposition Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

DIVISION OF WATER SUPPLY

Agenda Item No. 15 - Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Priority List for Establishment of Minimum Flows and Levels. John Good, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 16 – Joint Regional Water Supply Plan Update. Carlos Herd, Division Director, provided the update.

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Item No. 17 - Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute a Task Work Assignment with Huss Drilling, Inc., for Well Construction and Associated Hydrogeological Testing. Tom Mirti, Division Director, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 18 - Authorization to Enter into an Inter-Agency Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Tallahassee District, for Additional Water Quality Monitoring Services. Mr. Mirti presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 19 - Agricultural Water Use Monitoring Update. Mr. Valenstein provided the update. Steve Gladin provided comments to the Board.

DIVISION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Agenda Item No. 20 — Denial of Environmental Resource Permit, ERP-001-226561-1, High Springs Subdivision, Alachua County. Warren Zwanka, Senior Hydrogeologist, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MR. ALEXANDER TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 21 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-121-215940-2, with a 0.2939 mgd Increase in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.3522 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the Huntsman Tree Farm Project, Suwannee County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MRS. JOHNS TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-079-218820-2, with a 0.1898 mgd Increase in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.6733 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the South of 6 Project, Madison County. Mr. Zwanka presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHWAB, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 23 - Approval of a Modification of Water Use Permit 2-023-216254-3, with a 0.0767 mgd Decrease in Allocation and a 10-Year Permit Extension, Authorizing the Use of 0.2327 mgd of Groundwater for Agricultural Use at the David Mann Farm Project, Columbia County – Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 24 - Approval of the 2016 FEMA Risk Map Program Five Year Business Plan. Leroy Marshall, Chief Professional Engineer, presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 25 - Request for Authorization to Publish Notice of Rule Development to Amend Rules 40B-2.021, 40B-2.301, and 40B-2.331, Florida Administrative Code to Implement Laws Enacted or Amended During the Previous Twelve Months that Affect the Duties or Authority of the District. - Approved on Consent.

Agenda Item No. 26 – Permitting Summary Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 27 – Enforcement Status Report. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Agenda Item No. 28 – Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Lake City for Treatment Wetland Training. Mr. Valenstein presented this item to the Board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. JOHNS, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 29 - North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership Stakeholder Committee Update. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 30 - District's Weekly Activity Reports. Informational item provided to the Governing Board.

Agenda Item No. 31 – Announcements
None

Chair Quincey asked Tom Reeves, Board Legal Counsel, to provide an update on on-going cases with the District.

Agenda Item No. 32 - Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Chair

ATTEST:





SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING

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Following Board Meeting

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Live Oak, FL

The Lands Committee meeting began at 12:27 p.m.

Lands Committee Members Present:

Al Alexander, Acting Chair
Virginia Sanchez
Bradley Williams

NOTES: Chair Quincey, Mrs. Johns, and Tom Reeves attend the Lands Committee Meeting

Guests:

Herschel Vinyard, Foley & Ladner
Chris Mericle
Beth Porter, Florida Gas
Kristin Summers, FDEP
Prineet Sharma, SEDL

Staff:

Tom Mirti
Robin Lamm
Leslie Ames
Bill McKinstry
Roary Snider
Tyler Jordan
Keith Rowell
Noah Valenstein
Bob Heeke

1. Call to Order / Committee Roll Call

2. Public Comment - None

General Discussion / Updates

3. Rock Bluff Springs, LLC, 172.3 Acres +/- Gilchrist County. Keith Rowell, Surveyor, updated the Committee on this item.

Chair Quincey provided background on this project to the Lands Committee. Committee directed staff to continue negotiations.

Herschel Vinyard, Foley & Ladner, provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO FORWARD TO GOVERNING BOARD TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Walker Springs - Layman Law Firm Conservation Easement Mediation - Jefferson County
Mr. Rowell updated the Committee on this item.

Mr. Rowell updated the Committee on Lumber Camp Springs.

Mr. Reeves and Mr. Valenstein updated to Committee on the Topping property.

Land Acquisition / New Property / Updated Offers

5. Tim Walker CE, 90 Acres +/- Lafayette County. Mr. Rowell presented this item.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO FORWARD TO GOVERING BOARD FOR APPROVE TO CONDUCT DETAILED ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Florida Gas Transmission – Chinquapin Plantation R/W, 8.12 Acres +/- Suwannee County
Mr. Rowell presented this item.

Prineet Sharma, SEDL, provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY MR. WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MRS. SANCHEZ TO FORWARD TO GOVERING BOARD TO REQUIRE FLORIDA GAS TO FILE EMINENT DOMAIN TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Surplus Lands / Updates

7. None

Conservation Easement Modification Requests

8. Chinquapin Plantation Conservation Easement Modification Request - Suwannee County. Mr. Rowell presented this request.

Chair Quincey provided comments to the Committee.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. SANCHEZ, SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS TO FORWARD REQUEST TO MODIFIY THE EASEMENT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL WITH THE INCLUSION OF COSTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

The Lands Committee adjourned at 1:13 p.m.



Chair

ATTEST:



