



St. Johns River Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2025
SJRWMD District Headquarters
4049 Reid Street
Palatka, FL 32177

Call to Order

Chair Bradley called the Governing Board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda items were called in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, and 21.

Attendance

Present:

Rob Bradley (Chair)
Cole Oliver (Treasurer)
Chris Peterson (Secretary)
Ryan Atwood
Doug Bournique
Douglas Burnett
Janet Price

Telephonically:

Maryam Ghyabi-White (Vice Chair)
Ron Howse

Governing Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 1. For Information: Employee Awards.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Corey Finton
Public Communications Coordinator
Strategic Communications and Engagement

5-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Shailja Patel
Senior Systems Administrator
Office of Information Technology

20-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Phillip Benson
Technical Program Manager
Bureau of Water Resource Information

25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

Christina Ladd
Transportation Program Supervisor
Bureau of Transportation and Facilities

Agenda Item 2. Consideration: Approve Consent Agenda items.

Items Recommended for approval on Consent Agenda by Chair Bradley

Items 10 – 18 were recommended for approval on the Consent Agenda.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUG BURNETT TO APPROVE THOSE ITEMS
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY COLE
OLIVER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item 3. For Information: The Hydrologic Conditions Report.

Tim Miller, Chief, Bureau of Water Resource Information, gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the hydrologic conditions for October 2025. Chris Kinslow, Land Resource Specialist, Bureau of Land Resources gave an update on District response to an extreme rain event beginning Sunday evening October 26 for portions of Lake and Brevard counties by National Weather Service. A copy of the presentation has been made a permanent part of the record.

Agenda Item 4. For Information: Construction progress update for the Black Creek Water Resource Development Project.

Dale Jenkins, Director, Division of Infrastructure and Land Resources, gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been made a permanent part of the record.

Agenda Item 5. Consideration: Approve actions related to the Implementation Strategy to Recover the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs Minimum Flows and Levels.

a. Approve the 2025 Implementation Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs (LSFIR) Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs) (hereafter the 2025 Implementation Strategy); and

b. Approve an Addendum to the 2014 Recovery Strategy for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee Rivers and Priority Springs Minimum Flows and Levels (hereafter the First Addendum to the 2014 Recovery Strategy) to include the water supply development, water resource development, and water conservation projects identified in the 2025 Implementation Strategy; and

c. Approve an Addendum to the 2023 North Florida Regional Water Supply Plan (hereafter the First Addendum to the 2023 NFRWSP), to include the water supply development, water resource development, and water conservation projects identified in the 2025 Implementation Strategy.

Clay Coarsey, Director, Division of Water Supply Planning and Assessment, gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been made a permanent part of the record.

Speakers:

Stefani Weeks, Agricultural Producers in North Florida
Raulie Raulerson, Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Mikayla Rogers, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association
Darrell Damrow, Clay County Utility Authority
Teri Pinson, St. Johns County Utility Department
Rob Zammataro, JEA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANET PRICE TO APPROVE THE 2025 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR THE LOWER SANTA FE AND ICHETUCKNEE RIVERS AND PRIORITY SPRINGS (LSFIR) MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS (MFLs) (HEREAFTER THE 2025 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY), SECONDED BY COLE OLIVER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANET PRICE TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE 2014 RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR THE LOWER SANTA FE AND ICHETUCKNEE RIVERS AND PRIORITY SPRINGS MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS (HEREAFTER THE FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE 2014 RECOVERY STRATEGY) TO INCLUDE THE WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT, WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, SECONDED BY COLE OLIVER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANET PRICE TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2023 NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN (HEREAFTER THE FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE 2023 NFRWSP), TO INCLUDE THE WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT, WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY, SECONDED BY COLE OLIVER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 6. Consideration: Approve the ranking of the consultants responding to the Request for Qualifications 41325 for the Water First North Florida Treatment Wetland and

Recharge Facility Site Investigation, Selection and Conceptual Design and authorize the Executive Director to take the following actions: (1) negotiate and execute a contract not-to-exceed \$2,170,000 with the Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., the top ranked respondent; (2) negotiate and execute a revenue agreement for project funding with the Department of Environmental Protection and any amendment thereto; and (3) execute all related budget transfers necessary to complete the project.

Clay Coarsey, Director, Division of Water Supply Planning and Assessment, gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been made a permanent part of the record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RYAN ATWOOD TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY CHRIS PETERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 7. Consideration: Approve the 2025 Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) Regional Water Supply Plan (RWSP) and associated appendices through the attached order.

Callie Register, Regional Water Supply Planning Coordinator, Bureau of Water Supply Planning, gave a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been made a permanent part of the record.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRIS PETERSON TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY COLE OLIVER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 8. Consideration: Election of Governing Board Officers for FY 2025-26

Governing Board member Janet Price nominated a slate of the current officers:

Chair – Rob Bradley

Vice Chair – Maryam Ghyabi-White

Treasurer – Cole Oliver

Secretary – Chris Peterson

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANET PRICE TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY DOUG BOURNIQUE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 9. For Information: Public Comment.

No Speakers.

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item 10. **Consideration:** Approve minutes of the October 14, 2025 Governing Board Meeting.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 11. **Consideration:** Approve the 2026 Governing Board Meeting Calendar.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 12. **Consideration:** Approve the Treasurer's Financial Report dated September 30, 2025.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 13. **For Information:** Attached is the quarterly report of Executive Director-approved surplus of district assets with an original cost of less than \$100,000 in accordance with District Policy 370, Capital Asset Accounting and Disposition.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 14. **For Information:** Attached is the report from Public Trust Advisors LLC of the District's investment performance for the quarter ended September 30, 2025, in compliance with District Policy 320 and Chapter 218.415, Fla. Stat.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 15. **Consideration:** Approve the 2025–2035 Management Plan update for T.M. Goodwin Waterfowl Management Area in Brevard County.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 16. **Consideration:** Authorize the Executive Director to (1) negotiate and execute an amendment to District Contract 38557 with Heath Beimly Services, LLC for Standard and Levee Large Machine Mowing Services for the South Region, to extend the term by two years at the current rate per mowing cycle; and (2) execute all related budget transfers.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 17. Consideration: Approve the award and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a cost-share contract with the eligible applicant as part of the Districtwide Agricultural Cost-share program totaling \$250,000.00.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Agenda Item 18. For Information: The FY 2024-25 Inspector General Annual Report.

Approved (see agenda item #2).

Other Items and Reports

Agenda Item 19. For Information: Pending litigation - significant events or significant status changes.

Erin Preston, General Counsel, reported on the following:

- Amber Boback v. Sun State Petrol I, LLC and Circle K Stores, Inc., SJRWMD
- Lake County v. HG Troon, LLC, SJRWMD
- Edward Cece v. SJRWMD, et al.

Agenda Item 20. For Information: Governing Board comments.

Chair Bradley requested an agenda item for the December Governing Board meeting to consider an option to rename Water First North Florida to Springs First Water Initiative.

Chris Peterson thanked Chair Bradley for his leadership as Board Chair.

Agenda Item 21. For Information: Executive Director's Report and Calendar.

Executive Director's report:

- Blue School Grant Program 2025-26 had 54 application submissions.
- Drone footage showing submerged aquatic vegetation along the shoreline of Lake Apopka.
- District presents Lake Apopka success at National Water Conference.
- Success of St. Johns Water Management Area drawdown highlighted in publication.
- District helps Brevard County address flooding by installing monitoring stations.
- Burrell Lock rehabilitation project nearing completion.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings/Events:

November 27 & 28 District Holiday – Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

December 9

Governing Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. - no conflicts declared.

Signed by Rob Bradley, Chair

Signed by Chris Peterson, Secretary

A copy of the original signed document can be obtained by contacting the District Clerk at clerk@sjrwmd.com or 386-329-4127.