



# SUWANNEE RIVER

## WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR JULY 12 – 18, 2020

#### Executive / Management

- Hugh Thomas performed a site visit to the Hess Property Site in Gilchrist County.

#### Legislative and Community Affairs

- Board member Charles Keith, Hugh Thomas attended the Columbia County Board of Commissioners meeting for a 2020 payment in lieu of taxes presentation.
- Hugh Thomas and Ben Glass met with the Town of Fort White Mayor Ronnie Frazier and Clerk Connie Brecheen to present them with a deed conveying the Fort White Wellfield property to the town.
- Steve Minnis held a virtual discussion with Commissioner Stephen Walker, Jefferson County, regarding Restore Act funding for potential land acquisition projects in the county.

#### Administration

- The District lobby restroom construction is progressing and on schedule.

#### Finance

- Steve Minnis, Pam Shaw, and Christina Green participated on a conference call with Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the other WMDs regarding the FY21 Tentative Budget.
- Pam Shaw attended a virtual meeting with consultants to review Finance Team job descriptions.
- Christina Green presented the FY 2020-2021 Tentative Budget and Millage Rate to the Governing Board.
- Pam Shaw presented Inspector General Audit Report 2020-02 to the Audit Committee.
- Pam Shaw and Christina Green held a virtual meeting with project managers to review the financial status of FDEP Grants.
- Pam Shaw and Christina Green attended a virtual meeting with FDEP to discuss FY21 State Appropriation hold backs.

#### Land Management

- Contractors continued harvesting timber on Withlacoochee Tract in Twin Rivers State Forest and Gar Pond Tract.
- Contractors are completing road repairs in Mallory Swamp.
- The Suwannee Springs springhouse is closed due to damage from river flooding from Tropical Storm Cristobol. The interior of the springhouse caught branches, logs and sediment from the floodwaters. Also, boards are missing from the wooden staircase entering the spring resulting in unsafe access conditions.

#### Resource Management

- Warren Zwanka participated in State Emergency Operations Center thrice-weekly teleconferences to discuss COVID-19 emergency response and missions.

#### Water Resources

- No reporting activity.