

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE JEAN T. DRUFNER TRACT CONSISTING OF 10 ACRES +/- LOCATED IN HAMILTON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE FLORIDA FOREVER TRUST FUND FOR THE LAND PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION COSTS

WHEREAS the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) has been offered fee title to lands owned by Jean T. Drufner located in Hamilton County, Florida and consisting of 10 acres +/- . A description of said lands being attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS the Drufner tract is adjacent to the Withlacoochee River and to the Withlacoochee Hills tract currently owned by the District; and

WHEREAS the parcel lies within the floodway and floodplain for the Withlacoochee River; and

WHEREAS the purchase price for said lands shall be \$18,500; and

WHEREAS acquisition costs to be funded include a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at a cost of \$3,650.00: and

WHEREAS the sum of \$22,150.00 is being requested for use from the Florida Forever Trust Fund for the purchase price and acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, said lands are being acquired consistent with sections 373.139 and 373.199, Florida Statutes and with the District's annually updated Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan filed with the Legislature and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, said lands are being acquired in fee simple for water management purposes and the acquisition meets the goals and criteria of section 259.105, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the funds hereinafter requested will be used only for the purchase price of said lands and related acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, said lands will be maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner compatible with the resource values for which acquired and, to the extent practical, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition; and

WHEREAS, said lands have been appraised by a real estate appraiser and were approved for acquisition after duly noticed public meeting to inform the public of this acquisition; and