

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16**

**RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS LAND LOCATED IN SUWANNEE COUNTY  
OWNED BY THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO  
MARK WILLIS**

**WHEREAS** the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) declared as surplus, by at least a 2/3 vote, certain parcels of real property identified as Nature Coast Tract Lots 16 and 17, consisting of 2.09 +/- located in Gilchrist County, Florida as described in Exhibit "A", pursuant to 373.089, Florida Statutes;

**WHEREAS** the properties were surplus by the Governing Board on October 14, 2025;

**WHEREAS** on July 17, 2025, Mark Willis made an offer to purchase parcels 19-10-14-0284-0002-0160 (lot 16) and 19-10-14-0284-0002-0170 (lot 17) for \$10,000 per lot; and the property will be sold for \$20,000, or the appraised value, whichever is greater.

**WHEREAS** properties valued at less than \$25,000 per parcel may be sold to adjacent landowners pursuant to section 373.089(8)(a), Florida Statutes;

**WHEREAS** Mark Willis is an adjacent landowner,

**WHEREAS** on October 30, 2025, Mr. Willis executed a purchase agreement with the District for the purchase of the parcels, subject to Board approval;

**WHEREAS** the buyer is responsible for all costs associated with the transaction;

**WHEREAS** the properties will be sold with deed restrictions to prohibit future development and maintain the conservation value of the property;

**WHEREAS** the properties were purchased on March 15, 1995, for \$6,900 each using Save Our Rivers funds and the revenue received from the sale will be used for future land acquisitions;

**WHEREAS** the properties were found to meet the criteria of the surplus directive as indicated by the triage summary, maps, and surplus review;

**WHEREAS** approval of the surplus included a site visit conducted on August 20, 2025, approval by the Land Acquisition and Surplus Team on August 20, 2025, approval by the Lands Committee on September 22, 2025, and surplus approval by the Governing Board on October 14, 2025.

**WHEREAS** the sale was noticed in accordance with section 373.089(8)(a) Florida Statutes and posted on the District website on October 22, 2025, posted in the local newspaper on November 07, 2025; and sent to all adjacency landowners via certified mail November 17, 2025.

**WHEREAS** the properties are not needed for conservation purposes;