

APPROVED

WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Meeting January 14, 2026

TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lecanto Government Building
ADDRESS: 3600 W. Sovereign Path, Room 280, Lecanto, Florida 34461

The numbers preceding the items listed below correspond with the published agenda.

1. **Call to Order**

As the most senior member of Board members present, Chair Campbell called the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Wiley led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call** – Chair Campbell requested each member present introduce themselves. He noted a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Jerry Campbell, *Chair*, Hernando Commissioner
Don Wiley, *Vice Chair*, Sumter County Commissioner
Marcos Flores, *Treasurer*, Wildwood Councilor
Diane Finegan, Citrus County Commissioner
Jeff Kinnard, Citrus Co Commissioner
Ray Dwyer, Belleview Commissioner

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Ryan Amsler, Hernando County Commissioner
Todd Coon, Sumter County Commissioner
Thomas Bronson, Brooksville City Councilor
Kathy Bryant, Marion County Commissioner
Gene Davis, Inverness City Councilor
Michelle Stone, Marion County Commissioner
Carl Zalak, Marion County Commissioner

BOARD ALTERNATE(S) PRESENT

Trevor Knight, Marion Co Water Res Liaison

WRWSA STAFF PRESENT

Suzannah J. Folsom, PE, PMP, Executive Dir
James Hartley, General Counsel Assistant
LuAnne Stout, Administrative Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carriann Adkins, SWFWMD Govt Affairs Reg Mgr
Debra Burden, Citrus Co Water Conservation Mgr
Lisa Krentz, Hazen and Sawyer
Paige TaraCruz, SWFWMD Environmental Prj Mgr

WRWSA STAFF ABSENT

Robert W. Batsel, Jr., General Counsel

4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda** – Mrs. Folsom said there are no additions or deletions to the agenda. **Mr. Kinnard moved, seconded by Mr. Wiley, to approve the published agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. **Public Comment** – There being no members of the audience requesting to address the Board, public comment was closed.

6. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Approval of Minutes** [approve November 12, 2025 minutes]

b. **Bills to be Paid** [ratified December bills; approve January bills provided at the meeting]

Mr. Kinnard moved, seconded by Mr. Wiley, to approve Consent Agenda Items 6.a. and 6.b., as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Election of Officers**

Ms. Suzannah Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, presented this item. The Board of the WRWSA annually elects its Board officers, including a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer at its January meeting. The Executive Director is the Board Secretary who serves in an ex-officio capacity.

Pursuant to the Election of Officers Policy, included as an exhibit to this item, the Board may entertain nominations for individual officers or a slate of officers. Typically, the current Vice Chair is nominated to become Chair and the current Treasurer is nominated to become Vice Chair. The office of Treasurer is customarily filled by a Board member from the county without a representative as an officer in the current slate of officers. This practice is informal, and circumstances may warrant nominations and elections to deviate from this practice. Also, pursuant to the Board Policy, the current Chair will chair the complete January meeting.

Mr. Kinnard moved to nominate Mr. Wiley to serve as Chairman for the coming year. He amended his motion to include nominating Mr. Flores as Vice Chair and Ms. Finegan as Treasurer. Mr. Dwyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Folsom noted she will contact the new Board officers to set a time to sign bank cards sometime in mid-April, after the March meeting. She said the new officers will take their respective seats just before the next Board meeting (i.e., midnight on March 18, 2026).

8. Charles A. Black Wellfield – Renewal and Replacement Fund Annual Report

Ms. Folsom, Executive Director, presented this item. Citrus County has submitted to the Authority the annual report for the Charles A. Black (CAB) Wellfield Renewal and Replacement (R&R) Fund, documenting deposits and expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, which was included as an exhibit to this item.

This annual report is required by the Water Supply Contract between the WRWSA and Citrus County. Staff has reviewed this report, and has found that the report is consistent with the pertinent Contract requirements, which state in part:

R&R Reserve Fund Reporting – The County shall provide to the Authority an annual report on contributions to and utilization of the R&R Reserve Fund, describing the date and amount of contributions to the Fund, interest earnings in the Fund; and the date, amount, and description of expenditures from the fund, including the purpose of the capital facility replacement, renewal or major repair. This annual report shall be for the prior Contract Year and shall be provided no later than January 31st in the following Contract Year.

The R&R Fund was credited with \$270,000 in deposits from Citrus County and \$106,126.23 in interest revenue. Expenditures totaled \$247,689.19. The R&R Fund balance increased from \$\$2,654,154.47 to \$2,782,591.51.

Mr. Wiley moved to accept Citrus County’s annual report for the CAB R&R Fund, documenting expenditures and deposits for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Mr. Kinnard seconded the and it carried unanimously.

9. Regional Water Supply Plan

Ms. Lisa Krentz representing Hazen and Sawyer provided a summary of the draft Regional Water Supply Plan report sections. The Authority entered into a cooperative funding agreement with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) in December 2022 (23CF0004079) for Regional Water Supply Plan Update project. The Authority entered into a contract with Hazen and Sawyer in January 2023 to undertake the project. With the assistance of the SWFWMD, St. Johns River Water Management District, and a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from member governments and public supply utilities in the four-county region, the Plan Update is being coordinated.

This project is behind schedule due to some delays in the availability of the Central Springs Model. The draft report is now available for review.

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Krentz provided an overview of current findings to date and prioritization of projects (near term, mid-term and long term). She noted that next steps will be provided at the March 18 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding desalination and the complexity of costs.

Comments on the draft report will be accepted until the end of January. The report will be finalized in once the comments have been addressed. This item was provided for the Board's information and no action was required.

10. **Legislative Reports**

Ms. Folsom, WRWSA Executive Director, presented this item. The 2026 Legislative Regular Session began on January 13, 2026. Staff has gathered updated information on relevant bills that are related to conservation and water supply from SWFWMD, 1000 Friends of Florida, and the Florida Engineering Society's legislative tracking, and the House and Senate websites.

A summary of the bills that WRWSA staff tracked that passed during the 2025 session was provided as an exhibit to this item.

Mr. Hartley noted there was nothing new to report on the property tax issue.

This item was provided for the Board's information and no action was required.

11. **Attorney's Report** – Mr. Hartley said there was nothing to report.

12. **Executive Director's Report** – Ms. Folsom presented the following items which required no action and highlighted items which had activity since last Board meeting.

- a. **Water Use Permit Demand Summary** – A summary was in the Board's meeting materials.
- b. **Water Use Permit Activity Report (WMIS Notifications)** – A list of notifications was included in the Board's meeting materials.
- c. **Residential Irrigation Evaluation Programs Update** – Ms. Folsom noted that Phase 8a (WISE) will transition into Phase 8b.
- d. **Correspondence** – Item(s) were included in the meeting materials.
- e. **News Articles** – Article(s) were included in the meeting materials.
- f. **Other** -- None

13. **Other Business**

- Citrus County Commissioners Kinnard and Finegan requested clarification regarding the Charles A. Black Wellfield contract and wording about the yearly COLA. Mr. Hartley will review the contract.
- Ms. Folsom noted there is consideration that once the Sugarmill Woods permit is renewed that consolidation of the Citrus Springs/Pine Woods and Charles A. Black Wellfields into one permit with Sugarmill Woods.
- Discussion ensued regarding county water restrictions being consistent with the water management districts.
- Ms. Folsom offered one-on-one meetings with Board members about the Regional Water Supply Plan.

14. **Next Meeting Time and Location**

- The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Lecanto Government Building, Room 166.
- The Board thanked Citrus County for hosting meetings.

15. **Adjournment** – Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Don Wiley, Chair

Suzannah J. Folsom, Executive Director