**Wakulla Springs Alliance**

**Annual General Membership Meeting**

Friday, January 24, 2025

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM

Location: Zoom Only

Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89786667803>

Recording (with transcript!) available at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/play/J82MT6dth9yMwpK92XFncvlv9i5Af1nkL6nJgJ0O3h0nVcDV4xX5WduYoNzqaZqhr6k7XnTOvUOM59_3.CMCsqzEjbt9BWIP9?accessLevel=meeting&canPlayFromShare=true&from=share_recording_detail&continueMode=true&iet=S6btx5h4m8GeFPN7AkN6io5Cnc8rFifrelREjU8_Ob4.AG.JY3btPnGbIJCnMJrvDrNdHR03TROkrXEMR0-d1BALrbeYnyrQjsGmZz-gdoD3h4u9sZ8PviVnBYKErJtMMuubb1EUJj9v9KCyxaTKL1bZAdqhSbrxuPaBV991tkntMCQ.NNCqsWwakysgJ8lmJ7NBuA.uWKo7cGpM-PKpx-Z&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fus06web.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2FiKINl5R1nogOpR4_A7S3pLYRSm0z1-uM0stZak2IufS5EVrzz1o_Kw_QJWL3AfwG.jsd4NC6xbLd_Ze0d%3Fiet%3DS6btx5h4m8GeFPN7AkN6io5Cnc8rFifrelREjU8_Ob4.AG.JY3btPnGbIJCnMJrvDrNdHR03TROkrXEMR0-d1BALrbeYnyrQjsGmZz-gdoD3h4u9sZ8PviVnBYKErJtMMuubb1EUJj9v9KCyxaTKL1bZAdqhSbrxuPaBV991tkntMCQ.NNCqsWwakysgJ8lmJ7NBuA.uWKo7cGpM-PKpx-Z>

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(Meeting begins about 1 hour and 3 minutes into the recording)

**9:03   Opening of WSA Annual Meeting and determination of Quorum (1/3 of current 38 paid members as of 1/23/25 -13 needed) by Secretary**

**Quorum established; at least 15 members present** (see Appendix B, attendance)

**WSA Board Member Nominating Committee Report** - Albert Gregory, Brian Lupiani & Anthony Gaudio (Appendix C)

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Nominations from the floor and **Vote** by members in good standing (currently 37) to approve the slate presented by the Nominating Committee nominees and nominations from the membership.

Induction of new and returning members

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**9:18 Vote to accept the Nominating Committee’s slate - passed without opposition**

**9:20 WSA Annual Financial report** - Jim Davis (Appendix D)

Renee Murray **moved to accept the report**; seconded by Albert Gregory and **passed without opposition.**

**9:22** Bob Deyle **moved to adjourn** the annual general membership meeting; seconded by Albert Gregory and **passed without opposition.**

**Wakulla Springs Alliance**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

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**9:22 Meeting called to order** by Anthony Gaudio

**Welcome and introductions** – Appendix E, attendance

 **Agenda review** – Anthony

Anthony conveyed the Board’s appreciation to **Gail Fishman** and **Lindsay Stevens** for their years of service on the Board, and to **Jim Davis** for his years of service as Treasurer.

**9:30 Minutes of November 24, 2024 meeting** - Brian Lupiani (Attachment 1)

Debbie Lightsey **moved to accept the minutes**; seconded by Albert Gregory and **passed without opposition.**

**9:35 Nominating Committee Executive Committee Nominations**- Albert Gregory, Brian Lupiani & Anthony Gaudio Appendix C again)

The Nominating Committee’s report has no nominee for Chair, Chad Hanson as Vice Chair, Anthony Gaudio as Treasurer, and Tom Taylor as Secretary. After that report was written, discussions led to a changed slate, and the nominees are as follows:

Chad Hanson, Chair; Tom Taylor, Vice-Chair; Anthony Gaudio, Treasurer; and Brian Lupiani, Secretary.

Cal Jamison **moved to accept the slate of officers**; seconded by Pete Scalco and **passed without opposition.**

Anthony said that we should have a backup signatory for WSA’s bank accounts in case it’s necessary while he’s out of the country or otherwise unavailable. Brian volunteered but then noted he’d be out of the country too. Bob Deyle then volunteered and Brian **moved** that Anthony, Bob, and Jim be signatories on the accounts.**Seconded** by Debbie and passed without opposition.

NOTE: Oops! Due to some of us mis-remembering this motion, Brian became the backup signatory instead of Bob.

**9:38 WSA Strategy Session for Springs Protection Ordinance** - Chad Hanson

Chad, Renee, and Kelly have been kicking some ideas around and are setting up meetings with the new Wakulla County Commissioners. They should have more to report next month.

**9:40 Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Springs Protection Ordinance Workshops** Kellie KeysWCBOCC Liasson For Workshops with Wakulla Environmental Groups for Springs protection and Drinking Water Ordinance Workshops

Kellie was not present, so this item was not discussed.

**9:40 WSA Status of Land Swap for SW Ga Oil property Report** - Renne Murray

The land swap was completed on December 30. The property appraiser’s office shows the owner of the land as Conservation Florida, who found a benefactor who put up $3.4 million (St Joe’s original asking price); he/she/they should be reimbursed from the $3.7 million State appropriation. Renee and Mike Keys will have a Zoom meeting with Adam Bass of Conservation FL to discuss land management plans for the property. Cal and Albert may join the call. Bob Deyle pointed out the need to allow Wakulla Karst Plain Project divers access to Chip’s Hole.

**10:00 Industrial land use (fueling station) planned on 95 acres at corner of CCSW and Orange Avenue W**  - Debbie Lightsey (2:00 in recording)

City of Tallahassee owns and has cleared a large tract (at least 64 acres) including a sand pit, near the intersection of Capital Circle Southwest and Orange Avenue. They’re planning a fueling station, maintenance shed, washing station, and likely an equipment storage area for the Underground Utilities departments’ fleet of vehicles. It’s an extremely sensitive site, in the Wakulla springshed and adjacent to the Bradford chain of lakes and the Debbie Lightsey Nature Park. Anthony pointed out that even strictly from a transportation standpoint it’s a bad location to have a lot of trucks going in and out of the entrance.

The City has not submitted a site plan yet, and they have told Debbie that it’s not a done deal. She and other area residents are organizing to have the City change its plans and she’s asking the WSA Board to join the effort. Brian, Renee, Gil Damon/Downriver Project, and Sophie Wacongne-Speer/Leon County Water Resource Committee volunteered to work with Debbie. Anthony suggested that the group come back at the next meeting with a proposal for WSA’s position and action. Debbie will work on arranging a meeting with City staff.

**10:35 Springshed and river update -**Cal Jamison (02:35 in recording)

1. Visibility had been close to 80 feet, then dropped to the mid-20s and seems to be rebounding, lately mid-30s.
2. Nitrates are at .4, still above the goal.
3. Calloway’s Automotive in Shadeville has offered to house the Datsun that was retrieved from Donahue Sink.
4. Cal will be meeting with the FSU Marine Lab’s Joel Trexler and Chris Werner about the Lab’s Wakulla Springs project.
5. Last week 60 manatees were counted in the river, a record (Bob says the old record is 56, twice in November of 2022.)

**10:42 Other Topics** - Anthony Gaudio

1. February 28 2025 Board Meeting WSA Board meeting will be Zoom only,
2. Fl Springs Council Springs Council Feb 8 Stetson Law School Gulfport Fl RSVP [Florida Springs Council Summit](https://www.floridaspringscouncil.org/summit)
3. Neil Fleckstein (?) of Tall Timbers notified Anthony that on January 31st the Tallahassee/Leon County Comp Plan update is going to be conducted.
4. Cal said the gas station at Shadeville Road and Spring Creek Road at Mack’s Meats is about to open.

**10:50 Other others**

1. Chad thanked Anthony for his outstanding service as Chair, thanked the group for making him Chair, and said he’ll need help from everyone. He particularly would like a small group to arrange informative presentations for the meetings.
2. Gil mentioned that with Chuck Hess’s departure from the Wakulla County Commission - and his going on a “grand birding excursion” - we’ve lost a valuable resource for monitoring agendas and forthcoming actions. The same is true for Leon County and Tallahassee. Perhaps someone could be identified to keep an eye on things. Chad and Anthony suggest that everyone get on the Wakulla County agenda mailing list by contacting Jessica Welch, Director of Public Services.
3. Cal said that Wakulla County now owns the Panacea Mineral Springs across from the Welcome Station and next to Posey’s.
4. Brian reiterated Chad’s appreciation of the kickass job Anthony has done as Chair.

**10:57 Adjourn**

Brian made the **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Albert and **passed without**

**opposition**.

NOTE: According to our AI overlord at Zoom, these are our Next Steps

1. Organize a small group to meet with city staff about the proposed fueling station project near Orange Avenue and Capital Circle Southwest.

2. Reach out to other environmental organizations to engage them in opposing the proposed fueling station project.

3. Work on raising public awareness about the proposed fueling station project, potentially involving local media.

4. Attend the 3 PM Zoom meeting with Adam Bass and Michael Keys to discuss land management concepts for the Southwest Georgia Oil property.

5. Follow up with Adam Bass from Conservation Florida on re-engaging the land swap process for the Southwest Georgia Oil property.

6. Organize a meeting with Conservation Florida and Southwest Georgia Oil Company to update all parties on the land acquisition progress and next steps.

7. Develop a process for regularly reviewing city and county commission meeting agendas for items relevant to Wakulla Springs Alliance.

8. Form a small committee to help identify and reach out to potential speakers for future meetings.

9. Send photographs of the gas tanks at the new Max Meats gas station to Anthony for archiving.

10. Conduct water sampling at Wakulla Springs after the board meeting.

11. Meet with Joel Trexler to conduct water sampling at the Revell Tract.

12. Meet with Chris Werner to identify and sample water at Sulfur Spring #2 on the St. Marks River.

13. Conduct annual Springs Watch survey for water sampling next week.

14. Circulate the announcement about the January 31st Tallahassee-Leon County Comp Plan update meeting.

15. Set up a meeting with city staff to get more details about the sand mine conversion project.

Post meeting action: "The WSA executive committee had an email vote to move the WSA Bank account from Ameris Bank to Envision Credit Union to facilitate convenience, ability to secure advantageous CD rates for unused saving funds, and to become a member of a non-profit banking institution. Brian Lupiani and Anthony Gaudio will be the signatories."

Appendix A

Agenda, Wakulla Springs Alliance Board Meeting,

**January 24, 2025** 

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**2025 WSA Annual Meeting**- convened

**9:00   Opening of WSA annual Meeting and determination of Quorum (1/3 of current 38 paid members as of 1/23/25 -13 needed) by Secretary**

**9:05 WSA Board Member Nominating Committee Report –20 min** Albert Gregory, Brian Lupiani& Anthony Gaudio - In preparation for the annual meeting elections on January 24, 2025. The Bylaws require that the Board comprise ten to fifteen Directors. **(See Attached WSA By-Laws Article VI)** Currently, fourteen Directors are listed on the Alliance’s official roster. Seven are serving terms that ended in December 2024. Of those seven, five have consented to be nominated to serve a new two-year term ending in December 2026. All five meet the Bylaws’ eligibility requirements. The Nominating Committee nominates these five individuals for election as Directors:

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**9:25 WSA Annual Financial report**- Jim Davis **[attached] 5 min**

Board of Directors Meeting

 **9:30    Opening WSA Board**

       **Welcome and introductions** – Anthony Gaudio

       **Agenda review** – Anthony Gaudio

**9.35 Minutes of November 22, 2024 WSA Board meeting**- Brian Lupiani **[attached] 5 min**

**9:40 Election of 2025 Officers Nominating Committee.** Nominations Vice Chair – Chad Hansen, Secretary Tom Taylor, Treasurer Anthony Gaudio. No one has volunteered to be chair

Discussion on how to move forward with Chair vacancy. **20 Min**

Vote to approve Nominating Committee Slate of Officers **5 Min**,

**10:05 WSA Strategy Session for Springs Protection Ordinance** Chad Hansen, Last Summer WSA and other Environmental Groups submitted a Citizens Springs Protection Ordinance. WSA’s plan for input to workshop **10 Min**

**10:15 Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Springs Protection Ordinance Workshops** Kellie KeysWCBOCC Liasson For Workshops with Wakulla Environmental Groups for Springs protection and Drinking Water Ordinance Workshops **10**

**10:25 WSA Status of Land Swap for SW Ga Oil property Report** Renne Murray

From Adam Bass Conservation FL update concerning site plan and Saint Joe Paper Company issues. $3.7 Mil approved in budget. **10 Min**

**10:35 Industrial land use (including a fueling station) planned on 95 acres at corner of CCSW and Orange Avenue W. Intersection.  Discussion** Debbie Lightsey **10 Min**

**10:45 Springshed and river update -**Cal Jamison **10 Min**

**10:55 Other Topics: 5 Min**,

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**Upcoming meetings and events**– 4th Friday of the month

**11:00 Adjourn**

Appendix B

**1-24-25 WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE**

**Annual General Membership Meeting Participants**

Zoom-only meeting

Officers

Anthony Gaudio, Chair

Chad Hanson, Vice-Chair

Jim Davis, Treasurer

Brian Lupiani, Secretary

Directors

Bob Deyle

Albert Gregory

Debbie Lightsey

Cal Jamison

Renee Murray

Members

Dana Bryan (left mtg between 9:10 and 9:24)

Jim Crozier

Johnathan “JK” Kelly

Peter Salco

Beau Simon

Donna Kay Tharpe (joined mtg between 9:10 and 9:24)

Steve Urse (also Tally 100, Sustainable TLH, LWV)

Sophie Wacongne-Spear (also Friends of Lake Jackson)

Guests

Mark Heidecker, City of Tallahassee

Tom Jacobs, Sierra Club member

Noel Robinson, NWWMD

Directors Not In Attendance: Gail Fishman, Rob Gelhardt, Howard Kessler, Lindsay Stevens, Tom Taylor

Appendix C

**Wakulla Springs Alliance**

**2025 Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee: Not later than sixty days before the general annual meeting, the Board will appoint a Nominating Committee of three members of the Alliance to implement the nominating processes for the election of Directors by the membership and election of Officers by the Board. The Board has appointed Anthony Gaudio, Brian Lupiani and Albert Gregory to serve as the Nominating Committee.

Nominations of New Directors: At least fourteen days before the annual general meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Members its recommendations for election to fill vacancies on the Board. The Chair shall entertain additional nominations from the floor at the general meeting. All nominees must consent to their nomination prior to the election.

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-Peter Scalco

-Beau Simon

If all of the nominated Directors are elected at the annual general meeting, the Board will consist of fifteen Directors.

Nominations for Officers: The Nominating Committee nominates the following individuals for election as Officers by the Board. The Committee was unable to identify a Board member willing to serve as Chair. All nominees meet the Bylaws’ eligibility requirements and have consented to be nominated.

-Chair: vacant

-Vice-Chair: Chad Hanson

-Treasurer: Anthony Gaudio

-Secretary: Tom Taylor

Appendix D

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| **WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE** |  |
| **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** |  |
| **FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024** |  |
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| **INCOME** |  |
| **Donations** | $ - |
| Memberships | 2,430.00 |
|  | 2,430.00 |
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| **EXPENSES** |  |
| Sponorship | 200.00 |
| Meeting Costs | 150.00 |
| Florida Corporate Annual Report | 61.25 |
| Big Bend Environmental Forum | 100.00 |
| Fees | 174.43 |
| Earl Bacon Agency - Insurance | 1,138.50 |
|  | 1,824.18 |
|  |  |
| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | 605.82 |
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| **BANK BALANCE - 12/31/2023** | 9,709.26 |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE - 12/31/2023** | 1,574.71 |
| **TOTAL - 12/31/2023** | 11,283.97 |
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| **BANK BALANCE -12/31/2024** | 10,548.01 |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE 12/31/2024** | 1,341.78 |
| **TOTAL 12/31/2024** | **$ 11,889.79** |
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Appendix E

**1-24-25 WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE**

**Board Meeting Participants**

Zoom-only meeting

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Brian Lupiani, Secretary

Directors

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Albert Gregory

Johnathan “JK” Kelly

Debbie Lightsey

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Gil Damon

Sue Damon

Mark Heidecker, City of Tallahassee

Tom Jacobs, Sierra Club member

Noel Robinson, NWWMD

Directors Not In Attendance: Jim Davis, Howard Kessler, Tom Taylor

ATTACHMENT 1

**Minutes of Nov 22, 2024 WSA Board meeting, approved at Jan 24, 2025 meeting**

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**Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

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[https://mail.yahoo.com/d/search/keyword=gaudio/messages/AMTtDjsf0VETZ0C1RQnfWHqlM7o?reason=invalid\_cred#:~:text=Passcode%3A%200!gUBwsB-,Watch%20now,-Recording%20Summary](https://mail.yahoo.com/d/search/keyword%3Dgaudio/messages/AMTtDjsf0VETZ0C1RQnfWHqlM7o?reason=invalid_cred#:~:text=Passcode%3A%200!gUBwsB-,Watch%20now,-Recording%20Summary)

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**9:05 Meeting called to order** by Anthony Gaudio (00:43 in recording)

 **Welcome and introductions** – Anthony Gaudio (Appendix B, attendance)

 **Agenda review and changes** – Anthony Gaudio (Appendix A)

**9:10 Financial report**- Jim Davis (Appendix C)

**Gail Fishman moved to accept the report**; seconded by **Bob Deyle** and **passed without opposition.**

**9:12 Minutes of October 2024 WSA Board meeting** - Brian Lupiani (Appendix E)

**Renee Murray moved to approve the minutes**; seconded by **Gail Fishman** and **passed without opposition.**

**9:13 Bob Deyle Presentation the WSSP wildlife survey data title Crayfish Predator Dynamics in an Evolving Detrital Food Web: The Upper Wakulla River Ecosystem 2012-2024** (00:50 in recording)

Thanks to Tom Taylor for these notes on Bob’s presentation:

* History of hydrilla management, mechanical, 2002 herbicides and manatees.
* Herbicides killed SAV and matts swept away SAV too.
* Algae grew back faster.
* This altered the food web.
* This changed habitat. 1967 show eel grass.
* 2013-2024 SAV trends over 7 transects show stable levels of Algae, bare sediment, hydrilla and Vallisneria. Sagittaria is increasing.
* Critter count 2000 to 2012 and 2012-2022 has been decreasing. 2022-2024 has been stable.
* A table showed species levels by hydrilla management periods.
* Pie-Billed Grebe counts went down in 2023-2024. This may be related to die-off of the bulrush matts and plants in the area around the boat dock.
* Bulrush island was from dredging in 2016. Most of the bulrushes are gone now. It may be from salinity spikes.
* There was a die-off of knot weed and water hemlock in May 2021 and May 2022. This was happening down the river. It was only in the Wakulla river and may be from a discharge of herbicides.
* The species that have increased include hooded merganser, alligator, cormorant, yellow-crowned night heron, cattle egret and white ibis. There are fewer bass, gar and other fish.
* Cormorants feed in a larger area and have a large nesting area down river.
* White Ibis numbers up in 2024.
* Hooded Merganser eat crayfish are here in the winter.
* A graph showed the numbers of species that feed on crayfish and statistics that confirm the correlation.
* The change from eel grass to algae may affect crayfish. Crayfish affected by 2012 herbicide and oxygen levels from dying vegetation.
* Policy needs? A We need more fish. Cal reports seeing more fish. Bob saw more snails last week.
* What about a fish survey? Bob discussed this with Dana Bryant. FWC could do this using the baseline from the past.
* There was a recent fish survey of a variety of species. Cal has observed that fish are coming back because of habitat that has come back. There are more macroinvertebrate’s and a small plant that provide habitats for the micro invertebrates. There is a slight increase in water levels.
* BMAP impact? Higher nitrate level increases algae. The SAV and critter levels may be more about recovery from herbicides.

**10:15  WSA Strategy Session for Springs Protection Ordinance** - Chad Hansen

 (01:53 in recording)

 Nothing to update except that Kellie Keys has met with the 2 new Wakulla

 County Commissioners, **Valerie Russell** and **Josh Lawhorn**.

Chad plans to set up WSA meetings with the commissioners after Thanksgiving.

**10:20 Nominating Committee Report** - Albert Gregory, Brian, & Anthony

(Appendix D) (01:57 in recording)

Still need 2 more Board Members and Chair and Secretary volunteers. Anthony agrees to Treasurer and Chad Vice-Chair. Tom is a potential Sect if no one steps up.

**10:23 Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Springs Protection**

 **Ordinance Workshops** - Kellie Keys,WCBOCC Liaison For Workshops with

 Wakulla Environmental Groups for Springs protection and Drinking Water

 Ordinance Workshops (02:00 in recording)

Nothing to update (Kellie not present). On hold until WSA reps meet with new County Commissioners Valerie Russell and Josh Lawhorn.

**10:24 WSA Status of Land Swap for SW Ga Oil property Report** - Renne Murray

 Nothing to update, until the new year.

**10:25 Springshed and river update -**Cal Jamison (02:02 in recording)

 A 1977 Datsun 200SX was extracted from Donahue sinkhole after 40+ years.

 Cal made a YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OM9j9LpYE4>

This aired on WTXL TV: <https://www.wtxl.com/crawfordville/decades-old-car-removed-from-sinkhole-to-protect-wakulla-springs>

WTXL’s Kenzie Krueger also had this report on the water observation team:

<https://www.wtxl.com/news/local-news/researchers-test-water-quality-at-wakulla-springs>

At Wakulla Spring, visibility was up to nearly 80 feet, which was quite rare, before the hurricane. Since then, it’s topped out at less than 30.

Plenty of manatees, including young ones.

Last month a few Board members went on the water observation tour to measure visibility, dissolved oxygen and other data.

**10:50 Other Topics**

1. January 24, 2025 Board Meeting WSA Board meeting Zoom only, No December meeting. Election of Officers and induction of new members
2. Dues notices have been sent to current members and WSA Affiliates for 2025 Dues. All dues received after Nov 1 of 2024 count towards 2025. Only dues paying members can vote in elections.
3. Announcements

**10:55 Adjourn** (02:31 in recording)

Brian made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Cal and passed without

opposition.

NOTE: According to our AI overlord at Zoom, these are our Next Steps

**1. Chad to organize a call with Kelly, Renee, and Anthony to regroup on outreach to new commissioners.**

**2. Chad to reach out to new commissioners Valerie Russell and Josh Lawhorn.**

**3. Anthony to send out another notice to members about updating their membership for 2025.**

**4. Nominating committee to continue seeking 2 more board members.**

**5. Board members to consider potential candidates for the chair position.**

**6. Bob to reach out to Albert about potentially serving as chair again.**

**7. Cal to follow up with Lance (park manager) about potentially displaying the removed car near the Admin Building at Wakulla Springs.**

**8. Cal to follow up with Sergeant McLeod about the car's VIN number.**

**9. Friends of Wakulla Springs to work with 850 Media Productions on creating a documentary about the car removal and water quality.**

**10. Board members to update their membership for 2025 via the website.**

**11. Anthony to prepare for the January 24th board meeting, including elections and induction of new members.**

**12. Cal to continue monitoring and reporting on spring and river conditions.**

**13. Board to consider ideas for future fish and crayfish surveys in the river.**

**14. Members to review the WTXL news videos about the car removal and water testing shared in the chat.**

APPENDIX A

Agenda, Wakulla Springs Alliance Board Meeting,

November 22, 2024 

Date: Friday, **November 22 , 2024**

Time: 09:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location of Meeting **Zoom Only**

Zoom link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89786667803>

Board of Directors Meeting

 **9:00    Opening WSA Board**

       **Welcome and introductions** – Anthony Gaudio

       **Agenda review** – Anthony Gaudio

**9:10 Financial report**- Jim Davis **[attached] 5 min**

**9.15 Minutes of October 25, 2024 WSA Board meeting**- Brian Lupiani **[attached] 5 min**

9:20 **Bob Deyle** Presentation the WSSP wildlife survey data **title Crayfish Predator Dynamics in an Evolving Detrital Food Web: The Upper Wakulla River Ecosystem 2012-2024**

**Q&A 30 min**

**9:50 WSA Strategy Session for Springs Protection Ordinance** Chad Hansen, Last Summer WSA and other Environmental Groups submitted a Citizens Springs Protection Ordinance. WSA’s plan for input to workshop **20 Min**

**10:10 Nominating Committee Report Albert Gregory, Brian, & Anthony. 10 Min Still need 2 more Board Members and Chair and Secretary volunteers. Gaudio agrees to Treasurer and Hansen Vice-Chair**

**10:20 Update Wakulla County Board of County Commission Springs Protection Ordinance Workshops** Kellie KeysWCBOCC Liasson For Workshops with Wakulla Environmental Groups for Springs protection and Drinking Water Ordinance Workshops **10**

**10:30 WSA Status of Land Swap for SW Ga Oil property Report** Renne Murray

From Adam Bass Conservation FL update concerning site plan and Saint Joe Paper Company issues. $3.7 Mil approved in budget. **10 Min**

**10:40 Springshed and river update -**Cal Jamison **15 Min**

**10:55 Other Topics: 5 Min**,

1. January 24, 2025 Board Meeting WSA Board meeting Zoom only, No December meeting. Election of Officers induction of new members
2. Dues notices have been sent to current members and WSA Affiliates for 2025 Dues. All dues received after Nov 1 of 2024 count towards 2025. Only dues paying members can vote in elections.
3. Announcements

**Upcoming meetings and events**– 4th Friday of the month

Reservations have been made for use of the conference room at the Renaissance Center for every month in 2024 Formats and locations yet to be determined for those dates from 08:45 - 12:30:

**10:55 Adjourn**

APPENDIX B

**November 22, 2024, WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE**

**Board Meeting Participants**

Zoom Only meeting

Officers

Anthony Gaudio, Chair

Chad Hanson, Vice Chair

Brian Lupiani, Secretary

Directors

Bob Deyle

Gail Fishman

Cal Jamison

Renee Murray

Tom Taylor

Members and Guests

Bentley

Big Bend Coastal Conservancy

Jim Crozier

Dave Dubose

Tom Jacobs, Sierra Club

Harris Krasner

Anna Padilla, Leon County

Tony Murray

Johnny Richardson

Courtney Schoen

Paul Thurman

Joel Trexler, FSU Marine Lab

Sophie Wacongne-Speer, Friends of Lake Jackson

Edgar Wade, Leon County

Directors Not In Attendance: Jim Davis, Rob Gelhardt, Albert Gregory, Howard Kessler, Mike Keys, Debbie Lightsey, Lindsay Stevens

APPENDIX C

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| **WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE** |  |
| **FINANCIAL REPORT** |  |
| **FOR THE 10 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024** |  |
|  |  |
| **INCOME** |  |
| **Donations** | $ - |
| Memberships | 1,170.00 |
|  | 1,170.00 |
|  |  |
| **EXPENSES** |  |
| Sponorship | 200.00 |
| Meeting Costs | 150.00 |
| Florida Corporate Annual Report | 61.25 |
| Big Bend Environmental Forum | 100.00 |
| Fees | 184.98 |
| Earl Bacon Agency - Insurance | 1,138.50 |
|  | 1,834.73 |
|  |  |
| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | (664.73) |
|  |  |
| **BANK BALANCE - 12/31/2023** | 9,409.26 |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE - 12/31/2023** | 1,574.71 |
| **TOTAL - 12/31/2023** | 10,983.97 |
|  |  |
| **BANK BALANCE -10/31/2024** | 10,319.24 |
| **PAYPAL BALANCE 10/31/2024** | - |
| **TOTAL 10/31/2024** | **$ 10,319.24** |

APPENDIX D

Nominating Committee Board Terms 2024

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|  |  | Elected |  |  |  |  | Agrees to Continue |  |
|  |  | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |  |  | 2025 |  |
| Anthony Gaudio | agaudio49@gmail.com |  | x |  | 2335 Grassroots Way TLH 32311 | 850-528-6350 | Yes | 1 |
| Bob Deyle | rdeyle@fsu.edu |  | x |  | 2394 Carefree Cove TLH 32308 | 850-443-6657 | yes | 2 |
| Brian Lupiani | brianlupiani@yahoo.com | x |  |  | 607 McDaniel St, TLH 32303 | 850-273-1028 |  |  |
| Cal Jamison | caljamison@msn.com |  | x |  | 465 Park Dr Crawfordvile 32327 | 850-509-4814 | yes | 3 |
| Chad Hanson | chad.hanson@embarqmail.com |  | x |  |  | 850-491-4754 | yes | 4 |
| Debbie Lightsey | deblite2016@gmail.com | x |  | x | 2340 Cypress Cove Dr. TLH 32310 | 850-567-7160 |  |  |
| Gail Fishman | grtener@gmail.com | x |  | x | 1507 Kolopakin Nene, TLH 32301 | 850-545-6196 |  |  |
| Howard Kessler | annhow@embarqmail.com | x |  | x | 408 Plantation Rd. TLH 32303 | 850-597-3856 |  |  |
| Jim Davis | jim@jimdaviscpa.com | x |  | x | 1733 Old Plank Rd. Crawfordville 32327 | 850-445-5878 |  |  |
| Lindsay Stevens | lindsay.stevens@TNC.ORG |  | x |  | 3122 Mahan Dr Ste 801 box 239 32308-2502 | 850-408-8286 | no |  |
| Rob Gelhardt | rob@gelhardt.com; |  | x |  | 902 Brookwood Drive, TLH 32308 | 850-877-6185 | no |  |
| Tom Taylor | ttaylor@fsu.edu |  | x |  | 1053 Myers Park Dr. TLH 32301 | 850-933-9444 | yes | 5 |
| Renee Murray | murrayclan87@gmail.com |  |  | x | 87 Walker Creek Dr Crawfordville 32327 | 850-524-1955 |  |  |
| Donald Axelrad | daxe@comcast.net |  |  | x | resigned |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peter Salco |  |  |  |  |  |  | ? |  |
| **Beau Simon** | (954)-515-7284 |  |  |  | balexandersimon@gmail.com |  | yes | 6 |

APPENDIX E

[Minutes of Oct 25, 2024 WSA Board meeting, approved at Nov 22, 2024 meeting]