



Wakulla Springs Alliance

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, February 24, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Leon County's Renaissance Community Center second floor conference room
(457 W Virginia St, Tallahassee, FL 32301) <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/97207430086>

Recording available at:

https://fsu.zoom.us/rec/share/2JoePPLyU1PVABn8FQIAo4tN11a05ZYTmzDNjuZI3MGhDZQ8FvDL1AQSqkBeSgCY.ttYBuwjhd7Jiu_Wy

9:05 Anthony Gaudio called the meeting to order, asked those present to introduced themselves, and reviewed the agenda.

9:10 Financial report - Jim Davis

Brian Lupiani made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tom Taylor and passed without objection.

9:12 Minutes of January 27, 2023, meeting - Brian Lupiani

Because of the Secretary's late production of the January minutes, approval was postponed until the March 31 Board meeting.

9:15 Create a working Group to develop WSA's recommendations for Wakulla County Ballot Initiatives for the 2024 Election – Lynn Artz

Because Lynn Artz and Jim Davis both serve on the Wakulla County Charter Review Commission, Jim logged out of the meeting at this point to avoid any possible sunshine law problems.

Lynn described the charter review process and suggested that WSA establish a working group to propose springs protection language for the county charter. Charter proposals require 10 votes (out of the commission members present; there are a total of 15 members) to be approved and put directly on the ballot. The County Commission cannot alter the proposal. Lindsay asked if it was a genuine attempt to improve the Charter; Anthony replied that it seems sincere, since the proposals don't have to go through the County Commission.

Chad volunteered to be on a working group, if there's no conflict with his position on the Wakulla Planning Commission. Lindsay, Anthony, Mike, and Lynn also volunteered. Anthony asked about the time frame; Lynn thought it would be 2 or 3 months and noted that the Charter Review Commission meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

9:45 The WSA Board approved a motion (by Brian, seconded by Gail) to create a working group to develop WSA's recommendations for Wakulla County Ballot Initiatives for the 2024 Election. The working group will consist of Anthony Gaudio , Chad Hanson, Mike Keys, and Lindsay Stevens (along with Lynn Artz), with Anthony authorized to appoint others. The target date for proposals is April 28. The motion passed without objection.

At this point Lynn left the meeting and Jim Davis was notified that he could rejoin.

9:50 Florida springs 2023 legislative update (and more)- Ryan Smart, FSC
Ryan Smart was not able to attend the meeting, so there was no update.

Chad mentioned that 1000 Friends of Florida have an excellent introduction to legislative issues at <https://1000fof.org/legis/2023-legislative-session/> as well as webinars at <https://1000fof.org/upcoming-webinars/past/>

9:55 Springshed and river update - Cal Jamison

Cal mentioned that the visibility was quite low in the Spring, but on the bright side the underwater vegetation and fish appear to be making a comeback. He also gave a quick overview of the cave exploration recently done by Dr Bob Ballard and his team.

10:00 Cave exploration updates – The big connection! - Werner / Hagberg

Chris Werner was not available to attend the meeting, so there was no update on the recent cave exploration discovering the connection between Chip's Hole and Wakulla Spring.

10:05 Draft Wakulla Ordinance updating the Springs Protection Ordinance regarding underground storage tanks – draft to be released 01/27, public comment until 02/08 – **Chad Hanson** providing commentary and context

Chad reported that there has been no word from Wakulla County regarding the draft ordinance for spring springs protection. He would like more WSA people to help review the ordinance once a draft is released.

Is unrelated to current status of plans for a Wakulla Springs symposium for the public and elected officials probably sometime in late April or early May.

10:10 Other Topics

1. **Organizational support from WSA for a Wakulla Springs symposium for the community and elected officials this spring** – Chad Hanson
2. **Outreach / field trips for legislators during session** – Keys/Jamison/Smart
Mike reported that due to time constraints the suggested field trip for legislators won't be done this year.
3. **New gas station proposal in the vicinity of Mack's Meats at SR 61/CR 365 (??)** – Jamison/Damon - Sue reported she had checked with Summer (?) and there has been no movement on proposed gas stations at Chip's Hole or Mac's Meats
4. **Education Forums** – Sue Damon - Sue said this is in reference to the symposium.
5. **Florida Right to Clean Water campaign** - Gaudio - Anthony reported that there has been no movement on the campaign.

10:15 Upcoming meetings and events

Anthony stated that the March meeting will be zoom only. He then discussed the format of the Board meetings and suggested that we need to decide if we are going to continue having hybrid meetings, or exclusively in person, or virtual.

10:25 After Cal described being able to overlay land uses on a Lidar map, Anthony requested that Cal, Mike, and Rob Gelhardt look into having such an application on the WSA website.

10:30 Chad suggested that we try to have someone from 1000 Friends of FL speak to us at our next meeting.

10:30 Adjourn Chad moved to adjourn, seconded by Howard. Passed without objection.

Final Agenda, Wakulla Springs Alliance Board Meeting Agenda, 02/24/2023



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9:00 Opening

- **Welcome and introductions** – Anthony Gaudio
- **Agenda review** – Gaudio

9:10 Financial report - Jim Davis

9:15 Minutes of January 27, 2023, meeting - Brian Lupani [attached]

9:20 Create a working Group to develop WSA's recommendations for Wakulla County Ballot Initiatives for the 2024 Election – Lynn Artz 20 Min

- 1) Should we expand the Wakulla Springs Protection Zone to reflect the science -- and add more requirements/restrictions within the zone?

2) Where specifically should we require sewer, PBTS, INRB (In-Ground Nitrogen Removing Biofilters or modified drainfields), or no development/conservation within Wakulla County?

3) What, if anything, can we do about groundwater withdrawals to the north?

4) Other?

9:40 Q&A and formation of WSA workgroup to make Recommendations on charter revisions 10 Min

9:50 Florida springs 2023 legislative update (and more)- Ryan Smart, Executive Director, Florida Springs Council **5 Min**

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Upcoming meetings and events –

Currently, reservations have been made for use of the conference room at the Renaissance Center for the following dates in 2023 from 08:45 - 12:30:

March 24, April 28, May 19, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, December 1 (conference room not available November 17th)

11:00 Adjourn

Appendix B

02-24-23 WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE Board Meeting Participants

* Indicates those physically present

Officers

Anthony Gaudio Chair *
Michael Keys Vice-Chair
Brian Lupianni, Secretary *
Jim Davis, Treasurer

Directors

Gail Fishman *
Albert Gregory
Chad Hanson
Cal Jamison
Howard Kessler
Lindsay Stevens
Tom Taylor

Members and Guests

Lynn Artz
Kathleen Coates
Sue Damon
Scott Dyer
Andreas Hagberg
Richard Sonjo
Jim Stevenson *

Mark ??

Appendix C

WAKULLA SPRINGS ALLIANCE
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE 1 MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023

INCOME

Donations	(\$ -)
Memberships	(410.00)
	<u>(410.00)</u>

EXPENSES

Awards	(-)
Florida Corporate Annual Report	
Big Bend Environmental Forum	
PayPal Fees	(12.30)
Earl Bacon Agency - Insurance	
	<u>(12.30)</u>

SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) (397.70)

BANK BALANCE - 12/ 31/ 2022	(9,299.81)
PAYPAL BALANCE - 12/ 31/ 2022	<u>(1,123.20)</u>
TOTAL - 12/ 31/ 2022	(10,423.01)

BANK BALANCE - 1/ 31/ 2023	(9,299.81)
PAYPAL BALANCE - 1/ 31/ 2023	<u>(1,520.90)</u>
TOTAL 1/ 31/ 2023	<u><u>(\$ 10,820.71)</u></u>