



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 2/28/2025 Meeting Date: 3/6/2025

Department: County Attorney

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Potential Donation of Lands from SRWMD for Buck Glen and Lance Water utility

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Seeking Board direction concerning possible donation of real property to County

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

MEMORANDUM

To: Board Agenda, March 6, 2025

From: Joel F. Foreman

Re: **Potential Donation of Lands from SRWMD for Buck Glen and Lance Water utility**

Date: February 28, 2025

I have been in contact with the Suwannee River Water Management District's counsel, Tommy Reeves, concerning land abutting SE Buck Glen and the well site at the rear of the subdivision south of SE Buck Glen. The District holds title to these lands pursuant to court orders, and has previously expressed interest in donating these lands to the County.

Based on concerns for property owners living along Buck Glen, and the opportunity to obtain future right-of-way by donation (rather than through eminent domain as is often the case), as well as concerns for the ownership of the well serving the Lance Water utility which is currently under receivership with the County, I reached out to see if the District would consider donating the affected properties. My email is attached.

Mr. Reeves responded, and the District is inquiring whether the County would accept donation of the requested lands as well as additional lands the District would like to release to the County.

I have expressed my concerns about the County becoming embroiled in litigation if it takes title to any of this property. Mr. Reeves provided me with a copy of a July 2023 order of the circuit court which appears to enjoin further suits concerning this property. If the County accepts these donations, it is my recommendation that any deeds include a special warranty against suits of the nature outlined in the court's order.

I am inquiring whether the Board would like to pursue these donations. Mr. Reeves will be making the same inquiry of the District's board.

Joel Foreman

From: Tommy Reeves <tomreeves@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 3:04 PM
To: Joel Foreman
Cc: David Kraus; Kevin Kirby; Everett Phillips
Subject: RE: Buck Glen and Lance Water utility well in Columbia County
Attachments: Map from Water Management District (2025-02-26).pdf; FIRST DCA DOCKET.pdf; FIRST DCA PER CURIUM AFFIRMED.pdf; ORDER ENJOINING PLAINTIFF, JEFFREY LANCE HILKL, SR. FROM FURTHER PRO SE FILINGS.pdf

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<tomreeves@earthlink.net>)

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Joel:

Thank you for reaching out. District staff has reviewed the below email and your attached map and requested that I respond on their behalf.

ALL OFFERS ARE CONTINGENT ON BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL

First it is my understanding that your proposal is a proposal from County staff and, of course, is contingent on approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Likewise, the proposal I am forwarding is a proposal by District staff and, of course, is contingent on approval by the District's governing board.

COUNTER PROPOSAL ON REAL PROPERTY TO BE CONVEYED

Second, District staff believes we are close, they have requested that I propose that the District convey to the County title to the real property that you requested in your email provided that the County would also accept title to certain additional real property. Attached is a map prepared by the District which shows the real property set out in your proposal and the total property (including the additional real property) we are proposing the County accept.

The District would convey title to the real property without any reverters or other conditions except for the access easement as shown on the attached map.

HILL LITIGATION

Concerning litigation with Mr. Hill, in Hill v. Suwannee River Water Management, Case No. 2022-91 CA, in the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Madison County, Florida, the court entered its ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT, SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S MOTION TO BAR FURTHER PRO SE FILINGS AND ENJOINING PLAINTIFF, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., FROM FURTHER PRO SE FILINGS. A copy of this order is attached. In this order the court enjoined Mr. Hill from bringing other pro se actions concerning title to the subject real property.

This Circuit Court case was appealed to the First District Court of Appeals. A copy of the docket sheet is attached. On January 27, 2025, the First DCA affirmed the case without opinion. A copy of the First DCA's per curium affirmance is also attached.

As you can see from the docket sheet, Mr. Hill filed a motion for clarification, etc., in the First DCA which has yet to be ruled upon.

SUM

So please review the above with your client and let me know if we should proceed exploring the above.

Thanks,
Tom

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From: Joel Foreman [mailto:jforeman@columbiacountyfla.com]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 3:33 PM
To: Tommy Reeves
Cc: David Kraus; Kevin Kirby; Everett Phillips
Subject: Buck Glen and Lance Water utility well in Columbia County

Tommy –

As we discussed, assuming the land comes via donation, Columbia County may have interest in obtaining some of the land the District has acquired around SE Buck Glen (a private ROW) and the Lance Water utility well off SE Country Club Road.

I have attached a rough map depicting the areas I think my Board would likely consider taking on.

The lands around Buck Glen would allow for the County to create a new public ROW for the same road and would leave that road north of the residential lots where Buck Glen now passes through easements across the northern portion of those lots. If a public road is constructed there, I imagine the easements would fall away, and the residential lots would then each have direct access to the new County road. Buck Glen also provides access to several properties beyond the eastern boundary of the land on the attached map.

To be clear, there are no plans for the construction of this road or relocation of Buck Glen, but obtaining the right of way would when we can secure it through donation will leave that option open for the Board.

The lands to the south of the subdivision, on the other hand, are more a matter of need for the County. As you will recall, the County has placed the Lance Water utility in receivership in part because the utility was abandoned under a judicial order and the well that serves the western customers of that utility is located on District lands. The well is

located on the eastern strip just beyond the subdivision, and the only means of access across district lands would be to cross from Country Club Road south of the subdivision. I have carved out a tract that would convey the well property as well as this access right of way. (My drawing is crude; the roadway I drew is likely wider than the County would need). While the County is hopeful the utility issues concerning Lance Water are nearing a resolution that will allow for the receivership to be lifted, there seems to be little reason for the District to continue to own the well. Further, if the District auctions or sells off this land to anyone else, the new owner would necessarily become involved in the receivership. I would imagine the District would like to avoid having the property saddled like that.

Please discuss this with your client and let me know if this is something the County should further explore. Given the history of the property I would need to be able to assure the Board of County Commissioners that there is no significant risk of becoming embroiled in litigation with Mr. Hill. If the District has obtained an order that limits such suits or claims, we would like to somehow have the benefit of the protection of that order before taking on any of this property. I am sure you understand my concern here.

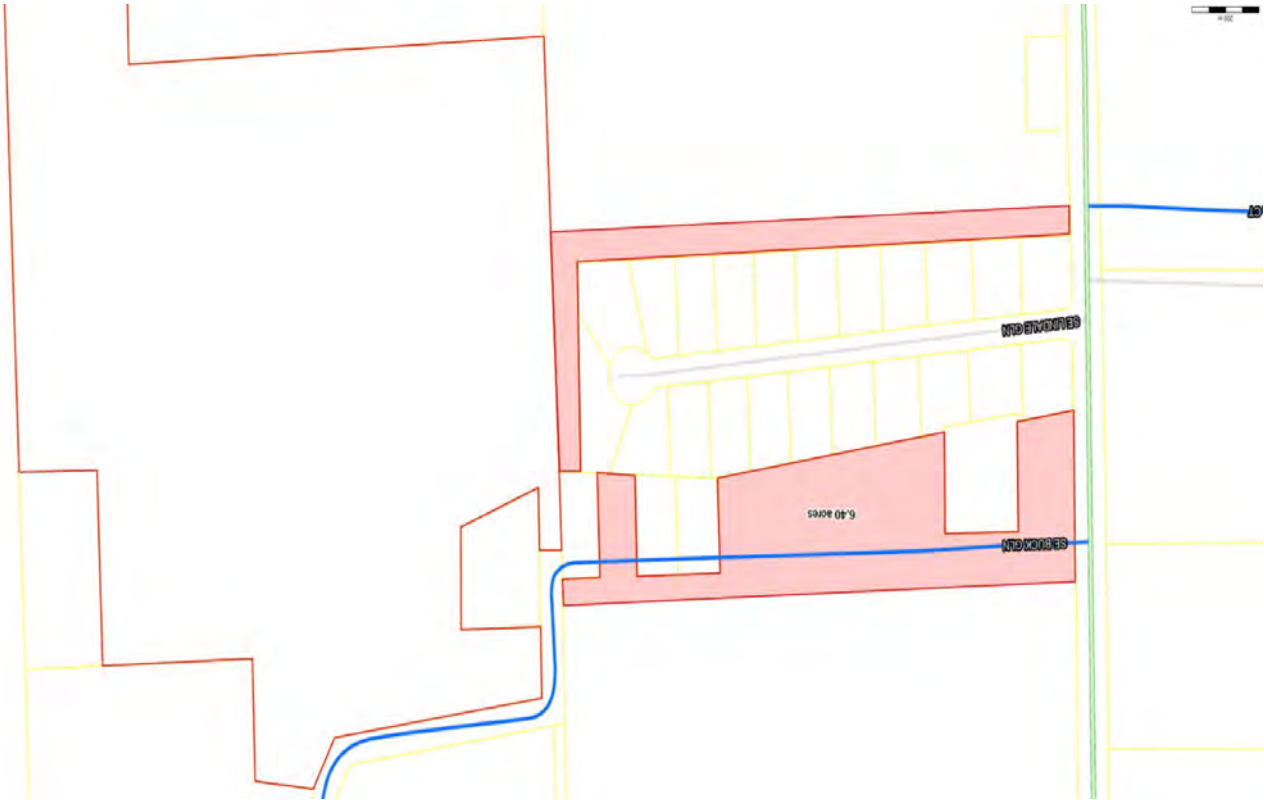
Call me next week if you'd like to discuss any finer points. I look forward to working on this with you.

Thanks,

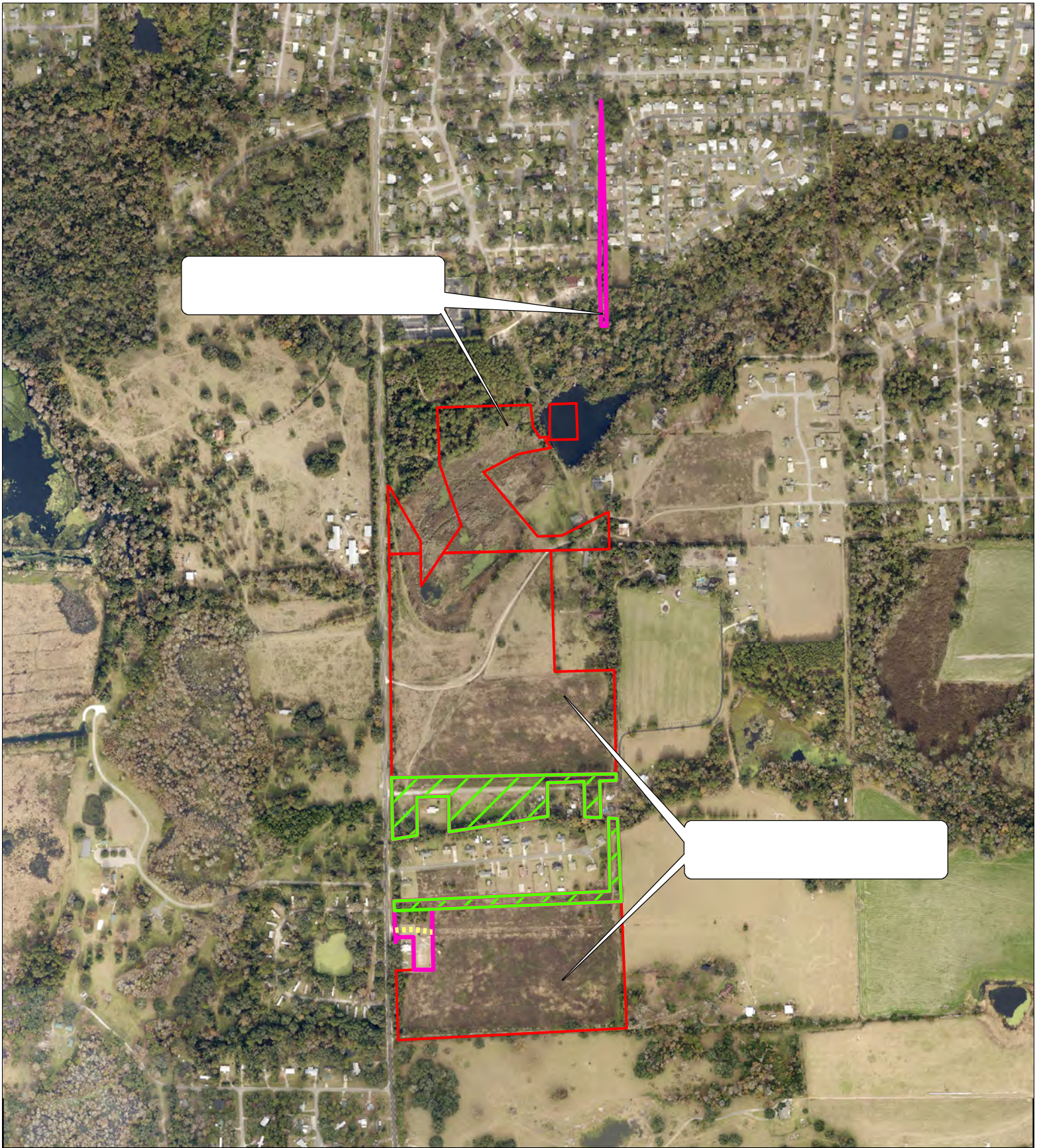
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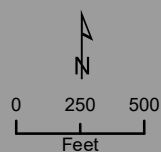
Parcel No: 03-4S-17-07485-000
Owner: LEONARD P HILL JR REVOCABLE TRUST DATED OCTOBER 8, 2005,
Subdivision:
Lot:
Acres: 41.8143959
Deed Acres: 41.72 Ac
District: District 4 Everett Phillips
Future Land Uses: Residential - Low, Residential - Very Low
Flood Zones: A,
Official Zoning Atlas: RR, RSF-2



Country Club Road Property

Total Acreage: 77.92

-  CCR Property Boundary
-  Columbia County Offer
-  SRWMD Counter Offer
-  SRWMD Retained Access Easement



Note: This map was created by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) to be used for planning purposes only. SRWMD shall not be held liable for any injury or damage caused by the use of data distributed as a public records request regardless of their use or application. SRWMD does not guarantee the accuracy, or suitability for any use of these data, and no warranty is expressed or implied. For more information please contact the SRWMD at 386-362-1001.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO.: 2022-91-CA

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT, SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT'S MOTION TO BAR FURTHER *PRO SE* FILINGS AND ENJOINING
PLAINTIFF, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., FROM FURTHER *PRO SE* FILINGS**

THIS MATTER came before the Court for hearing on June 26, 2023, with counsel having appeared on behalf of the Defendant, Suwannee River Water Management District (hereinafter "SRWMD"), and there being no appearance by Plaintiff, Jeffrey Lance Hill, Sr. (hereinafter "Hill"). The Court, having considered the SRWMD's Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings, and being fully advised in the premises, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. SRWMD's Motion is GRANTED for the reasons set forth below.

PROCEDURAL POSTURE

2. Hill commenced this lawsuit on March 21, 2022.
3. Thereafter, SRWMD filed six (6) Requests for Judicial Notice. On November 28, 2022, SRWMD filed a Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings. The Requests for Judicial Notice and Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings were served on Hill at 908 SE Country Club Road, Lake City, Florida 32025. This is the same address reflected in the Certificate of Service in Hill's Complaint.

4. Hill has not filed any response(s) to the Requests for Judicial Notice or Defendant's Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings.

5. On May 19, 2023, SRWMD filed a Notice of Hearing Via Zoom which gave notice of a hearing on June 26, 2023 on SRWMD's Motion for Summary Judgment and the Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings. The Certificate of Service reflects that the Notice of Hearing was served on Hill by U.S. Mail at 908 SE Country Club Road, Lake City, Florida 32025.

6. On May 25, 2023, SRWMD filed an Amended Notice of Hearing Via Zoom. The Amended Notice gave notice of a hearing on June 26, 2023 on the Motion for Summary Judgment and Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings, as well as SRWMD's Requests for Judicial Notice and Motion for Sanctions. The Amended Notice also provided Hill with a URL link that allowed Hill to attend the zoom hearing via video-conference, as well as a telephone number that allowed Hill to attend the hearing by telephone. The Certificate of Service on the Amended Notice reflects that the Notice of Hearing was served on Hill by U.S. Mail at 908 SE Country Club Road, Lake City, Florida 32025.

7. On May 25, 2023, this Court also entered an Order to Show Cause commanding Hill to appear for the June 26, 2023 hearing on SRWMD's Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings. The Order provided Hill with a URL link that allowed Hill to attend the Zoom hearing via video-conference, as well as a telephone number that allowed Hill to attend the hearing by telephone. The Certificate of Service on the Order to Show Cause reflects that the Notice of Hearing was served on Hill by U.S. Mail at 908 SE Country Club Road, Lake City, Florida 32025.

8. On June 20, 2023, Hill filed a Request to be Excused from E-Mail Service for a Party Not Represented by an Attorney. In the Request, which was signed by Hill, Hill

acknowledged that he understood that he would “receive all copies of notices, orders, judgments, motions, pleadings or other written communications by delivery or mail at the following address: 908 SE Country Club Road, Lake City, FL 32025.” This is the same address SRWMD used to serve Hill with the Notice of Hearing and Amended Notice of Hearing, and that the Court used to serve Hill with the Order to Show Cause.

9. On June 26, 2023, SRWMD’s counsel appeared for the hearing via Zoom. Hill did not appear for the hearing. Notably, Hill was served with three (3) documents (Notice of Hearing, Amended Notice of Hearing, and Order to Show Cause) informing Hill of the Hearing. Additionally, while Hill claimed in his Request to be Excused from E-Mail Service that he does not have an e-mail account or regular access to the internet, Hill never filed a motion to be excused from the hearing or for the hearing to be conducted in person. More importantly, Hill was provided a telephone number that he could have utilized to attend the hearing by telephone. Hill has never claimed that he does not have access to a telephone.

10. In short, Hill was provided ample notice and opportunity to attend the hearing. If Hill was actually unable to attend the hearing via video-conference, Hill could have attended by telephone using the telephone number that was provided to him by SRWMD and by the Court. Alternatively, Hill could have requested a continuance or requested for the hearing to be conducted in-person. Instead, Hill chose to simply not attend the hearing. Consequently, the hearing proceeded as scheduled without Hill.

BACKGROUND

11. SRWMD’s Motion, as well as the Requests for Judicial Notice, set forth the factual background relevant to the Motion.¹

¹ The Court grants SRWMD’s six (6) Requests for Judicial Notice and takes Judicial Notice of the matters contained therein.

12. The un rebutted and undisputed evidence before the Court is that Hill has filed numerous lawsuits against SRWMD in state and federal court that lack merit.

13. On May 21, 2021, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida entered its Order and Injunction in *Hill v. Johnson, et. al.*, No. 3:20-CV-895-TJC-PDB, 2021 WL 2042660 (M.D. Fla. May 21, 2021) restricting Hill’s ability to file future lawsuits in federal court.² In describing Hill’s lawsuits, District Judge Timothy Corrigan explained:

Mr. Hill has filed numerous lawsuits nearly identical to this one. In 2006, Mr. Hill filed a lawsuit in Florida's Third Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County about what he viewed as improper government action related to his farm. *Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist. v. El Rancho No Tengo, Inc.*, No. 06-203-CA. The decision dismissing that case was affirmed by the Florida First District Court of Appeal. *El Rancho No Tengo, Inc. v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, 6 So. 3d 56 (Table), No. 1D08-2568, 2009 WL 401605 (Fla. 1st DCA Feb. 19, 2009). Since then, Mr. Hill has repeatedly sought to challenge those decisions with lawsuits in this Court. *See Hill v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-cv-1445-J-34JRK; *Hill v. Johnson, et al.*, No. 3:17-cv-1342-HLA-JRK. Mr. Hill also filed related lawsuits in the Bankruptcy Court, some of which he appealed to this Court. *See Hill, et al. v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-bk-01290-PMG; *Hill, et al. v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-cv-1475-J-32; *Hill v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-cv-1013-J-32. In 2016, Mr. Hill made a failed attempt to remove a state court action to federal court. *Hill, et al. v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:16-cv-169-J-32MCR.

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The Court need not reach the merits of each of these defenses. The Court already adjudicated a nearly identical case from Mr. Hill in 2016 and stated:

² The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals subsequently reversed the dismissal of Hill’s Complaint to allow the District Court to consider a decision from the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals that was issued after the District Court entered its Order. *Hill v. Johnson, et al.*, 2022 WL 3155832 (11th Cir. Aug. 8, 2022). In so doing, the Eleventh Circuit also reversed the Injunction and noted that the District Court was free to impose the pre-filing injunction if it finds a “pre-filing injunction is warranted.” On June 9, 2023, the District Court re-imposed its Injunction. *See* June 15, 2023, Notice of Filing.

Plaintiff has filed several actions in this Court arising out of the same underlying facts and seeking essentially the same relief; that is, to revisit the validity of state court liens, judgments, and litigation beginning in 2006. *See, e.g., Hill v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:12-cv-860-TJC (affirming U.S. Bankruptcy Court's dismissal of Hill's Chapter 12 case, and explaining "Despite appellant's request, this Court has no authority to review the state court decisions which underlie the bankruptcy court's ruling" (Doc. 22 at 2), where Hill identified as issues on appeal from U.S. Bankruptcy Court that "The Bankruptcy Court erred in its refusal to explore the validity of the State Court judgment"; "The State Circuit Court had no jurisdiction ... in Case No: 06-203 CA, therefore judgment is void ab initio"; and "There is a conflict of authority between State Circuit Case No: 06-203 CA and State Circuit Court Case No. 89-22 CA..." (Doc. 7 at 6)). aff'd, No. 14-10609 (11th Cir. Nov. 19, 2014); *Hill v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-cv-1475-TJC (identifying in statement of issues, "Since the bankruptcy court's abstinence relies on the validity of the State court's judgments in case # 2006-203 CA, whether the state court and the Suwannee River Water Management District had competent jurisdiction and authority to begin the action." (Doc. 4 at 5)); *Hill v. Suwannee River Water Mgmt. Dist.*, No. 3:15-cv-1445-J-32JRK ("The objective of this action [for declaratory judgment and quiet title] is to obtain an unprecedented determination of legal authority of the District to begin legal action against the farm and Hill, also to obtain a legal determination of the validity of the state court's adjudication in case nos. 06-206 CA and 13-666 CA." (Doc. 1 at 1)).

See SRWMD's Fifth Request for Judicial Notice.

14. The Court observed that Hill had been warned not to file similar lawsuits:

Additionally, the Court warned Mr. Hill that there was no basis for "any further cases arising from these facts" and cautioned that it would "strongly consider awarding sanctions if Plaintiff continue[d] to file such pleadings."

See SRWMD's Fifth Request for Judicial Notice.

15. The Court also observed that Hill had in fact been sanctioned by another Federal judge for re-litigating the same state court claims:

Still, Mr. Hill filed another lawsuit based on the same facts in 2017. *See Hill v. Johnson, et al.*, No. 3:17-cv-1342-J-25-JRK. The Honorable Henry Lee Adams, Jr. dismissed that case *sua sponte* on January 4, 2018, citing to the Court's prior Order. *Id.* (Doc. 14). Judge Adams also made a finding of bad faith, "that Plaintiff brought [the] case for an improper purpose and vexatiously multiplied the proceedings," and ruled that Rule 11 sanctions were appropriate. *Id.* (Docs. 27, 42). The Eleventh Circuit affirmed Judge Adams's decision, emphasizing that Mr. Hill's claims were barred by the Rooker-Feldman doctrine and that he "was simply quarrelling with the outcome and attempting to relitigate his claims." *Hill v. Johnson*, 787 Fed. App'x 604, 607, 608 (11th Cir. 2019).

See SRWMD's Fifth Request for Judicial Notice.

16. Hill has also filed similar lawsuits in state court. In 2016, Hill initiated a case bearing Case No. 2016-374-CA against SRWMD ("2016 Action"). *See* SRWMD's Fourth Request for Judicial Notice. Hill titled his Complaint "Complaint to Quiet Title." In the 2016 Action, Hill argued that SRWMD's title to the property was invalid because the certificate of sale and certificate of title in the 2013 foreclosure action were invalid. *See* SRWMD's Second and Sixth Requests for Judicial Notice.

17. The present lawsuit seeks essentially the same relief sought in the 2016 Action, which was to invalidate judgments and orders in the prior state court lawsuits that have been litigated to finality (including through appeals). This Court's Order granting SRWMD's Motion for Summary Judgment in this case, as well as this Court's Order granting SRWMD's Motion for Sanctions, sets forth the lack of merit in this lawsuit.

18. Finally, between the June 26, 2023 hearing and the entry of this Order, Hill has filed another lawsuit against SRWMD, which has been assigned to the Undersigned.³

19. In short, Hill has filed numerous cases in state and federal court over the same issues that have been adjudicated to finality.

20. Hill has been warned not to continue filing these claims.

21. Hill has been sanctioned for filing these claims.

22. And yet, Hill has continued to file lawsuits over the same issues.

ANALYSIS

23. The Florida Supreme Court has observed that “[a]buse of the legal system is a serious matter, one that requires this Court to exercise its inherent authority to prevent.” *Lussy v. Fourth Dist. Court of Appeal*, 828 So.2d 1026, 1027 (Fla. 2002). The Court has also held that “[t]his Court has a responsibility to ensure every citizen's access to courts. To further that end, this Court has prevented abusive litigants from continuously filing frivolous petitions, thus enabling the Court to devote its finite resources to those who have not abused the system.” *Id.* Consequently, the Florida Supreme Court has “not hesitated to sanction petitioners who abuse the legal process by requiring them to be represented by counsel in future actions.” *Id.*

24. In *State v. Spencer*, 751 So.2d 47 (Fla. 1999), the Florida Supreme Court held that “any citizen...abuses the right to *pro se* access by filing repetitious and frivolous pleadings, thereby diminishing the ability of the courts to devote their finite resources to the consideration of legitimate claims.”⁴

³ This Court is not relying on this new case in consideration of the Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings. Hill's other filings are more than sufficient to support the requested relief.

⁴ The *Spencer* Court emphasized the importance of providing “notice and an opportunity to respond before preventing that litigant” from bringing additional actions. SRWMD served Hill with a Notice of Hearing and an Amended Notice of Hearing. This Court also served Hill with an Order to Show Cause. Thus, Hill was provided “notice and an opportunity to respond.” Hill did not file a

25. In *Delgado v. Hearn*, 805 So.2d 1017 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2001), the Second District Court of Appeal held that “it is clear that a litigant’s right to access the courts may be restricted upon a showing of egregious abuse of the judicial process.”

26. Notably, this Court has the ability to consider filings in other courts. *Lussy v. Fourth Dist. Court of Appeal*, 828 So.2d 1026, 1027-1028 (Fla. 2002).

27. As set forth herein and in SRWMD’s Motion and Requests for Judicial Notice (including the Federal Court’s Injunction identified above), Hill has filed numerous lawsuits attacking the same state court judgments and order that have been litigated to finality.

28. Hill’s lawsuits lack merit. Just as importantly, Hill cannot claim ignorance – he has been told (numerous times) that his lawsuits lack merit. Hill has also been sanctioned monetarily. These warnings and sanctions have not deterred Hill.

29. The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida was so concerned with Hill’s filings that it entered an injunction restricting Hill’s ability to file further lawsuits in federal court.

30. Such an order is necessary in state court, as this Court believes Hill will continue filing lawsuits in state court that lack merit and simply seek to re-argue the same judgments and orders.

31. Moreover, Hill does not simply file lawsuits that lack merit – he files motions and appeals that consume judicial resources. In this case, Hill filed a motion to disqualify the undersigned that lacked merit. Hill has also appealed nearly all of the adverse judgments in his prior lawsuits, including attempting to appeal to the Florida Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court. Hill’s lawsuits and appeals consume valuable and limited judicial resources.

response or attend the hearing.

32. SRWMD, a public entity, has also been forced to respond to numerous lawsuits that lack merit.

33. Finally, it is worth noting that Hill was provided notice and an opportunity to respond to SRWMD's Motion. Hill could have filed a written response or attended the hearing.⁵ Hill did neither.

CONCLUSION

34. For the reasons set forth herein, SRWMD's Motion to Bar Further *Pro Se* Filings is **GRANTED**.

35. Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., has fully exhausted all lawful avenues for review of the orders (final or otherwise) and judgments entered in those certain lawsuits (all filed in this court) as set forth below: (1) *Suwannee River Water Management District v. El Rancho No Tengo*, Case No. 2006-203-CA, (2) *Suwannee River Water Mangement District v. El Rancho No Tengo*, Case No. 2013-666-CA, and (3) *Hill v. Suwannee River Water Management District*, Case No. 2016-374-CA (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Lawsuits").

36. Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court concerning or relating to the Lawsuits, unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510. A lawsuit concerns or relates to the Lawsuits, and *pro se* filings in it are therefore prohibited, if it seeks to reverse, limit, set aside or otherwise affect any order (final or otherwise) or judgment entered in any of the Lawsuits.

⁵ The Court notes that Hill is adept at filing materials with the Court. Again, Hill understands how to initiate lawsuits and file pleadings. Hill also understands how to pursue appeals. Hill therefore certainly understood how to file a response to the present Motion.

37. Further, Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court concerning or relating to the CERTIFICATE OF TITLE entered in favor of the Defendant in *Suwannee River Water Management District v. El Rancho No Tengo*, Case No. 2013-666-CA, which is recorded in the public records of Columbia County, Florida at O.R. Book 1298, Page 943 (the "Certificate of Title"), unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510.

38. Further, Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court asserting that the Plaintiff has title to or any legal interest in the real property which is described in the Certificate of Title, unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510.

39. Further, Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court contesting Defendant's title to the real property which is described in the Certificate of Title, unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510.

40. Further, Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court seeking relief (ejectment, quiet title,

declaratory, injunctive, monetary or otherwise) against the Defendant concerning or relating to the real property which is described in the Certificate of Title, due to Defendant's actions in the Lawsuits or by operation of any of the orders (final or otherwise) or judgments entered in any of the Lawsuits, unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510.

41. Further, Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., is hereby ENJOINED from filing and SHALL NOT file any pleadings, motions or other papers in any past, present or future lawsuit in this court or any other Florida State Court seeking relief (ejectment, quiet title, declaratory, injunctive, monetary or otherwise) due to Defendant's actions in the Lawsuits or by operation of any of the orders (final or otherwise) or judgments entered in any of the Lawsuits, unless the filings are signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar or foreign attorney in compliance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.510.

42. This Order and the prohibitions set out herein shall apply to Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., regardless of whether the Plaintiff is acting in his individual capacity, representative capacity (i.e. "successor in interest" or "real party in interest") or otherwise.

43. This Order and the prohibitions set out herein shall be binding on the Plaintiff, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., and his agents, servants, employees and on those persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order.

44. The prohibitions set out in this Order shall not apply to pleadings, motions or other papers filed or to be filed in the instant lawsuit or any appeal thereof.

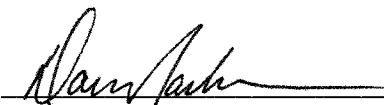
45. While this Order is in effect, any party may file and the court will entertain a motion to withdraw or amend this Order asserting that circumstances have changed and this Order is no longer needed or should be amended.

46. Any party asserting a violation of this Order has occurred, may file a motion setting out the facts which are claimed to constitute the violation. If the violation is the filing of a prohibited pleading, motion or other paper, a copy of the offending pleading, motion or other paper should be attached. If found sufficient, the court will then issue its order to show cause setting a hearing on such motion. THE PLAINTIFF, JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR., IS CAUTIONED THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE COURT'S CONTEMPT POWERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE ASSESSMENT OF FINES, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS AND INCARCERATION.

47. The court expressly retains jurisdiction over this cause and the parties hereto for the purpose of enforcing, modifying and/or withdrawing this Order.

48. The clerk shall record this Order in the public records of Columbia County, Florida.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in __Mayo__, __Lafayette__ County, Florida, on this the __20__ day of __July_____, 2023.



DARREN K. JACKSON
Acting Circuit Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 20 day of July, 2023, a conformed copy of the foregoing Order was furnished via ☒ Florida Courts e-Portal; ☒ U.S. Mail; ☐ e-mail on:

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FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

No. 1D2024-0139

JEFFREY LANCE HILL, SR.,

Appellant,

v.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

Appellee.

On appeal from the Circuit Court for Columbia County.
Darren K. Jackson, Judge.

January 27, 2025

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

OSTERHAUS, C.J., and LEWIS and WINOKUR, JJ., concur.

***Not final until disposition of any timely and
authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or
9.331.***

Jeffrey Lance Hill, Sr., pro se, Appellant.

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PARTIES

Shows the first few parties on the case.

Jeffrey Lance Hill Sr.
APPELLANT

Self Represented
REPRESENTATION



Suwannee River Water Management District
APPELLEE

David Charles Willis
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ORAL ARGUMENTS

No future oral arguments were found.

DOCKET ENTRIES

Docket Date	Type	Subtype	Description	On Behalf Of	View
02/12/2025	Post-Disposition Motions	Motion For Clarification	Motion For Clarification, Certification, Written Opinion, and Rehearing	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	
01/27/2025	Disposition by PCA	Affirmed	Affirmed		

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05/09/2024	Brief	Reply Brief	Reply Brief	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	
04/18/2024	Brief	Answer Brief	Answer Brief	Suwannee River Water Management District	
03/22/2024	Brief	Initial Brief	Initial Brief	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	
03/04/2024	Record	Record on Appeal Unredacted/Not Fully Redacted	Record on Appeal Unredacted/Not Fully Redacted- 977 pages		
03/04/2024	Record	Record on Appeal Redacted	Record on Appeal Redacted- 977 pages		
02/26/2024	Order	Order on Miscellaneous Motion	Order on Miscellaneous Motion		
02/23/2024	Motions Other	Miscellaneous Motion	Miscellaneous Motion - Request to be Excused from E-Mail Service for Party	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	
02/08/2024	Event	Fee Satisfied	Fee Satisfied		
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01/19/2024	Notice	Notice of Appearance	Notice of Appearance	Suwannee River Water Management District	
01/19/2024	Order	Order on Filing Fee	Order on Filing Fee		
01/19/2024	Letter	Acknowledgment Letter	Acknowledgment Letter		
01/16/2024	Notice	Amended Notice of Appeal	Amended Notice of Appeal; add 7/20/23 order	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	
01/16/2024	Notice	Notice of Appeal Transmittal Form	Notice of Appeal Transmittal Form		

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PARTIES

Role	Name	Status	Representation
Appellant	Hill, Jeffrey Lance, Sr.	Active	Self Represented
Appellee	Suwannee River Water Management District	Active	Willis, David Charles Hattaway, Chase Ellis
Judge/Judicial Officer	Jackson, Darren Kenneth, Hon.	Active	
Lower Tribunal Clerk	Clerk, Columbia	Active	
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