

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 MILLAGE RATE AND ANNUAL SERVICE BUDGET

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District met at 5:01 p.m. on September 27, 2016 at the Tampa Service Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Randall S. Maggard, Chair
Jeffrey M. Adams, Vice Chair
Bryan K. Beswick, Secretary
Ed Armstrong, Treasurer
H. Paul Senft, Member
Michael A. Babb, Member
George W. Mann, Member
Kelly S. Rice, Member
Michael A. Moran, Member
John Henslick, Member
Michelle Williamson, Member
Mark Taylor, Member

Staff Members Present

Brian J. Armstrong, Executive Director
David T. Rathke, Chief of Staff
Karen E. West, General Counsel
Kurt P. Fritsch, Inspector General
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Ken L. Frink, Division Director
Mark A. Hammond, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director

Board's Administrative Support

Cara Martin, Board & Executive Services Manager
Lori Manuel, Administrative Assistant

A list of others present who signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent records of the District. This meeting was available for viewing through internet streaming. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found on the District's Web site (www.WaterMatters.org).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Maggard called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. This meeting is being conducted using communications media technology in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.

Ms. Martin called the roll and noted a quorum was present. Chair Maggard then led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chair Maggard said this hearing is for the purpose of adopting a tentative millage rate and budget for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, pursuant to Sections 373.536 and 200.065, Florida Statutes, as amended. If any member of the public wishes to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda, or any item that does not appear on the agenda, please fill out a speaker's card and submit it to Ms. Manuel. Members of the public will be called on at the appropriate time during the meeting and will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Chair Maggard relinquished the gavel to Mr. Armstrong, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance/Outreach and Planning Committee. (01:56:44 combined w/audio from Board meeting)

2. Opening Comments

Mr. Armstrong said the purpose of this hearing today is to provide an opportunity for the public to speak and ask questions prior to the Governing Board's adoption of a final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Mr. Armstrong said this budget was developed based on current fiscal goals to ensure the long-term sustainability of our region's water resources. The tentative budget is \$180.1 million.

The proposed budget includes \$106 million in ad valorem property tax revenue. This is based on reducing the millage rate from 0.3488 mill to 0.3317 mill, which is a reduction of 4.9 percent. This millage rate is at the rolled-back millage rate. The rolled-back rate is the millage rate that would give the District the same amount of revenue as the current year, plus taxes on new construction.

The District has not received written disapproval of any provision in the tentative budget from the Executive Office of the Governor or the Legislative Budget Commission.

Mr. Armstrong introduced Mr. John Campbell, Director of Management Services, who proceeded to the required portion of the hearing beginning with agenda item number 3.

3. Budget Overview

Mr. John Campbell, Director of Management Services, presented the rolled-back rate

TAXING AUTHORITY	ROLLED-BACK RATE	PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE ABOVE ROLLED-BACK RATE	MILLAGE RATE
Southwest Florida Water Management District	0.3317 mill	0.0%	0.3317 mill

4. Public Announcement

Mr. Campbell presented the required public announcement of the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase above the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied for fiscal year 2017, and read into the record as required for the District.

5. Reconciliation of Tentative to Final Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Mr. Campbell stated there have been no changes to the budget since the tentative budget was adopted at the September 13, 2016 public hearing.

6. Public Comments

a. Letters/Resolutions Received

Mr. Armstrong noted the letters and resolutions received regarding the tentative millage rate and budget, if any have been compiled into an Exhibit "A" to Agenda Item 6a and are hereby incorporated, by reference, into the public record of this meeting.

b. Persons Wishing to Address the Board

Mr. Armstrong stated he received one *Request to Speak* card.

Mr. David Geddis spoke against the ad valorem tax levied by the District.

7. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2016-17 Millage Rate

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 16-13
ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

This resolution is made a part of these minutes as if set forth in full but, for convenience, is filed in the permanent resolution files of the District.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 16-13, Adoption of the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of 0.3317 mill, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio 02:03:46)

8. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 16-14
ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

This resolution is made a part of these minutes as if set forth in full but, for convenience, is filed in the permanent resolution files of the District.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. 16-14, Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17, in the amount of \$180,124,902 which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (02:04:10)

9. Introduce All Materials as Composite Exhibit

Mr. Armstrong stated the record will reflect all materials presented this afternoon are part of the permanent record of the public hearing.

Mr. Armstrong relinquished the gavel to Chair Maggard.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, **a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded. Motion carried unanimously** and Chair Maggard adjourned the meeting. (02:05:12)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Chair 

Attest:

