

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2022 MILLAGE RATE AND ANNUAL SERVICE BUDGET

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District met at 5:01 p.m. on September 14, 2021, at the Tampa Office. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members Present

Kelly Rice, Chair
Joel Schleicher, Vice Chair*
Ed Armstrong, Treasurer*
Michelle Williamson, Member*
Jack Bispham, Member*
Seth Weightman, Member*
John Mitten, Member*
John E. Hall, Member*
William Hogarth, Member*
Ashley Bell Barnett, Member*

*Attended via electronic media

Staff Members Present

Brian Armstrong, Executive Director
Amanda Rice, Assistant Executive Director
Chris Tumminia, General Counsel
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Jennette Seachrist, Division Director
Brian Starford, Division Director
Michael Molligan, Division Director
Michelle Hopkins, Division Director

Board Administrative Support

Lori Manuel, Administrative Assistant

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rice called the meeting to order and led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Rice provided information to members of the public wishing to address the Governing Board concerning any item listed on the agenda or any item that does not appear on the agenda. Chair Rice stated that comments would be limited to three minutes per speaker, and, when appropriate, exceptions to the three-minute limit may be granted by the chair. He also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson.

2. Opening Comments

Chair Rice stated the first Truth in Millage (or TRIM) public 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. It also provides an opportunity for the public to speak and ask questions prior to the Governing Board's adoption of a tentative millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

Chair Rice stated the FY2022 tentative budget totals \$191.2 million compared to \$183.5 million for the FY2021 adopted budget; and continues a significant level of capital investment in the region to ensure the District's core mission is achieved. Those investments will continue to protect our water resources, spur the economy, and create jobs. The projects portion of the budget represents \$107.7 million of the total budget. This includes:

- \$19.1 million for development of Alternative Water Supplies to ensure an adequate supply of water resources for all existing and future reasonable and beneficial uses,
- \$2.9 million for springs initiatives to restore springs and spring-fed rivers to improve water

- quality and clarity, and restore natural habitats such as: shoreline restoration, wetland treatment, beneficial reclaimed water reuse, and septic to sewer conversions, and
- \$26.1 million for Watershed Management Program projects which support floodplain management decisions and initiatives, and address potential and existing flooding problems

3. Budget Overview

Mr. John Campbell, Management Services Director, provided a presentation. There were no changes to the FY2022 budget since the budget update provided at the July 27, 2021, Governing Board meeting.

4. Public Announcement of the Name of the Taxing Authority, Rolled-Back Rate, Percentage of Increase Above Rolled-Back Rate, and Millage Rate to be Levied for Fiscal Year 2022

Mr. Campbell presented the required public announcement of the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate, the percentage of increase over the rolled-back rate, and the millage rate to be levied for FY2022 and read into the record as required for the District.

TAXING AUTHORITY	ROLLED-BACK RATE	PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE OVER ROLLED-BACK RATE	TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE
Southwest Florida Water Management District	0.2535 mill	0.0%	0.2535 mill

5. Public Comments

a. Letters/Resolutions Received

Chair Rice noted that letters and resolutions received regarding the tentative millage rate and budget, if any, have been compiled into an Appendix "A" to Agenda Item 5a and are hereby incorporated, by reference, into the public record of this meeting.

None were presented.

b. Persons Wishing to Address the Board

No Request to Speak cards were presented.

6. Adopt Tentative Fiscal Year 2022 Millage Rate

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-09
ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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. 21-09, Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022, of 0.2535 mill, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio – 00:11:37)

7. Adopt Tentative Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 21-10
ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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. 21-10, Adoption of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$191,224,447, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously (Audio: 00:13:15)

8. Announcement of Second and Final Public Hearing

Chair Rice stated the second and final public hearing will be held at the Tampa office on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 5:01 p.m. Final action on the FY2022 budget will be taken at that time.

9. Adjournment

Chair Rice adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.