



**PUBLIC HEARING  
FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 MILLAGE RATE  
AND ANNUAL SERVICE BUDGET  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – 5:01 P.M.  
7601 US-301, TAMPA, FL 33637  
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**MINUTES**

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District met at 5:01 p.m. on September 28, 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  
William Hogarth, Member  
Ashley Bell Barnett, Member

\*Attended via electronic media

**Board Members Absent**

John E. Hall, Member

**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**

Virginia Singer, Board & Executive Services Manager  
Lori Manuel, Administrative Assistant

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approval of Tentative Fiscal Year Annual Service Budget Public Hearing Minutes**

Acting Chair Michelle Williamson called the meeting to order. She led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Chair Williamson 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. Acting Chair Williamson 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. She also requested that several individuals wishing to speak on the same issue/topic designate a spokesperson.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Acting Chair Williamson requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021, Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Millage Rate and Annual Service Budget Public Hearing.

**A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.** (Audio – 00:04:15)

**2. Opening Comments**

Acting Chair Williamson stated the purpose of this final Truth in Millage (TRIM) public hearing was 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 FY2022.

**3. Budget Overview**

Mr. John Campbell, Management Services director, stated there were changes to the budget since the Tentative Budget Hearing on September 14, 2021. These changes will be presented under agenda item 5.

**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	FINAL MILLAGE RATE
Southwest Florida Water Management District	0.2535 mill	0.0%	0.2535 mill

**5. Reconciliation of Tentative to Final Fiscal Year 2022 Budget**

Mr. Campbell stated there was one change to the FY2022 budget since the Tentative Budget Hearing on September 14, 2021. He stated that \$6,825,000 in funding was added to the Water Supply and Water Resource Development Grant Program (H103). Mr. Campbell explained this funding is provided to assist in developing viable regional water resources and water supplies through various sources to develop alternative water supplies. This change was presented and approved earlier today at the governing board meeting and increases the FY2022 total budget to \$198,049,447.

**6. Public Comments**

**a. Letters/Resolutions Received**

Acting Chair Williamson noted that letters received regarding the tentative millage rate and budget, and letters and resolutions received regarding the final millage rate and budget since the first public hearing, if any, have been compiled into Appendix "C" of the public hearing materials and are hereby incorporated by reference into the public record of this meeting.

**b. Persons Wishing to Address the Board**

Mr. David Ballard Geddis, Jr., spoke against funding the use of reclaimed water.

**7. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2022 Millage Rate**

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-11  
ADOPTION OF FINAL 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. 21-11, Adoption of Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022, of 0.2535 mill. This motion was seconded. The motion carried with eight in favor and one opposed. Vice Chair Schleicher stated his opposition was in support of further reductions in the millage rate. (Audio –14:57)**

**8. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2022 Budget**

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-12  
ADOPTION OF FINAL 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. 21-12, Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$198,049,447, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:16:15)**

**9. Introduce All Materials as Composite Exhibit**

Acting Chair Williamson stated the record will reflect all materials presented today are part of the permanent record of the public hearing.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.