

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TENTATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 MILLAGE RATE AND ANNUAL SERVICE BUDGET AND OTHER BUSINESS MEETING

GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District met at 5:01 p.m. on September 11, 2018 at the Tampa Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present

Jeffrey M. Adams, Chair
Ed Armstrong, Vice Chair* **via phone**
Bryan K. Beswick, Secretary
H. Paul Senft, Member* **via phone**
Randall S. Maggard, Member
Kelly S. Rice, Member
John Henslick, Member
Mark Taylor, Member
Joel Schleicher, Member* **via phone**
Scott Wiggins, Member

Board Members Absent

Michelle Williamson, Treasurer
Rebecca Smith, Member
James G. Murphy, Member

Staff Members Present

Brian Armstrong, Executive Director
Amanda Rice, Assistant Executive Director
Karen West, General Counsel
John J. Campbell, Division Director
Kenneth L. Frink, Division Director
Alba E. Más, Division Director
Michael Molligan, Division Director
Jennette Seachrist, Division Director

Board Administrative Support

Caroline McKnight, 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 Adams called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing. He stated this meeting is being conducted using communications media technology to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.

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

Chair Adams 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. 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 Adams relinquished the gavel to Secretary Bryan Beswick, who chaired the Finance/Outreach and Planning Committee.

2. Opening Comments

Secretary Beswick stated the purpose of this first Truth in Millage (TRIM) public hearing is to provide 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) 2019. A second public hearing will be held on September 25, 2018, prior to adoption of the final millage rate and budget, and which will also to be held at the Tampa Office.

Secretary Beswick stated this budget was developed based on current fiscal goals to ensure the long-term sustainability of our region's water resources. The FY2019 tentative budget is \$176.3 million compared to \$183.7 million for the FY2018 adopted budget.

Secretary Beswick stated the projects portion of the budget represents \$101.1 million. This includes \$65.9 million for Cooperative Funding Initiative projects and District grants, \$2.6 million for revitalizing and restoring the waters along the Springs Coast and an additional \$12.4 million for springs initiative projects, pending approval from the Legislative Budget Commission.

The District's combined budget for Outreach and District Management & Administration programs represents 7.6 percent of the FY2019 total budget. This is well below the 15 percent threshold requiring Legislative Budget Commission approval.

The tentative budget includes \$110.6 million in ad valorem property tax revenue. This is based on reducing the millage rate from 0.3131 mill to 0.2955 mill, which is a reduction of 5.6 percent. This millage rate is at the rolled-back millage rate.

The District has not received any written comments, from the chairs of legislative committee or subcommittees, due by September 5. There have been no proposed changes to the FY2019 budget as last presented to the Governing Board on July 24, 2018.

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

3. Budget Overview

Mr. Campbell noted that there were no changes to the budget since the July 24, 2018 Governing Board Meeting and offered to provide an overview of the FY2019 budget if requested. No member requested the overview so at this point Mr. Campbell then moved to the required portion of the hearing.

4. Public Announcement of the Name of the Taxing Authority, Rolled-Back Rate, Percentage Increase Over Rolled-Back Rate, and Millage Rate to be Levied for Fiscal Year 2019

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 fiscal year 2019 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	0.2955 mill	0.0%	0.2955 mill

5. Public Comments

a. Letters/Resolutions Received

Secretary Beswick 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.

b. Persons Wishing to Address the Board

Secretary Beswick stated that no *Request to Speak* cards were received.

6. Adopt Tentative Fiscal Year 2019 Millage Rate

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 18-11
ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

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. 18-11, Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2019, of 0.2955 mill, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:09:48)

Board Member Schleicher wanted it noted, although he voted in favor of the millage rate, he stated that he would like to see a further reduction.

7. Adopt Tentative Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 18-12
ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

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. 18-12, Adoption of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2019, in the amount of \$176,337,640, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:11:26)

8. Announcement of Second and Final Public Hearing

Secretary Beswick announced the second public hearing will be held on September 25, 2018 at 5:01 p.m., at the District's Tampa Office. Final action on the FY2019 budget will be taken at that time.

Secretary Beswick relinquished the gavel to Chair Adams.

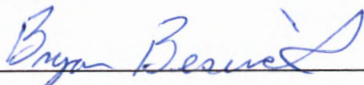
9. Adjournment

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 Adams adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


Chair

Attest:


Bryan Beswick