MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019
MILLAGE RATE AND ANNUAL SERVICE BUDGET

GOVERNING BOARD
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

TAMPA, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

The Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District met at 5:01 p.m. on September 25, 2018 at the Tampa Office. The following persons were present:

Board Members Present
Jeffrey M. Adams, Chair
Ed Armstrong, Vice Chair
Bryan Beswick, Secretary
Michelle Williamson, Treasurer
H. Paul Senft, Member
Randall S. Maggard, Member
Kelly S. Rice, Member
Mark Taylor, Member *Via Phone
Rebecca Stritth, Ph.D., Member
Joel Schleicher, Member *Via Phone
James G. Murphy, Member
Scott Wiggins, Member

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

Board Members Absent
John Henslick, Member

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. 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 stated this hearing is for adopting a final 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.

Board Member Senft requested the Board consider moving future budget hearings to 6:00 p.m. He stated that scheduling the hearings at 5:01 p.m., may limit attendance by the public.
Chair Adams requested a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2018 Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Annual Service Budget Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded. The Motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:06:10)

Chair Adams relinquished the gavel to Ms. Williamson, Governing Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance/Planning & Outreach Committee. (Audio: 00:06:45)

2. Opening Comments
Treasurer Williamson 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 FY2019.

Treasurer Williamson said this budget was developed based on current fiscal goals to ensure the long-term sustainability of our region's water resources. The final budget is $176.3 million compared to $183.7 million for the FY2018 adopted budget.

The 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.

Treasurer Williamson stated the Legislative Budget Commission did not meet earlier this month for a final decision on Springs Initiative funding as anticipated; therefore, the final budget for FY2019 does not reflect any changes since the tentative budget hearing.

Upon approval of the Springs Initiative funding at a date yet to be determined, the District's budget will be amended to include this funding for the Springs projects.

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

3. Budget Overview
Mr. Campbell noted that there were no changes to the budget since the September 11, 2018 tentative budget hearing 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 FY2019 and read into the record as required for the District.

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5. Reconciliation of Tentative to Final FY2019 Budget
Mr. Campbell stated there have been no changes to the budget since the tentative budget was adopted at the September 11, 2018 public hearing.

6. Public Comments
a. Letters/Resolutions Received
Treasurer Williamson noted that any letters and resolutions received regarding the tentative millage rate and budget have been compiled into an Exhibit "C" and are hereby incorporated, by reference, into the public record of this meeting.

b. Persons Wishing to Address the Board
No Request to Speak cards were received.

7. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2019 Millage Rate

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 18-13
ADOPTION OF FINAL 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. 18-13, Adoption of the Final Millage Rate for FY2019, of 0.2955 mill, which was seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:12:03)

8. Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 18-14
ADOPTION OF FINAL 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. 18-14, Adoption of Final Budget for FY2019, in the amount of $176,337,640 which was seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (Audio: 00:12:37)

9. Introduce All Materials as Composite Exhibit
Treasurer Williamson stated the record will reflect all materials presented today are part of the permanent record of the public hearing.

Treasurer Williamson relinquished the gavel to Chair Adams.

10. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

[Signatures]
Chair
Secretary

Attest: