WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA

Commissioners Present:	Larry Kiker, Chair Stephen R. Deutsch, Vice Chair John Chappie, Treasurer Charles Hines, Secretary
Staff Present:	Justin McBride, Executive Director Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

The meeting was opened at 5:01 p.m. at Venice City Hall.

Chair Larry Kiker announced the opening of the public hearing on WCIND's proposed millage rate and tentative budget for FY2015-2016. Chair Kiker announced the current year rolled back rate is .0373 mill, and the proposed millage rate of .0394 mill. He announced that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the proposed final budget is 5.63%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed final millage rate is 5.63%.

Mr. McBride noted that the increase in the millage rate for FY2015/2016 is due to Executive Director transition period, the increase in county project requests, and the increase of legal fees from public records requests.

Chair Kiker opened the hearing for public comment. Mr. Leo Amos commented on the carryover amount, Executive Director salary increase, projects that he feels do not meet the criteria under WCIND guidelines. He also contends that budget increases have not been adequately explained. Chair Kiker closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

Chair Kiker requested a motion to adopt the proposed millage rate for FY2015-2016 of .0394 mill. Motion by Commissioner Chappie and seconded by Commissioner Hines. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kiker requested a motion to adopt the tentative budget for FY2015-2016. Commissioner Deutsch moved to adopt the tentative budget for FY2015-2016 with projected funds available of $14,406,242 total expenditures of $6,737,927, and reserves of $7,668,315. Commissioner Chappie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Final Budget hearing is scheduled for September 18, 2015 at 5:01 P.M. Venice City Hall, Council Chambers

With no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:15 p.m.