

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 2, 2017 AT 5:03 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present: Carol Whitmore, Chair
Charles Hines, Vice Chair
Larry Kiker, Treasurer
Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary

Staff Present: Justin McBride, Executive Director
Jed Schneck, Counsel

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

Chair Carol Whitmore announced the opening of the public hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY2017-2018. Chair Carol Whitmore announced the current year rolled back rate is 0.0372 mill, and the proposed final millage rate of 0.0394 mill. Chair Carol Whitmore announced that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the proposed final budget is 5.91%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed final millage rate is 5.91%.

Mr. McBride reported that the budget is driven by county funding requests, and the proposed final millage rate of 0.0394 mill will fund the majority of the projects requested by the Counties. Mr. McBride noted that the specific purpose for the increase is to maintain the reserves for storm response and potential increase in the homestead exemption.

Chair Carol Whitmore opened the hearing for public comment. Chair Carol Whitmore closed public comment.

Chair Carol Whitmore requested a motion to adopt resolution 2017-06 adopting the final millage rate for FY2017-2018 of 0.0394 mill. Motion by Commissioner Kiker and seconded by Commissioner Hines. Before taking a vote on the motion, the Chair publicly announced the following: the taxing authority named in the millage levy resolution is West Coast Inland Navigation District, the rolled back rate for FY2017-2018 is 0.0372 mill, the final millage rate is 0.0394 mill, and the percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 5.91%. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Carol Whitmore requested a motion to adopt resolution 2017-07 adopting the final budget for FY2017-2018. Commissioner Hines moved to adopt the final budget for FY2017-2018 with projected funds available of \$14,783,014 total expenditures of \$6,230,171 and reserves of \$8,552,843. Commissioner Kiker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:06 p.m.

Carol Whitmore, Chair

Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary