

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2002 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe McClash, Chairman
Ray Judah, Secretary
Nora Patterson, Treasurer

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mac Horton, Vice Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Charles W. Listowski, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

Chairman McClash announced the opening of the Final Public Hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY 2002/2003. The meeting was opened at 5:01 p.m. at Venice City Hall. Chairman McClash publicly announced the proposed millage rate of .04 mill. He announced that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the tentative budget is 9.59%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed millage rate is 9.59%.

The Executive Director, Charles W. Listowski was asked to discuss the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased. Mr. Listowski stated with the increase revenue of approximately \$350,000 from maintaining .04 and with the population growth in the region, this increases the undesignated District reserves to \$1,179,067 (the target for undesignated reserves is \$1.5 million). This also provides each member county with project funding to satisfy all projects requested, plus additional navigation improvement funds to draw from within each county's CNIF subfund.

Chairman McClash opened the hearing for public comment. Ralph Strubel thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts. Commissioner McClash closed the public comment of the meeting.

Commissioner Patterson moved to adopt the final millage rate for FY2002/2003 of .04 mill. Commissioner Judah seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Patterson stated that, for the most part, all the dollars that Sarasota County takes in from the WCIND will be dedicated to dredging of waterways in Sarasota County. Curry Creek, which is in need of dredging, is on the County's project list.

Commissioner Patterson moved to adopt the final budget for FY2002/2003 with projected funds available of \$5,842,747, total expenditures of \$3,400,712, and reserves of \$2,442,035. Commissioner Judah seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the millage levy resolution 2002-05. Commissioner Patterson seconded. The Chairman publicly announced the following: the taxing authority named in the millage levy resolution is West Coast Inland Navigation District, the rolled back rate for FY2002/2003 is .0365 mill, the final millage rate is .04 mill, and the percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 9.59%. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the budget resolution 2002-06. Commissioner Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Listowski stated that there was a quorum problem with the November meeting, so it would probably be December before the next Board meeting.

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