

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe McClash, Chair
Tom Moore, Vice Chair
Ray Judah, Treasurer
Nora Patterson, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chair McClash announced the opening of the Final Public Hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY2007/2008. The meeting was opened at 5:01 p.m. at Venice City Hall. There were no public comments recorded.

Chair McClash requested clarification of the new CNIF policy regarding preconstruction activities. Commissioner Patterson questioned the policy regarding use of CNIF funding by counties for preliminary costs associated with permitting of waterway improvement projects. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to allow CNIF funding to be used for preconstruction activities on a case by case basis after review by the Board.

Chair McClash announced the proposed final 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 0%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed final millage rate is 0%.

Chair McClash opened the hearing for public comment. There were no public comments. Chair McClash closed the public hearing.

Budget discussion for the adoption of the FY2007/2008 budget and the associated millage rate ensued. After much discussion regarding the project lists, the District's initiative, and associated benefits to the public, Commissioner Judah made a motion to adopt the rollback rate of .0394 mill as the FY2007/2008 final millage rate, seconded by Commissioner McClash. Motion was not approved due to nay votes by Commissioner Patterson and Commissioner Moore. Commissioner Judah made a motion to adopt the rollback rate with clarification for funding above and beyond 97% of rollback rate to be distributed to the counties CNIF balance. Motion failed 2-2. Commissioner Patterson made a motion to adopt the final millage rate of .0382 mill (97% of rollback rate), seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion failed 2-2, with Commissioner Judah and Commissioner McClash voting nay.

After more discussion, Commissioner Judah made a motion to adopt the rollback rate of .0394 mill as the final millage rate with the condition that the difference in funding between the rollback rate and 97% of rollback rate would be distributed to the counties CNIF funding. Seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair McClash requested a motion to adopt the final budget for FY2007/2008 with projected funds available of \$15,779,989, total expenditures of \$5,084,820, and reserves of \$10,695,169. Motion by Commissioner Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Patterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the millage levy resolution 2007-02. 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 FY2007/2008 is .0394 mill, the final millage rate is .0394 mill, and the percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 0%. Commissioner Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the budget resolution 2007-03. Commissioner Patterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the Final Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.