

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2000
ROBERT L. ANDERSON ADMINISTRATION CENTER, VENICE, FLORIDA

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: JOE MCCLASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN
 ADAM CUMMINGS, CHARLOTTE CO.
 SHANNON STAUB, SARASOTA CO.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: RAY JUDAH, CHAIRMAN
 NORA PATTERSON, TREASURER

STAFF PRESENT: CHARLES W. LISTOWSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 PHILIP E. PERREY, COUNSEL

Vice-Chairman Joe McClash called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2000. He announced the opening of the Public Hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY2000-2001. He publicly announced the proposed millage rate of .04 mill.

Commissioner McClash announced that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the tentative budget is 5.82%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed millage rate is 5.82%. Mr. Listowski was asked to discuss the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased.

Mr. Listowski said there was a \$100,000 appropriation within the federal/state subfund for match money to develop a Long-Term Dredge Material Management Plan, which is a requirement of our statute. Another \$25,000 within the Administrative budget will be for producing a new version of WCIND's Waterway Guide. As a result of our relationship with the Corps of Engineers regarding property management and waterway-related projects, we are enhancing our maintenance budget for spoil management by about \$50,000. At our last meeting, the WCIND Board approved a concurrence of the reinstated relationship between the Corps and the District. As those plans unfold, projects will be presented to the Board. The Corps is requiring that we come up with some cooperative strategies for operation, maintenance, and future needs of the waterway.

Commissioner Staub asked if the Corps was on schedule as to where the spot dredging in the ICW will be. The sampling they did months ago is in the laboratory being analyzed, but the analysis has been sidetracked temporarily. This is all part of the long-term dredged material management plan. We will be realizing some dramatic changes in the way our properties are viewed by the Corps. A real estate attorney will be visiting us later this month to meet about our properties.

The Vice-Chairman opened the Final Public Hearing to comment by the public regarding the proposed millage rate and tentative budget. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Staub seconded to adopt the final millage rate for FY2000-2001 of .04 mill. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Staub moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to adopt the final budget for FY2000-2001 with projected funds available of \$3,276,079 and total expenditures of \$3,276,079. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Staub moved and Commissioner Cummings seconded to adopt Resolution 2000-02 setting the millage rate at .04 mill. Before taking a vote, Commissioner McClash publicly announced the following:

1. The taxing authority named in the millage levy resolution is West Coast Inland Navigation District.
2. The rolled back rate for FY2000-2001 is .0378 mill.
3. The final millage rate is .04 mill.
4. The percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 5.82%.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Staub questioned why we have to advertise in a certain way which looks like we have approved a large tax increase even though the millage has remained the same. Mr. Listowski said the TRIM statutes require a certain specific way of advertising which we must follow. The tax increase in our case is due to growth and higher appraisals. We use 97.5% of the ad valorem taxes in our budget and come very close to getting that amount.

Commissioner Cummings moved and Commissioner Staub seconded to approve Resolution 2000-03 regarding the FY2000-03 Budget. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Listowski said that Mr. Leonard will be at a future meeting to discuss the audit and to suggest a different budget format for next year. Commissioner McClash asked for a spreadsheet regarding the capital expense projects. Mr. Listowski said it had been presented to Commissioners Judah and Patterson, and he would send copies to Commissioners Cummings and McClash.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.