

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present: Stephen R. Deutsch, Chair
John Chappie, Vice Chair
Charles Hines, Treasurer

Staff Present: Justin McBride, Executive Director
Philip E. Perrey, Counsel

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

Chair Stephen R. Deutsch announced the opening of the public hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY2016-2017. Chair Stephen R. Deutsch announced the current year rolled back rate is .0372 mill, and the proposed final millage rate of .0394 mill. Chair Deutsch also announced that an incorrect rolled back rate was published in the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes mailed to taxpayers last month; that the rolled back rate was under-stated as .0346 mill; but the correct rolled back rate is .0372 mill. He 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 .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.

Chair Deutsch opened the hearing for public comment: Mr. Leo Amos commented on Lee County's CNIF and project requests. Mr. Amos contended that the 5.91% increase in the millage rate isn't really needed, there is enough in reserves. Chair Deutsch closed public comment.

Chair Deutsch requested a motion to adopt resolution 2016-06 adopting the final millage rate for FY2016-2017 of .0394 mill. Motion by Commissioner Chappie 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 FY2016-2017 is .0372 mill, the final millage rate is .0394 mill, and the percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 5.91%. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Deutsch requested a motion to adopt resolution 2016-07 adopting the final budget for FY2016-2017. Commissioner Hines moved to adopt the final budget for FY2016-2017 with projected funds available of \$14,388,136, total expenditures of \$5,382,486, and reserves of \$9,005,650. Commissioner Chappie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:14 p.m.

Stephen R. Deutsch, Chair

Larry Kiker, Secretary