

WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1998
SARASOTA COUNTY SOUTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

Chairman McClash opened the Final Public Hearing on the 1998/99 Budget at 5:01 p.m. Commissioners Judah, Cummings, and McClash were present. Executive Director Charles W. Listowski and Counsel Philip E. Perrey were present.

The Chairman announced the tentative millage rate of .04 mill and that the percentage increase in property taxes tentatively proposed is 36.99%. Mr. Listowski was asked to discuss the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues were being increased.

Mr. Listowski said that the higher level of the counties project requests in addition to providing assistance to Charlotte County for dredging Stump Pass have contributed to the increase. Also, we now have an accommodation proposed to be able to cost share with other federal and state funding sources which would enhance the District's ability to renourish beaches and other restoration activities. All these issues have resulted in the necessity for a higher millage.

The hearing was opened for public comment. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Judah moved to adopt the final millage rate for FY1998/99 of .04 mill. Commissioner Cummings seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Cummings moved to adopt the final budget for FY1998/99 with projected funds available of \$2,782,529.00 and total expenditures of \$2,782,529.00. Motion approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that the taxing authority named in the millage levy resolution is the West Coast Inland Navigation District. The rolled-back rate for FY1998/99 is .0292 mill. The proposed millage rate is .04 mill. The percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled-back rate is 36.99%. Commissioner Cummings moved to adopt the millage levy resolution, and Commissioner Judah seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Perrey rose to speak about a point of personal privilege. The director of WCIND in 1976 when Mr. Perrey began with the District was Charles Furbee, a retired Army Colonel. He was commonly known as Colonel Furbee. Mr. Perrey found an organization that would accommodate his desire to have an honorary title bestowed on our executive director, Charles W. Listowski. Therefore, Mr. Listowski has now may be known as "Colonel Listowski". Mr. Listowski thanked the Board and Mr. Perrey.

The Final Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.