

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

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

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 proposed millage rate and tentative budget for FY2016-2017. Chair Kiker announced the current year rolled back rate is .0372 mill, and the proposed 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 5.91%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed final millage rate is 5.91%.

Mr. McBride noted that maintaining the current millage rate will allow funding of the proposed budget as submitted and reduce the amount of CNIF funds needed to fund member counties project requests. It will allow the District and member counties to maintain reserves and CNIF funds for storm response.

Chair Deutsch opened the hearing for public comment. Mr. Leo Amos addressed the Board regarding authorized acts of the County Liaison for WCIND and the County Board. Mr. Amos commented on the budget and the amount of reserves.

Chair Deutsch closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

Chair Deutsch requested a motion to adopt the proposed millage rate for FY2016-2017 of .0394 mill. Motion by Commissioner Chappie and seconded by Commissioner Kiker. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Deutsch requested a motion to adopt the tentative budget for FY2016-2017. Commissioner Hines moved to adopt the tentative 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 Kiker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Final Budget hearing is scheduled for September 16, 2016 at 5:01 P.M. Venice City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Stephen R. Deutsch, Chair

Larry Kiker, Secretary