

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 5:01 P.M.
VENICE CITY HALL, VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present: Larry Kiker, Vice Chair
Alan Maio, Alternate for Charles Hines
Carol Whitmore, Secretary
Stephen R. Deutsch, Treasurer

Staff Present: Justin McBride, Executive Director
Jed Schneck, General Counsel

The meeting was opened at 5:05 p.m. at Venice City Hall.

Vice Chair Larry Kiker announced the opening of the public hearing on WCIND's final millage rate and final budget for FY2018-2019. Vice Chair Larry Kiker announced the current year rolled back rate is 0.0377 mill, and the proposed final millage rate of 0.0394 mill. Vice Chair Larry Kiker announced that the percentage increase in millage over the rolled back rate necessary to fund the proposed final budget is 4.51%. Therefore, the percentage increase in property taxes based on the proposed final millage rate is 4.51%.

Mr. McBride reported that the specific purpose for which ad valorem tax increase is driven by the fact that project costs continue to increase across WCIND; the desire of member counties to maximize CNIF for future projects; storm recovery reserves, and also buffer for anticipated future decreases in available funding that we expect in homestead exemptions.

Vice Chair Larry Kiker opened the hearing for public comment.

Mr. Leo Amos noted that Mr. McBride did a great job on the budget, but disagrees with CNIF. Mr. Amos also commented on the advertisement of the public meetings.

Vice Chair Larry Kiker closed public comment.

Counsel Schneck noted that today's public hearing was properly advertised in compliance with the Truth and Millage Act confided in Chapter 200 Florida Statutes.

Vice Chair Larry Kiker requested a motion to adopt resolution 2018-07 adopting the final millage rate for FY2018-2019 of 0.0394 mill. Motion by Commissioner Whitmore and seconded by Commissioner Deutsch. Before taking a vote on the motion, the Vice 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 FY2018-2019 is 0.0377 mill, the final millage rate is 0.0394 mill, and the percentage increase of the final millage rate over the rolled back rate is 4.51%. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Larry Kiker requested a motion to adopt resolution 2018-08 adopting the final budget for FY2018-2019. Commissioner Deutsch moved to adopt the final budget for FY2018-2019 with projected funds available of \$15,116,652 total expenditures of \$5,831,858 and reserves of \$9,284,794. Motion by Commissioner Deutsch and seconded by Commissioner Whitmore. Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Board, the Vice Chair adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m.


Larry Kiker, Vice Chair


Carol Whitmore, Secretary