



South Florida Water Management District

PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FINAL MILLAGE RATE & FINAL BUDGET AGENDA MINUTES

September 20, 2016

5:15 PM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Daniel O'Keefe	Chair	Remote	
Kevin Powers	Vice Chair	Present	
Sam Accursio		Remote	
Rick Barber		Remote	
Federico Fernandez		Remote	
Clarke Harlow		Remote	
Mitch Hutchcraft		Remote	
James J. Moran		Present	
Melanie Peterson		Remote	

2. Call to Order - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board

Vice Chairman Powers called the meeting to order at 5:15PM. As several Governing Board members participated by teleconference, Mr. Powers did a roll call. In attendance by phone: Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Accursio, Mr. Barber, Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Harlow, Mr. Hutchcraft and Ms. Peterson. Attending in person at District headquarters: Mr. Moran and Mr. Powers.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Dan O'Keefe, Chairman, Governing Board

Mr. Moran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Agenda Revisions - Tia Barnett, Director, Office of Governing Board & Executive Services

There were no changes to the Agenda.

Public Comment

Mary Viator of Caldwell Pacetti Law firm, representing multiple 298 Districts, stated concern regarding the lack of funding for payment to the 298 Districts in the SFWMD's fiscal year 2017 budget, does not believe the payment to the 298 Districts should be considered ad valorem and read a section of the Florida Statute. Ms. Viator further expressed the legal opinion of the 298 Districts.

Charles Schoech, representing Gladeview Troup, et al, expressed concern regarding the 298 Districts payment from the SFWMD, the lack of notification of the non-payment and the effect on the 298 Districts fiscal year 2017 budget(s). Mr. Schoech requested SFWMD include funding these payments in the SFWMD's fiscal year 2017 budget.

Jeff Kurtz, Pine Tree Water Control District, outlined the position of the 298 District, the effect of the non-payment to Pine Tree Water Control District and expressed concern with the SFWMD's position of non-payment and requested the Board defer the non-payment and continue discussions with the 298-District's representatives.

5. Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Tax and Budget Presentation - Dorothy Bradshaw, Division Director, Administrative Service

Ms. Bradshaw provided a presentation on the final millage rates and final budget for fiscal year 2017. Ms. Bradshaw reviewed the rolled back rates and stated the final budget for approval was \$726,603,876.

Millage Levy	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Final Millage Rate at the Rolled-Back Rate	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Rolled-Back Rate Approved July & September by Governing Board	% Change from Rolled-Back Rates
District-wide	0.1359	0.1359	0.00%
Okeechobee Basin	0.1477	0.1477	0.00%
Everglades Construction Project	0.0471	0.0471	0.00%
Big Cypress Basin	0.1336	0.1336	0.00%

As there were no disapproval from the Executive Office of the Governor or the Legislative Budget Commission, Ms. Bradshaw stated the District may proceed with final adoption.

6. Resolution No. 2016 - 0926 Adopt the Final Millage Rates and certify the 2016 Tax Levy for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1359 mill), the Okeechobee Basin (0.1477 mill) of the South Florida Water Management District, and the Everglades Construction Project (0.0471 mill) within the Okeechobee Basin for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Administrative Services, staff contact, Dorothy Bradshaw, ext. 2823)

Due to technical difficulties and an interruption, Mr. Powers did a second roll call confirming all Board members were present.

Mr. Moran commented on a possible budget adjustment to allow payment to the 298 Districts.

Mr. Antonacci discussed steps taken to reduce the budget, the steps taken to make the SFWMD fiscally prudent, and assured the Board that staff will provide a full overview of the SFWMD's payments to individual 298 Districts at the October 2016 Governing Board meeting. If needed an amendment to the SFWMD's fiscal year 2017 budget may be approved later in the fiscal year.

Mr. Moran made a motion to amend the fiscal year 2017 budget to include payment to the 298 Districts.

Chairman O'Keefe supports the position of staff providing additional information at the October Governing Board meeting.

Without a second the motion was not considered.

Several Board members and Mr. Antonacci further discussed the process of review, amending the budget and the legislative review of the SFWMD's budget.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel O'Keefe, Chair
SECONDER:	Rick Barber
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

7. **Resolution No. 2016 - 0927 Adopt the Final Millage Rates and certify the 2016 Tax Levy for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1359 mill) and the Big Cypress Basin (0.1336 mill) of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Administrative Services, staff contact, Dorothy Bradshaw, ext. 2823)**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James J. Moran
SECONDER:	Daniel O'Keefe, Chair
AYES:	O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

8. **Resolution No. 2016 - 0928 Adopt the Final Budget \$726,603,876 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Administrative Services, staff contact, Dorothy Bradshaw, ext. 2823)**

Mr. Powers recognized the budget staff for their dedication and hard work.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James J. Moran
SECONDER: Daniel O'Keefe, Chair
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson

9. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Powers adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James J. Moran
SECONDER: Melanie Peterson
AYES: O'Keefe, Powers, Accursio, Barber, Fernandez, Harlow, Hutchcraft, Moran, Peterson



Dan O'Keefe, Chairman
Governing Board
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