



South Florida Water Management District

PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FINAL MILLAGE RATES & FINAL BUDGET MINUTES

September 22, 2020

5:15 PM

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Attendee Name	Title	Status
Chauncey Goss	Chairman	Remote
Ron Bergeron		Remote
Cheryl Meads		Remote
Charlette Roman		Remote
Jay Steinle		Remote
Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch		Absent
Scott Wagner	Vice-Chairman	Remote

1. Call to Order - Chauncey Goss, Chairman

Chairman Goss called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Goss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goss announced IT staff was on standby to assist with technical issues during the meeting and provided instructions for public comment online and by phone.

3. Public Comment on Final Millage Rates and Final Budget

There was no public comment.

4. **Resolution No. 2020 - 0930** Adopt the Final Millage Rates and certify the 2020 Tax Levy for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1103 mill), the Okeechobee Basin (0.1192 mill) of the South Florida Water Management District, and the Everglades Construction Project (0.0380 mill) within the Okeechobee Basin for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Staff contact, Candida Heater)

Compliance with Section 200.065(2), (e)1, Florida Statutes: Explanation of the proposed millage rate necessary to fund the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

Ms. Heater stated this was the second of two public hearings required by Chapter 200, Florida Statutes, to adopt millage rates and budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Ms. Heater restated that IT staff was on standby to assist the public with technical issues during the meeting.

Ms. Heater provided a presentation on the final rolled-back millage rates for the Okeechobee Basin and the Big Cypress Basin and the final budget. Ms. Heater discussed the first substantive issue, the percentage increase in the millage rates over the rolled-back rates necessary to fund the budget, if any, and the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues were being increased. Ms. Heater stated with the rates adopted by the Governing Board in July and at the September 10 Tentative Budget Public Hearing, being at the rolled back millage rates, there was no increase in ad valorem taxes to be discussed pursuant to the statute.

Ms. Heater reviewed the rolled-back millage rates and stated the final budget approval was for \$1,225,810,244.

Millage Levy	Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Rolled-Back Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2020 2021 Tentative Millage Rates	% Change from Rolled-Back Millage Rates
District-wide	0.1103	0.1103	0.00%
Okeechobee Basin	0.1192	0.1192	0.00%
Everglades Construction Project	0.0380	0.0380	0.00%
Okeechobee Basin Total Millage Rate	0.2675	0.2675	0.00%

Millage Rate for Big Cypress Basin	Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Rolled-Back Millage Rates	Fiscal Year 2020 2021 Tentative Millage Rates	% Change from Rolled-Back Millage Rates
District-wide	0.1103	0.1103	0.00%
Big Cypress Basin	0.1152	0.1152	0.00%
Big Cypress Basin Total Millage Rate	0.2255	0.2255	0.00%

Pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes, as no comments or written disapproval's were received from the Executive Office of the Governor or the Legislative Budget Commission, Ms. Heater stated the District could proceed with final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 millage rates and budget.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Steinle
SECONDER: Ron Bergeron
AYES: Goss, Bergeron, Meads, Roman, Steinle, Wagner
ABSENT: Thurlow-Lippisch

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5. **Resolution No. 2020 - 0931** Adopt the Final Millage Rates and certify the 2020 Tax Levy for the South Florida Water Management District (0.1103 mill) and the Big Cypress Basin (0.1152 mill) of the South Florida Water Management District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Staff contact, Candida Heater)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Charlette Roman
SECONDER: Scott Wagner, Vice-Chairman
AYES: Goss, Bergeron, Meads, Roman, Steinle, Wagner
ABSENT: Thurlow-Lippisch

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6. **Resolution No. 2020 - 0932** Adopt the Final Budget \$1,225,810,244 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. (Staff contact, Candida Heater)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jay Steinle
SECONDER: Ron Bergeron
AYES: Goss, Bergeron, Meads, Roman, Steinle, Wagner
ABSENT: Thurlow-Lippisch

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7. **Resolution No. 2020 - 0933** Recognize Specific Appropriations from the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act and prior appropriations as enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida in the South Florida Water Management District's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Adopted Budget; authorize the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, or Designee to request distribution, transfer, release, advance, and reimbursement of current and prior appropriations through September 30, 2021. (Staff contact, Candida Heater)

Ms. Heater also presented the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charlette Roman
SECONDER:	Scott Wagner, Vice-Chairman
AYES:	Goss, Bergeron, Meads, Roman, Steinle, Wagner
ABSENT:	Thurlow-Lippisch

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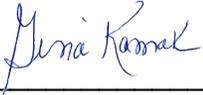
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8. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Chairman Goss adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:35 PM.



Gina Kamak
Deputy District Clerk
South Florida Water Management District