

**Sebastian Inlet Tax District**  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
**TENTATIVE MILLAGE & BUDGET HEARING**  
North Indian River County Library  
1001 Sebastian Boulevard  
Sebastian, FL 32958

**Minutes**

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Vice Chairman Beth Mitchell, Commissioner Michael Rowland (Secretary/Treasurer) and Commissioner David Barney. Commissioner Lisa Frazier was absent (excused). Also, in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, staff members Dave Kershaw and Ed Garland, SID legal counsel Shawn L. Demers, and T.J. Marshall (Commissioner-elect).

Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Lawton Seal announced that this was a public meeting for the purpose of hearing public comment on the tentative millage and tentative budget of the Sebastian Inlet Tax District for the FY 2024-2025.

Mr. Gray noted, as accepted by the Commission on August 14, 2024, the tentative millage rate for Sebastian Inlet District FY 2024-2025 is established at 0.1628 mills, or \$0.1628, per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (or .1628 of one mill). Mr. Gray stated, this recalculation of the proposed millage rate represents a Sixty Three Point Seven Eight Per Cent (63.78%) increase above the rolled-back rate of .0994 mills. With the adoption of the tentative millage rate of 0.1628 mills, tax revenues to be collected are:

- \$5,993,289 from Brevard County
- \$1,299,631 from Indian River County

District legal counsel Shawn L. Demers read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.04.24-1** to establish a tentative millage rate for levying taxes in Brevard and Indian River Counties for the Sebastian Inlet District, as attached. Chairman Lawton Seal opened the floor to public comment. No public comment to record. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve Resolution No. 09.04.24-1 with Commissioner Barney seconding. **Resolution approved 4-0.**

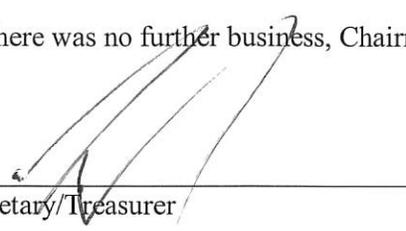
Mr. Gray noted that the proposed tentative budget for FY 2024-2025 for the Sebastian Inlet Tax District was in the budget hearing package and had been posted publicly pursuant to FDEO requirements. Mr. Gray highlighted several budget items for Commissioners:

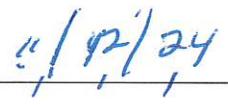
- FY 2024-2025 budget represents a continuation from the FY 2023-2024 budget with amendments in significant areas
- FY 2024-2025 is a project-based budget
- Revenue has been budgeted at the millage rate of 0.1628 mills
- Interest revenue has been budgeted at \$326,000
- Includes \$6,122,500 in revenue from grants
- Applies \$8,228,640 in use of assigned fund balance
- Sand Trap Dredging has increased to \$11,750,000 for construction of the 2024/25 Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project
- Includes \$4,700,000 to complete Phase 1 of the North Jetty Maintenance Project

- Maintains funding for the continuation of monitoring required to implement the Sebastian Inlet Management Plan (for example, the Beach and Inlet Hydrographic Monitoring, updates to the Annual State of the Inlet Report; and the Wind, Wave and Weather Station)
- The budget includes a modest general wage increase for staff

District legal counsel Shawn L. Demers read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.04.24-2** to adopt FY 2024-2025 tentative budget. Chairman Lawton Seal opened the floor to public comment. No public comment to record. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve Resolution No. 09.04.24-2 with Commissioner Barney seconding. **Resolution approved 4-0.**

As there was no further business, Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer

  
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