

Sebastian Inlet Tax District

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 5:30 p.m.
TENTATIVE MILLAGE & BUDGET HEARING
North Indian River County Library
1001 Sebastian Boulevard
Sebastian, FL 32960

Minutes

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Vice Chairman Beth Mitchell, Commissioner Michael Rowland (Secretary/Treasurer), Commissioner Lisa Frazier and Commissioner David Barney. Also in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, staff members Dave Kershaw and Ed Garland, SID legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum, Ken Torres (SISP), and Sam Cox (SISP).

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 budget of the Sebastian Inlet Tax District for the FY 2023-2024.

Mr. Gray noted, as accepted by the Commission on August 9, 2023, the tentative millage rate for Sebastian Inlet District FY 2023-2024 is established at 0.1066 mills, or \$0.1066, per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (or .1066 of one mill). Mr. Gray stated, this recalculation of the proposed millage rate represents a Fifty Point Nine Nine Per Cent (50.99%) increase above the rolled-back rate of .0706 mills. With the adoption of the tentative millage rate of 0.1066 mills, tax revenues to be collected are:

- \$3,513,603 from Brevard County
- \$768,732 from Indian River County

District legal counsel Jack Kirchenbaum read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.13.23-1** 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 Frazier moved to approve Resolution No. 09.13.23-1 with Commissioner Rowland seconding. **Resolution approved 5-0.**

Mr. Gray noted that the proposed tentative budget for FY 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 budget represents a continuation from the FY 2022-2023 budget
- FY 2023-2024 is a project-based budget
- Revenue has been budgeted at the millage rate of 0.1066 mills
- Interest revenue has been budgeted at \$405,000
- No revenue from grants was included
- Permit-related cost/monitoring has increased \$275,000 to perform the design and permitting for the planned FY 2024-25 Sand Trap Dredging and Beach Placement Project
- North Jetty Maintenance and Repair has increased to \$4.7 million to complete necessary maintenance to the north jetty

- 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 Wind, Wave and Weather Station)
- The budget includes a modest general wage increases for staff

District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.13.23-2** to adopt FY 2023-2024 tentative budget. Chairman Lawton Seal opened the floor to public comment. No public comment to record. Commissioner Rowland moved to approve Resolution No.09.13.23-2 with Commissioner Barney seconding. **Resolution approved 5-0.**

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


Secretary/Treasurer

10/11/2023
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