## **Sebastian Inlet Tax District**

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:30 p.m. TENTATIVE MILLAGE & BUDGET HEARING

## **Minutes**

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jenny Lawton Seal, Commissioner Beth Mitchell and Commissioner Chris Hendricks. Commissioners Michael Rowland and Lisa Frazier were absent (excused). Also in attendance were: Executive Director James Gray, staff members Dave Kershaw and Ed Garland, SID legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum and Sebastian Inlet State Park Manager Jennifer Roberts.

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 2021-2022.

Mr. Gray noted the tentative millage rate for Sebastian Inlet District FY 2021-2022 is levied to equal the rolled-back rate of 0.0765 mills, or \$0.0765, per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (or .0765 of one mill). This represents a Zero Per Cent tax increase. With the adoption of the rolled-back rate of 0.0765 mills tax revenues to be collected are:

- \$1,901,309 from Brevard County
- \$430,137 from Indian River County

District legal counsel Jack Kirchenbaum read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.08.21-1** 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. 09.08.21-1 with Commissioner Hendricks seconding. **Resolution approved 3-0**.

Mr. Gray noted that the proposed tentative budget for FY 2021-2022 for the Sebastian Inlet Tax District was in the budget hearing package and had been posted publicly per all pursuant FDEO requirements. Mr. Gray highlighted several budget items for Commissioners:

- FY 2021-2022 budget represents a continuation from the FY 2020-2021 budget
- Revenue has been budgeted at the rolled-back rate of 0.0765 mills
- Interest revenue has been reduced to \$5,500
- Revenue of \$697,250 (FDEP Grant No. 22IR2) was included
- Attorney fees increased by \$220,000 to prepare for potential litigation
- Sand Transfer System/Advanced Studies has increased by \$309,000 to update the Inlet Management Plan and perform maintenance activities within the DMMA
- The budget includes a modest general wage increases for staff

District legal counsel Jack Kirschenbaum read before the Commission **Resolution No. 09.08.21-2** to adopt FY 2021-2022 tentative budget. Chairman Lawton Seal opened the floor to public comment. No public comment to record. Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve Resolution No.09.08.21-2 with Commissioner Hendricks seconding. Resolution approved 3-0.

As there was no further business, Chairman Lawton Seal adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer

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