

**SEBASTIAN INLET TAX DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**  
**FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING**

**September 18, 2013, Wednesday, 5:30 pm**  
**Sebastian Inlet District Office**  
**114 Sixth Avenue, Indianalantic, FL 32903**

**AGENDA**

1. ***Call to order - Chairman Beth Mitchell***
  
2. ***Public Hearing - Final Millage Rate for Levying Taxes in Brevard and Indian River Counties for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for the Sebastian Inlet District, making special note of the name of the taxing authority, the current roll-back rate, the percentage change, if any, and the millage rate to be levied – Chairman Beth Mitchell, presiding, District Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum reading the resolution.***
  
3. ***Public Comment Period***
  
4. ***Adoption of Final Millage Rate Resolution***
  
5. ***Public Hearing - Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 for the Sebastian Inlet District - Chairman Beth Mitchell, presiding, District Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum reading the resolution.***
  
6. ***Public Comment Period***
  
7. ***Adoption of Final Budget Resolution***
  
8. ***Meeting Adjournment***

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MINUTES

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Chairman Beth Mitchell opened the hearing at 5:30 pm.

Present in addition to Chairman Beth Mitchell, Commissioners Jenny Lawton Seal, Michael Rowland and Commissioner Ann Perry were present. Vice Chairman Culberson was excused absent. Administrator Martin S. Smithson, Sr. Contracts and Accounting Manager Kathleen Knowles, Administrative Assistant Nedra Maxwell, District Legal Counsel Jack Kirschenbaum and Barefoot Bay citizen Louise Crouse were also present.

Chairman Mitchell inquired if any Commissioners had any comments. Commissioner Rowland asked if any other Commissioners had inquiries from constituents regarding the millage rate. The other Commissioners had not, but agreed that the language mandated by the State for publication was confusing. Administrator Smithson explained that the millage rate of 0.1124 was established eight years prior and had been kept at the same rate since. There was no millage increase, although the language used in the advertising clearly stated tax increase, four times. Due to property values rising, the roll-back rate was less than the millage rate and must be called a tax increase, even though the District's 2013-2014 budget is 7% less than the previous year.

Chairman Mitchell announced to the public that this specially called hearing was for the purpose of hearing public comment on the final millage and budget of the Sebastian Inlet District for the fiscal year of 2013-2014. She noted the current rollback rate of Ten Point One Eight Nine Cents (\$0.1089) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.1089 of one mill) and that the District final millage rate for the coming fiscal year of 2013-2014 is Eleven Point Two Four Cents (\$0.1124) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.1124 of one mill). She indicated that this represents a Three Point Two One Per Cent (3.21%) increase in the rollback rate over the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Counsel Kirschenbaum read before the Commission the complete Resolution 9.18.13-1 to Establish the Final Millage Rate in Brevard and Indian River Counties for Sebastian Inlet District for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of Eleven Point Two Four Cents (\$0.1124) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.1124 of one mill), as attached.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public comment period for comment on the District's final millage rate for the fiscal year 2013-2014 of Eleven Point Two Four Cents (\$0.1124) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.1124 of one mill). Mrs. Crouse of Barefoot Bay inquired whether the District planned to use any of the monies budgeted for Natural Resource Programs for improving the current state of the Indian River Lagoon or if that was beyond the District's scope of services. Chairman Mitchell

explained that the District has taken a pro-active stance on the IRL and asked Mr. Smithson to elaborate. The Administrator explained that he gives many talks to groups about the Inlet, and as part of the District's initial channel extension mitigation in 2007, it was required to monitor the seagrass beds for three years. A permit modification in 2010 for the channel widening project required no seagrass mitigation but an additional 5 years of seagrass monitoring was required. All of the District's monitoring reports have been made available for the SJRWMD's National Estuary Program as an in-kind contribution. Part of the 2007 mitigation required signage to be erected to warn boaters of the grass beds and creating a brochure to give out to Marinas, boaters and other groups which showed the newly dredged channel and markers to keep boaters within the channel and off the seagrass beds. The District's seagrass expert of Atkins Global is working with the NEP to help them with their efforts with the current state of the inlet. Mr. Smithson also sits on the Indian River Lagoon Advisory Board. Mrs. Crouse thanked the Board for their time and explanation of what is being done by the District and other entities.

Seeing no other public comment, Chairman Mitchell closed that portion of the public comment period.

Commissioner Lawton Seal moved and Commissioner Rowland seconded a motion to accept Resolution 9.18.13-1 to establish the Final Millage Rate in Brevard and Indian River Counties for Sebastian Inlet District for the fiscal year 2013-2014 of Eleven Point Two Four Cents (\$.1124) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (.1124 of one mill), as attached. Chairman Mitchell called for the vote. The motion passed 4- 0.

Counsel Kirschenbaum read before the Commission the complete Final Budget Resolution 9.18.13-2 for the fiscal year 2013-2014 for the Sebastian Inlet District, as attached.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public comment period for comment on the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of \$12,106,082 for the Sebastian Inlet District, as attached. There being no public comment offered, Chairman Mitchell closed that portion of the public comment period.

Commissioner Rowland moved and Commissioner Lawton Seal seconded a motion to accept the Final Budget Resolution 9.18.13-2 for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of \$12,106,082 for the Sebastian Inlet District, as attached. Chairman Mitchell called for the vote. The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business before the commission, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the hearing at 5:47 pm.

  
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Jenny Lawton Seal, Secretary/Treasurer  
Sebastian Inlet District Commission