

**MINUTES OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING
of the
LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
September 13, 2017**

The Tentative Budget Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority was held at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the Lake County Water Authority Conference Room, at 27351 SR 19, Tavares, Florida.

Members Present-District #

Staff Present

Adam Dufresne, Chairman (At Large)
Keith A. Farner, (At Large)
Peggy Cox, Chairwoman (#1)
Diana M. Mullins (#3)
Doug Bryant (#4)

Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
Patricia Burgos, Environmental Prog. Mgr.
Ron Hart, Water Res. Prog. Mgr.
Sergio Duarte, Water Res. Proj. Mgr.
Ben Garcia, IT Manager
Christina Rider, Executive Office Manager
Anna Ely, Recording Secretary

A list of others present that signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Water Authority.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dufresne called the Tentative Budget Hearing to order at 5:05 p.m. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Dufresne stated this first public budget hearing is for the purpose of adopting and amending if necessary the tentative budget, recomputing the proposed millage rate, if necessary, publicly announcing the percent by which the recomputed proposed millage is above or below the rolled-back rate, and if applicable, discussion of the specific purposes for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased.

3. FY 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND MILLAGE ADOPTION

a. Announce Proposed Millage Rate - 0.2554 mills

Chairman Dufresne stated the proposed millage rate is 0.2554 mills.

b. Announce Proposed Millage Rate is 7.58% above the Rolled-Back Rate of 0.2374 mills

Chairman Dufresne stated the proposed millage rate of 0.2554 is 7.58% above the rolled-back rate of 0.2374 mills.

c. Purposes for Which Ad Valorem Tax Revenues Are Being Increased

Chairman Dufresne stated that the purpose of the increase in the tax revenue for FY 2017-2018 is to keep up with the increasing costs of the Authority's water resource protection programs that are the result of continued county growth. The millage rate for property owners has remained the same since FY 2012-2013.

d. Public Comments and Questions

There were no public comments or questions.

e. Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate – 0.2554 mills

VICE CHAIR FARNER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 0.2554 MILLS. Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

f. Consider Amendments to Tentative Budget

Mr. Perry listed the latest revisions to the budget:

- **Salaries**

Following direction from the Board, staff revised all Salary, Social Security, Retirement Contributions lines to reflect a 15% change.

- **500-820 - Aids to Private Entities - Trout Lake**

Following direction from the Board, staff increased the Trout Lake Nature Center Grant (Line No. 253) by \$25,000 (from \$16,000 to \$41,000).

- **710-340 - Other Contractual Services - Water Resources**

Due to revised salary numbers and a final calculation of the Cash Brought Forward, staff increased the Lake Yale Whole Lake Alum Application (Line No. 325) by \$202,238 (from \$2,000,000 to \$2,202,238).

- **710-426 - 2016 Stormwater Retrofit Grants - Water Resources**

Due to revised projection of invoicing from the City of Tavares, staff increased the Tavares (Downtown Stormwater Treatment) (Line No. 427) by \$16,321 (from \$245,000 to \$261,321).

- **710-426 - 2016 Stormwater Retrofit Grants - Water Resources**

Pending a review of the City of Clermont - Clermont West Project, staff increased the (Line No. 428) by \$150,000 (from \$493,030 to \$643,030).

- **710-426 - 2018 Stormwater Retrofit Grants - Water Resources**

Due to revised salary numbers and a final calculation of the Cash Brought Forward, staff increased the 2018 Stormwater Retrofit Grants (Line No. 431) by \$100,000 (from \$0 to \$100,000).

- **720-440 - Rentals - Land Resources**

To accommodate increases made to other areas in the Land Resources budget, staff decreased the Equipment Rental for Land Resources Projects (Line No. 584) by \$3,400 (from \$13,500 to \$10,000).

- **720-460 - Repair & Maintenance - Land Resources**

To accommodate increases made to other areas in the Land Resources budget, staff decreased the Exotic, Invasive Plant Removal (Line No. 594) by \$5,000 (from \$15,000 to \$10,000).

- **720-610 - Lands Acquisition - Land Resources**

Due to revised acquisition schedule, staff added the Lake Norris/FDEP Acquisition (Line No. 649) for \$225,000.

- **720-620 - Buildings - Land Resources**

Due to revised construction schedule, staff added the Sawgrass Island Preserve Restroom (Line No. 655) for \$29,000.

- **720-630 - Site Improvements - Land Resources**

Due to revised calculation of the Cash Brought Forward, staff reduced the Finish Scrub Point Preserve Road (Line No. 658) by \$5,000 (from \$15,000 to \$10,000).

- **720-630 - Site Improvements - Land Resources**

Due to revised calculation of the Cash Brought Forward, staff eliminated the Fencing of Wolfbranch Sinkhole (Line No. 659) by \$15,000 (from \$15,000 to \$0).

- **720-630 - Site Improvements - Land Resources**

Based on direction by the Board, staff increased the Bear Track Boardwalk & Canoe/Kayak Launch (Line No. 661) by \$50,000 (from \$0 to \$50,000).

- **720-630 - Site Improvements - Land Resources**

Due to revised construction schedule, staff added the Crooked River Canoe/kayak Launch Dock (Line No. 664) for \$15,000.

- **Cash Brought Forward - Revenue**

The Cash Brought Forward amount was revised to reflect the most recent calculation of expenditures through the end of the Fiscal Year (Line No. 701) and was reduced by \$737,462 (from \$10,944,118 to \$11,681,580).

Mr. Bryant asked what happened to the canoe and kayak launch project for Crooked River and Ms. Burgos explained that they are having a hard time getting quotes from contractors. She stated that staff is still trying to get a quote from a third contractor.

Mr. Bryant asked how the recent hurricane would affect expenditures in the current budget and Mr. Perry explained that alum and tree clearing would be the biggest expenses. He stated that he

estimates that the Agency will spend approximately \$15,000 to \$30,000 for alum and approximately the same for tree clearing. He reminded the Board that the new budget starts the first of October.

Ms. Cox asked what the Harris Chain Restoration had spent \$150 on and Mr. Perry stated that they used for school Science Fair Awards.

g. Adopt Tentative Budget

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,186,299. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

4. ANNOUNCE TIME, DATE & LOCATION FOR FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Dufresne stated that the final budget hearing for the Lake County Water Authority will be held on September 27, 2017, at 5:05 p.m. in the Lake County Administration Building, Lake County Board of County Commission Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, FL.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Dufresne adjourned the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Ely, Recording Secretary

Neil Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer

Adam Dufresne, Chairman