

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District  
Final Budget Hearing  
September 27, 2023, at 5:01 p.m.  
Pine Island Fire Station 1, 7500 Pine Island Rd, Bokeelia

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Hernandez led everyone in the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Player led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Player, DeLacey, Hernandez and Price were present. Commissioner Cammick attended via phone.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Administrative Assistant Miles, Accountant Renee Lynch, and Attorney Zach Liebetreu were present.

Captain Simer and Captain Barr.

Public: Tom Finnal and Deputy Chief of Cape Coral Michael Russell.

**Setting of Agenda:** Commissioner Price moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public hearing to consider and adopt a Final Millage Rate and Final Budget:**

**Hear public comment before any vote.**

- Power Point presentation on Final Millage Rate and Final Budget  
The Power Point was presented by Accountant Renee Lynch. Starting with revenue she explained how the proposed millage would affect the revenues received by the district. In the current year there were significant decreases in property value, which was to be expected given the devastation of the island last September. However, the total decrease in taxable value also included the \$50,000 homestead exemption, which in previous years had not been applied to any special district in Lee County. This change in policy comes from the Property Appraiser, who has interpreted the law differently than his predecessor. Therefore, although the increase in millage rate from the roll back rate of 3.1565 to the proposed rate of 3.7500 is 18.8% the actual increase to the District's revenue is only 5.91%. Renee then discussed changes to the proposed expenditure budgets. Given the budget amendments throughout the year to account for additional expenses related to Hurricane Ian many categories have significant decreases. Renee explained each major category and what the increases and decreases consisted of. Overall, total expenditures decreased by 0.48%.
- Public comment on Tentative Millage Rate: Mr. Tom Finnal asked how impact fees were collected and budgeted. Renee explained that impact fees are not guaranteed and are completely dependent on new construction, therefore we budget conservatively.
- Adopt Final Millage Rate: **Resolution 2023-009**  
Commissioner Player read the resolution in its entirety, including 3.7500 mills, which is 18.8% above the rolled-back rate of 3.1565 mills.  
**RESOLUTION 2023-007 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR LEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
Commissioner Price moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Votes recorded as follows:

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**Tonya Player – Yes**

**Neil Price – Yes**

**John Cammick – Absent**

**Joseph Hernandez – Yes**

**Jamie DeLacey – Yes**

- Public comment on Final Budget: No public comment.
- Adopt Tentative Budget: **Resolution 2023-010**  
Commissioner Player read the resolution in its entirety, including appropriations and revenue estimate for Fiscal year 2023-24 in the amount of \$14,767,852.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Commissioner Hernandez moved to adopt the resolution as presented and read.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Tonya Player – Yes**

**Neil Price – Yes**

**John Cammick – Absent**

**Joseph Hernandez – Yes**

**Jamie DeLacey – Yes**

**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Price moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Miles  
District Administrative Assistant

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Board Secretary

**RESOLUTION 2023-009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SAID DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 13, 2023, adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 TENTATIVE Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida held a public hearing on September 27, 2023 as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

**WHEREAS**, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the District has been certified by the county property appraiser to the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District as **\$2,025,375,825**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2023-24 operating millage rate is 3.7500 mills which is 18.80% greater than the rolled-back rate of 3.1565 mills.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Price, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeLacey, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

TONYA PLAYER	<u>yes</u>
NEIL PRICE	<u>yes</u>
JOHN CAMMICK	<u>Absent</u>
JOSEPH HERNANDEZ	<u>yes</u>
JAMIE DeLACEY	<u>yes</u>

**DULY ADOPTED** at a public hearing this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 at 5:25 P.M.

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**

  
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Tonya Player, Chairman

ATTEST:   
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Neil Price, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 2023-010**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, on September 27, 2023, held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065: and

**WHEREAS**, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$ 14,707,852. A copy of the final budget document as adopted by this Resolution is on file with the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District of Lee County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Final Budget is adopted.
2. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Hernandez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

TONYA PLAYER	<u>yes</u>
NEIL PRICE	<u>yes</u>
JOHN CAMMICK	<u>Absent</u>
JOSEPH HERNANDEZ	<u>yes</u>
JAMIE DeLACEY	<u>yes</u>

DULY ADOPTED at a public hearing the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at 5:27 P.M.

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**

  
Tonya Player, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Neil Price, Secretary