

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Tentative Budget Hearing
September 13, 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 DeLacey led everyone in the invocation.

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

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, DeLacey and Price were present. Commissioner Hernandez and Cammick were excused.

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

Captain Simer, Engineer Rogowski and Firefighters Stanley and Saunders were present.

Public: Julie Saunders and Kathy Ball.

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 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget:

Hear public comment before any vote.

- Power Point presentation on Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative 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%. Renne 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: No public comment.
- Adopt Tentative Millage Rate: **Resolution 2023-007**
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, and the date, time, and place of the final budget hearing of September 27, 2023 @ 5:01pm at MPIFCD Station 1.
RESOLUTION 2023-007 A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE 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. Motion passed unanimously.
- Public comment on Tentative Budget: No public comment.
- Adopt Tentative Budget: **Resolution 2023-008**

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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, and the date, time, and place of the final budget hearing of September 27, 2023 @ 5:01pm at MPIFCD Station 1.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 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. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cammick moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary