

**SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

NOTE: BOARD MEMBERS, PLEASE TURN YOUR MICROPHONES ON

01. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
02. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT 2010/2011 BUDGET (**SEE SEPARATE AGENDA**)
03. MEETINGS:
 - A. THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M.**
 - B. THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AT 10:00 AM.** THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING.
04. ADJOURNMENT

ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RE-SPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH HEARING/MEETING MAY NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY WISH TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD IS MADE, WHICH RECORD IS TO BE USED FOR TESTI-MONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH AN APPEAL WOULD BE BASED.

IN ACCORDANCE W/THE AMERICANS W/DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATUTE 286.26, PERSONS W/DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT AT (954) 680-3337 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS FOR ASSISTANCE.

**SOUTH BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

Present:

Scott Hodges, Chairperson
Thomas Good, Vice Chairperson
James Ryan, Treasurer
Robert E. Goggin, IV, Secretary
Vicki Minnaugh, Commissioner
Alanna Mersinger, Commissioner
Mercedes Santana-Woodall, Commissioner

Kevin M. Hart, District Director
Douglas R. Bell, Legal Counsel
Reina Muniz, Recording Secretary
General Public: See Attached List

01. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

02. DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON PRESENTS:

- (A) The name of the taxing District is South Broward Drainage District.
- (B) The proposed taxes and assessment rates for fiscal year 2010-2011 are attached as Exhibit "A" to District Resolution No. 2010-14.
- (C) The proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 is attached as Exhibit "A" to the District Resolution No. 2010-15.

COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED TAXES AND ASSESSMENT RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011:

None.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR PRESENTS THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011:

Mr. Hart said that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/2011 remains at \$3,434,162.44. He also made a recommendation to maintain the current assessment rate with no increases.

He said that since the July Public Hearing, there were a few adjustments made to the budget; specifically to line items 1550, 1555 and 1570, which are all related to the District's insurance costs. He said the District got their final premiums from their

insurance carrier and that all the rates have decreased for this current fiscal year and have been locked in for the next two years. Mr. Hart explained that the decrease in the rates were due to an excellent safety record from the staff, especially from the maintenance crews and Operations Manager. Line item 1713 for the telemetry system was increased based on comments from the last meeting to allow the District to upgrade all of their pump stations for the remote start cards. Line item 1765 for herbicides was also increased and line item 1777 was adjusted to reflect the actual cost for the final assessment payment for the S-9/S-10 pump station. All other items are consistent with the original draft budget.

Mr. Hart added that in September, based on the final numbers the attorney worked out with the property appraiser's office, the tax revenue will be adjusted slightly. He said it will not affect the overall revenue for the District or the overall budget.

His final comment in regard to the budget is that he would like to make an adjustment on the salaries/wages (item numbers 1501, 1505, and 1506) on the final budget. He said that before Mr. Schwartzberg left, he made some changes to the staffing category, (ex. Mr. Ochoa was promoted to Assistant District Director, etc.) and that he would like to reflect this in the final budget. He reiterated that it will not affect the overall budget in any way.

COMMISSIONERS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011:

Chair Hodges complimented Mr. Hart and his staff for a well arranged budget.

Commissioner Ryan asked if the District had an estimate as to what they will get from the Property Appraiser's Office. Mr. Hart explained that at this time, the District is budgeting \$3,040,000.00 and it will increase slightly, by approximately \$3,000.00. Commissioner Ryan said that means it will still be approximately \$400,000.00 short. Mr. Hart said that the funding for the S9/S10 assessment payment is coming out of the District's unrestricted funds previously approved by the Board. Commissioner Ryan asked if all the money in the budget for 2009 had been spent. Mr. Hart said that to date, the District spent \$2.84 million dollars out of a \$3.3 million dollar budget. He said the District will be slightly under budget because there are still some projects that have been started, and some that have actually been completed, but have not yet been paid because the District is still waiting on final invoices, releases, etc. and those expenses will be encumbered over to next year. He said the District will be very close to their 2009/2010 expenditures.

Commissioner Ryan wanted clarification regarding monies carried over. Mr. Bell explained that in the Resolution that the Board will be approving at the next meeting, there is a provision that states that monies which are not expended during that fiscal year will be carried over to the next fiscal year for projects, so that there is no requirement to spend it or lose it.

Commissioner Ryan said that there should not be any monies carried over because it would mean that the District is assessing the residents too much. Commissioner Minnaugh clarified that if it was budgeted previously, and the District has not been invoiced, that there will be monies carried over so that the District can pay for those expenses out of the current budget, and not out of the new budget. She explained that it can't be equal every month.

Commissioner Ryan wanted to make it clear that he just does not want the District to over assess the residents.

Mr. Hart explained that the current budget is over by approximately \$400,000, and that this amount has already been approved for expenditures through unreserved monies in order to pay off the S-9/S-10 assessment. The rest of the money that is coming in through revenues is being placed into Operations and Maintenance as outlined in the budget. He commented that the Board approved the District's 5-Year CIP in July for \$2 million dollars and for the next fiscal year \$550,000 was approved. Those reserve monies are being spent prudently to make upgrades and needed improvements within the District. Those reserve funds will only fund the CIP for the next two or three years. He said that at some point, that fund will deplete itself. The separation reserve account will also be impacted because of Mr. Schwartzberg's departure.

He also mentioned that although the As-Built account shows a balance of \$750,000, this is not really the District's money. He explained that the District has a liability of about \$690,000 for reimbursement to developers or applicants for as-built bonds, once they have satisfied the requirements set by the District.

Commissioner Minnaugh questioned line item 1610, Licenses, fees and EMS Service. She asked if the District pays the Town of Southwest Ranches for Fire Assessment Fees because the District should not be paying this. She said that EMS with the Town of Southwest Ranches should be free per the State Statute. Mr. Hart said he would get back to Commissioner Minnaugh on that at the Final Budget Hearing.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS RE: PROPOSED TAXES, ASSESSMENT RATES AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011:

None.

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON CLOSES PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Chair Hodges commented that the District has made improvements in how they allocate things and the accuracy in which they have placed the numbers in the budget. He gave Mr. Hart and his staff credit for this.

Commissioner Mersinger commented that she liked the fact, that in this budget, no resident has any additional assessment over any other resident.

Mr. Bell commented on the letters that were sent out to those property owners that owe legal bills, and how he got some back with no forwarding address; and some with new forwarding addresses. He said that he did mention in the letters, this meeting date and the upcoming meeting of September 30th, if they had any questions. He made sure to mention in the letter that if he did not hear anything by the 28th, he will add the outstanding amounts to their tax bills. In regard to the Grand Palm's bill, it went down significantly from last year because there was not that much legal activity.

Chair Hodges announced that the Final Public Hearing on the budget and assessments for fiscal year 2010/2011 will be held at the District's meeting room at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED REVISIONS/AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT CHARTER

Mr. Hart updated the Board on the proposed revisions/amendments to the District's Charter. He said that he distributed the revised/amended Proposed Charter to all of the Board members and the following municipalities: Town of SWR, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Davie, and Hollywood. He said he had discussions with a number of the Councilmen from the Town of SWR and there was no negative feedback to date. He said they recognize the changes that were made and how it's been scaled back. He thought the initial reaction was encouraging. He also mentioned that he and Chair Hodges met with Mr. Ron Bergeron and that it was a very positive meeting. He said they reviewed what the District's perspective was in the revised/amended Proposed Charter, and that Mr. Bergeron indicated he would look at it and let them know if he had any concerns.

Mr. Hart said they also sent the revised/amended Charter to Senator Rich and Congressman Kiar. He said he's been in contact with their aides and that they are reviewing it. So far no concerns have arisen.

Commissioner Mersinger said she met with Representative Hudson and Representative Porth. Commissioner Santana-Woodall said she met with Representative Kiar and he wanted to commend the District for being so open and straight forward with this.

Mr. Hart said the that District does plan on putting the revised/amended Proposed Charter on the agenda for September as a final Resolution for adoption by the Board, and present it to the State Legislature.

Commissioner Good said he received some feedback and that there is one particular issue in the Charter that speaks about the recertification of systems and that the question arose if that was intended to also be applicable to government agencies above and beyond their requirements under their NPDES permits? Mr. Hart said no, he did not think so. Commissioner Good said it was not clear in the Charter and he would like the wording to be clear because it was not specifically worded that way in the Charter.

Commissioner Minnaugh asked Mr. Hart if there are any questions to this regard, could Mr. Hart talk to each person individually and reassure them. Mr. Hart said yes. Commissioner Goggin questioned Mr. Bell if the District should leave the wording as it stands in the revised/amended proposed Charter and deal with each person's question on a separate basis. Mr. Bell said yes, he would leave it as is.

Finally, Mr. Bell said that in regard to the Ruden McClosky bill, it was finally negotiated at \$7,800.00.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert E. Goggin IV, Secretary
South Broward Drainage District

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