

Final Budget Hearing Minutes

Indian River Mosquito Control District
September 21, 2021 @ 5:01 PM

The Indian River Mosquito Control District Board of Commissioners held a tentative budget hearing on September 21, 2021, at the District Office.

Present: Janice Broda (Chair), Matt Erpenbeck (Vice-Chair) and Tom Lowther (Secretary/Treasurer)

Staff: Sherry Burroughs (Executive Director), Lisa Ridley (Finance Director) and Sarah McInnis (Operations Director)

Visitors: Bob Broda

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Broda called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

II. **Announcement the Millage Rate**

Based upon the Board's decision at the tentative budget hearing on September 14th, Sherry announced that for FY 2021-2022, the District will use a millage rate of 0.2515 which is 3.5% above the rolled-back rate of 0.2430 and equates to a budget of \$6,852,774.

III. **Discussion of Reason for Inability to Use Rolled-back Millage**

Lisa reviewed the reasons as previously reported during the tentative budget hearing. The District is using a millage higher than the rolled-back due to the uncertainty of expenses the District will incur in the upcoming year, including, but not limited to threatening tropical weather patterns, arbovirus outbreaks, increasing costs of goods and services, continued effects COVID-19, and increasing population of Vero Beach. In July, the Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 percent; rising 5.4 percent over the last 12 months. Decreasing revenue will have financial implications that effect FY 2022-2023. Less funding in the beginning balance will impact replacement equipment purchases and routine operational costs. Subsequent fiscal years may require a millage rate increase due to a change in the cash position. The millage rate of 0.2515 will allow the District to adequately operate during FY 2021-2022.

Chair Broda stated that the reasons provided were misguided. She indicated that there is a 20% increase in the real estate market, the risk of widespread arbovirus in Florida is currently low, the peak of hurricane season is past, there is contingency to cover insurance deductibles and FEMA reimbursement and suggested that the District should adopt the rolled back millage rate.

IV. **Public Comment** - None.

V. **Separate Order of Business**

A. **Adoption of the Proposed Millage Rate**

Commissioner Lowther made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-005 to set the final millage rate at 0.2515 for FY2021-2022 (which is 3.5% above the rolled-back rate of 0.2430). Commissioners Lowther and Erpenbeck approved; Chair Broda was opposed. The motion passed at 5:07 PM.

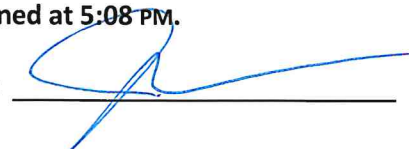
B. **Adoption of the Proposed Budget**

Commissioner Lowther made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-006, setting the proposed budget of \$6,852,774 for FY 2021-2022. Commissioners Lowther and Erpenbeck approved; Chair Broda was opposed. The motion passed at 5:08 PM.

VI. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Lowther made the motion to adjourn. The Board unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Attest: _____



M. Erpenbeck