

Tentative Budget Hearing Minutes

Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

Marathon Office
503 107th Street
Marathon, FL 33050

September 3, 2024, 5:05 pm

The Board of Commissioners of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District held a Tentative Budget Hearing on September 3, 2024 at the FKMCD Marathon office.

Present Were: Phillip Goodman, Chairman; Dr. Stanley Zuba, Vice Chair; Bette Brown, Secretary/Treasurer; Jill Cranney, Commissioner; Andrea Leal, Executive Director; Shauna Morris, Board Attorney. Brandon Pinder, Commissioner was absent.

Employees Present Were: Mikki Coss, Director of Operations; Bruce Holden, Director of Finance; Chad Huff, Public Education & Information Officer; Deanna Darias, Executive Assistant; Tony Nunez, Chief Technology Officer.

Invited Guests Present: None

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Goodman asked the Board if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda, hearing none, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Purpose of Meeting: Chairman Goodman announces that the purpose of the meeting is to hold the First Public Hearing on the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District's Proposed Millage and Tentative Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Community Input: None

Discussion:

7.) Discuss and Adopt the Tentative Millage Rate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Bruce Holden, Director of Finance, proposed a millage rate of .4344, which is 9.87% over rollback, to receive revenues needed to conduct FKMCD operations. The additional \$2,000,000 in revenues include \$1,200,000 towards the additional helicopter and \$800,000 for more chemical purchases. He reviewed some items on the detailed work plan budget, which included the Navy contract of \$355,707, which was recently awarded to FKMCD. The only change to the positions was the addition of the Education Coordinator that was added effective October 1st, 2024. The money was reallocated from the housing allowance to performance compensation COLA and MERIT increases. The CPA Auditor cost may change once we finalize the RFP process, but he is not expecting a large increase from the \$30,500 that is currently budgeted. He reviewed the repair and maintenance category, which has a large budget of \$1.2 million for the year; a large portion of that is helicopter repairs and hourly maintenance. Our chemical budget has increased to \$2.8 million due to increasing costs for the products. We are continuing to look at alternative mosquito control technologies. We will be participating in the Florida Association of Special Districts, which added \$4,500 to the budget, but we feel this is very beneficial to the district. With this budget, we will be able to purchase an additional Airbus H125 helicopter in the next fiscal year, and then we can sell the Bell helicopters. There were not any changes in the Budget Change report since the last meeting. Mr. Holden will update these numbers at the Final Budget Hearing. *A motion was made by Commissioner Zuba, seconded by Commissioner Cranney, and passed unanimously to adopt the tentative millage rate of .4344 which is 9.87% over rollback for fiscal year 2024-2025. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously accepted.*

8.) Discuss and Adopt the Tentative Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Zuba, and passed unanimously to adopt the tentative budget as presented for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 of \$20,065,940.00. After a roll call vote, it was unanimously accepted.

Good of the Order: Chairman Goodman advised the Final Budget meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th at 5:05pm following the Regular Meeting at 3:00pm.

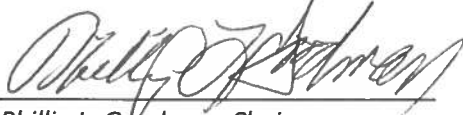
Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Leal
Executive Director

Board of Commissioners
Florida Keys Mosquito Control District



Phillip L. Goodman, Chairman



Bette Brown, Secretary-Treasurer

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