



***Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach***  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**  
**FINAL BUDGET MEETING**

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their final budgeting meeting on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library – FOL Room at 5:30 PM.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Al Hollon – Chairman  
Kitty Switkes – Vice Chairman  
Rick Brown – Treasurer  
Charles Callaghan - absent  
John Cellucci - absent  
Brad Wester  
Michael White

Wayne Flowers – Attorney

Chairman Hollon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. We will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**2023-2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION – CHAIRMAN HOLLON**

Chairman Hollon reported that we are going to cut a check for \$40,000 for the lobbyist and received a retainer agreement. This will be reflected in 2022-2023 fiscal year and only carry forward \$3,000 for the 2023-2024 budget. By doing this we have a reduction in the lobbyist line item in the budget and our cash has decreased so we will lower the millage to the rollback rate of .2464. The contingency reserves are now \$103,132.

Trustee White asked if we could consolidate the sidewalk number to \$300,000 instead of two-line items of \$150,000. Treasurer Brown reported that is fine with him but he does not think we will spend it.

Chairman Hollon made a motion to reduce the millage rate to .2464 which is the rollback rate. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Chairman Hollon made a motion to accept the budget with the sidewalk combined. Treasurer Brown reported that he is not clear on the drainage and why this line item was added and the rational behind that. Chairman Hollon reported that we have an aging infostructure and this was added to help the

county to hire some engineers. Treasurer Brown reported that finding a solution is not the challenge of the MSD, it is to advocate on behalf of the MSD to those who can make the changes. We do not have any authority to make any of these drainage changes. Chairman Hollon reported that if the county does not have any money in their budget, we can help by contributing.

Trustee White reported we have locations failing throughout the MSD but the most effective way to get things done in the shortest amount of time is to help contribute. The county reported that we can prioritize projects in the MSD if you can do some cost sharing for some engineering and studies. Trustee White reported that we would use this money to help move some of our projects up the list.

Treasurer Brown reported that all these projects should be paid for through our property taxes so we are laying on an added layer to subsidies getting things done that should theoretically already be getting done. Trustee White reported that if we took the position that we are only going to advocate for 100% of the county to do these projects, then we are going to be on a mile long list. Trustee White is confident that any amount of funds we can contribute will help prioritize the MSD.

Trustee Wester reported that flooding and drainage is a hot topic and the safety of our residents is a top priority and believes this money is valid to have in the budget.

Attorney Flowers reported that he understands Treasurer Brown's concern since the MSD sends so much money to the county and why are we supplementing but the concept of the MSD that was written in the Charter was to supplement county services.

Chairman Hollon reported that a motion was already made to approve the budget where the total expenditure and reserves are \$1,669,389 and to combine the sidewalk to \$300,000. The motion was seconded and passed 4-1 with Treasurer Brown opposed.

Anthony Richards, Ponte Vedra Recorder came in late and Chairman Hollon explained the new millage rate and budget to him.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and unanimously carried.  
Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary