

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 19, 2025

A Utilities Department Financial Update Meeting was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Tiseo, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Truex. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: Item 1 - Added attachments (2) – Presentation & Appendix Combined Tables.

Requested by: Utilities

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Public Input - None

1. Rate Model Update

(Change #1) Added attachments (2) – Presentation & Appendix Combined Tables.

Richard Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager introduced Murray Hamilton, Raftelis Vice President, gave a brief overview of Recommendations, Next Steps, replied to connection fee analysis, timeframe, flexibility, timing, and June 24, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Hamilton gave a brief overview of Project Milestones, Financial Scenarios Considered, Proposed Water Connection Fees, Proposed Wastewater Connection Fees, Comparison of Capacity Costs, Comparisons of Capital Planning Scenarios, Projected Rate Adjustments - Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 - 2030, Projected Rate Adjustments - FY 2031 - 2035, Can Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) establish different connection fees by benefit zones, What are the pros and cons of creating connection fee zones: Pros, Cons, Can CCU establish different monthly service rates for existing and future customers, responded to bond reserve policies, revenue sufficiency studies, capital planning element changes, and incremental adjustments.

Chair Tiseo discussed new development and monthly bill impacts, cost responsibility, connection fees, 3 million gallons per day (MGD), existing and new rate payers, improvement costs and benefits, plant expansions, housing market, Next Steps, and date flexibility. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Financial Scenarios Considered, inflationary factors, Proposed Water Connection Fees, Projected Rate Adjustments - FY 2026 - 2030, Projected Rate Adjustments - FY 2031 - 2035, Comparisons of Capital Planning Scenarios, savings, water and wastewater rate indexing versus independent indexing, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) service areas, Babcock Ranch, Burnt Store, bond issuance, Can CCU establish different connection fees by benefit zones, East Port, Can Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), current rate payers, expansion cost responsibility, resiliency, capacity, operations and maintenance (O&M), and Recommendations. **Commissioner Deutsch** commented on regional water bill and future development impacts, cost savings, infrastructure, capacity, and Cons. **Commissioner Doherty** spoke to Proposed Water Connection Fees, Proposed Wastewater Connection Fees, May 22, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting, water treatment and water reclamation facilities, plant expansions, 3 MGD, bond issuance financing, advanced wastewater treatment (AWT), repair and replacement (R&R), indexing methodology, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) analysis, Comparisons of Capital Planning Scenarios, Can CCU establish different connection fees by benefit zones, Can CCU establish different monthly service rates for existing and future customers, Impact Fees, East Port, October 7, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting, Recommendations, July 15, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update, flexibility, Next Steps, June 24, 2025 Regular Meeting, and delay impacts. **Commissioner Truex** noted utility impacts, Projected Rate Adjustments - FY 2026 - 2030, Projected Rate Adjustments - FY 2031 - 2035, debt service savings, May 22, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting, Rate Resolution, and Recommendations.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on timing, Rate Resolution, and flexibility.

County Administrator Flores replied to July 15, and October 7, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meetings.

AA. County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Flores discussed Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) - Burnt Store Water Reclamation Facility (WRF).

Dave Watson, Utilities Director remarked on Burnt Store WRF, CMAR contract, July 15, 2025 Utilities Department Quarterly Update, Kimley-Horn, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit modification, estimated construction cost, capacity, connection fees, package plant option, and timeframe.

Chair Tiseo mentioned regulatory agencies, construction time schedules, capacity, compliance, package plant option, and June 18, 2025 PRMRWSA 3C Regional Interconnect Valve Turning Ceremony. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on package plant option.

BB. County Attorney Comments - None

CC. Commissioner Comments

Chair Tiseo noted farmers market locations and June 19, 2025 Focus Area Workshop – Efficient and Effective Government. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to National Association of Counties (NACo) 2025 Achievement Awards, staff efforts, farmers market zoning locations, residential estates, and churches. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Harbour Heights.

County Administrator Flores responded to farmers market locations and NACo 2025 Digital Counties Survey Award.

ADJOURNED: 10:28 am

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chair

DATE ADOPTED: _____

ATTEST:

**ROGER D. EATON, CLERK
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND
EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk