

Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Special Districts
Tuesday, August 4, 2026
9:30 AM
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870

DISTRICTS LIST

AVON PARK ESTATES S. B. D.
ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES S. B. D.
HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES S. B. D.
PLACID LAKES S.B.D. HIGHWAY PARK S. B. D.
RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
LAKE HAVEN ESTATES S. B. D.
SEBRING ACRES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES S. B. D.
SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM UNIT 12 S. B. D.
SEBRING HILLS S. B. D.
COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICT
THUNDERBIRD ROAD WASTEWATER S. B. D.
ISTOKPOGA MARSH WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SUN 'N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT
OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT

- 1. Meeting Called to Order: Invitation to fill out "Comments by the Public" forms**
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- 2. Public Comment**

- 3. Consent Agenda**

- A. Request adoption of Resolution 25-26-149 for Budget Amendment 25-26-104 to appropriate funds for IMWID's public notice advertising and postage (\$3,652.13).

Rosa Morales, Budget Analyst II/NAV

The fiscal impact is an increase to Fund 109 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District) in the amount of \$3,652.13 which is being appropriated in cost center 7989 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District), accounts 54100 (Postage) and 54900 (Other Charges/Obligations) in the amounts of \$434.23 and \$3,217.90, respectively.

- B. Request approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2026, Meeting of the Special Districts.

Pamela Gamez, Official Records Director

No fiscal impact.

- 4. Public Hearing**

- A. Public Hearing to consider

A. adoption of Final Resolution 25-26-159 to impose the tentative millage rate for the agriculturally classified properties within the Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District and

B. adoption of Final Resolution 25-26-160 to impose an annual Non-Ad Valorem assessment on non-agriculturally classified properties within the Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District.

Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director

The fiscal impact for the maximum millage rate of 10 will be an increase to Fund 109 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District) of approximately \$8,653 if assessment is set at the Non-Ad Valorem requested rate of \$14.07 for FY 2026-2027 and an increase to Fund 109 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District) of approximately \$248,379 for the Ad Valorem portion if the tentative millage rate of 10.0000 is set for FY 2026-2027.

5. Action Agenda

- A. Request to Certify the Maximum Millage for Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District for FY26/27.

David Nitz, OMB Manager

Ad Valorem revenue is projected to comprise 97.35% of the total projected IMWID revenues in FY 26/27. Failure to certify millage would put those revenues at risk.

6. Adjourn

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A person desiring to provide public comment related to an item on the Consent Agenda of this meeting, must fill out a Speaker Card and submit the same to the County Administrator or Chairperson by 8:50 a.m. All Speaker Cards received after 8:50am, will be called during the regular Public Comment.