

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333**

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Savannah Shell called the roll and a quorum was declared present.

Present: George Roberts, Chair; Jerry Pate, Vice Chair; Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer; John Alter; Gus Andrews; Ted Everett; Kellie Ralston; Anna Upton

Absent: None.

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Changes to the Agenda

Item 5. I. was withdrawn from the agenda.

5. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:

MOTIONED BY NICK PATRONIS, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE ITEMS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, AND J IN THE CONSENT AGENDA CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW AND OTHER ACTIONS AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

A. Approval of the Minutes for July 9, 2025

Approve the Minutes for July 9, 2025, Governing Board meeting.

B. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of June 2025

Approve the Financial Reports for the Month of June 2025.

C. Consideration of Resolution No. 955 Committing Fiscal Year 2024-25 Fund Balances as Required by GASB Statement No. 54

Approve and adopt Resolution No. 955 Committing Fund Balances from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

D. Request for Release of Fiscal Year 2025-26 State Appropriations and Authorization to Enter into Related Agreements

Approve and adopt Resolution No. 956 to request the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to release funds from the State of Florida's Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Appropriations Act to the Northwest Florida Water Management District from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund in an amount up to \$12,132,231 and from General Revenue in an amount up to \$8,405,947, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements or amendments with DEP for these funds.

E. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Information Technology Spending Authority

Approve the following procurements for FY 2025-2026, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2025-2026 budget.

- Department of Management Services competitively procured purchase of Internet access, telephony circuits, and security services for District headquarters, field offices, and connections to other water management districts, not to exceed \$295,000.
- Sole source purchase of annual support and licensing for Munis, not to exceed \$295,000.
- Sole source purchase of Geographic Information Systems ARC GIS and ARC Online licensing, training, support, and consulting from Environmental Systems Research Institute, not to exceed \$200,000.
- Sole source purchase of Aquarius Time-Series, Hydrometric Workstation, Server, WebPortal, Connect, Samples, Database Migration, Cloud Hosting and Support and Maintenance from Aquatic Informatics Inc., not to exceed \$170,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of Microsoft licensing for Microsoft Server and Workstation operating systems and software, SQL Database Server, SharePoint Server, and Office 365 for Microsoft through an approved partner, not to exceed \$205,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of D3 Air & Space Operations for IT/GIS Staff Augmentation and Cross Platform Integration Services, not to exceed \$145,000.
- State of Florida contract purchase of Cohesity Dataprotect Security Management licensing and support for cloud-based data security, retention, recovery through an approved partner, not to exceed \$245,000.

F. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Delegation of Spending Authority for Vehicles

Approve and provide the Executive Director with spending authority in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for vehicle purchases through the State of Florida and/or Florida Sheriff's Association contract for three pickups in FY 2025-2026, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2025-2026 budget.

G. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Delegation of Spending Authority for Prescribed Burning and Vegetation Management Services

Approve and authorize the Executive Director to issue individual or cumulative task orders that exceed the delegated spending authority to Attack-One Fire Management Services, Inc., B&B Dugger, Inc., and Wildlands Service, Inc. to facilitate prescribed burning and vegetation management services during Fiscal Year 2025-2026, subject to Governing Board approval of the FY 2025-2026 budget and legal counsel review.

H. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Contractual Services and Operating Capital Outlay to Support the Regional Mitigation Program

Authorize the Executive Director to Issue individual or cumulative task orders or purchase orders that exceed the delegated spending authority to facilitate contracted services to support the District's Regional Mitigation Program up to an amount not to exceed \$1,235,500 for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and approve the purchase of a low ground pressure amphibious machine and attachments to support the District's Mitigation Program up to an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, subject to approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

~~I. Consideration of FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026~~

J. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Contractual Services to Support Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels

Authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts and task orders for up to \$964,000 for contractual services to support the development of minimum flows and minimum water levels in FY 2025-26, contingent upon approval of the District's FY 2025-26 budget and legal counsel review.

6. Annual Regulatory Plan

Informational purposes only.

7. Legal Counsel Report

Breck Brannen provided a status update on the lawsuit listed below.

Northwest Florida Water Management District v. Kenneth Sadler and Mildred Sadler, husband and wife

8. Executive Director Report

Meeting was adjourned at 109 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Financial Report
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances
For Month Ending July 31, 2025

Balance Forward - Operating Funds	\$	38,935,894.94
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Operating Funds Received in current month:

Revenue Receipts, Current	\$	210,552.36	
Contracts Receivable		1,058,147.24	
Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments		132,500.55	
Transfers from Lands Accounts		0.00	
Total Deposits during month		1,401,200.15	

Total Deposits and Balance Forward	\$	40,337,095.09
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Disbursements:

Employee Salaries		519,806.32	
Employee Benefits		285,077.96	
Employee Flexible Spending Account		0.00	
Contractual Services (Professional)		1,319,536.37	
Operating Expenses - Services		121,037.74	
Operating Expenses - Commodities		133,424.01	
Operating Capital Outlay		57,621.94	
Grants and Aids		543,040.37	
Total Operating Expenses during month		2,979,544.71	
Payables, Prior Year		0.00	
Other Disbursements or (Credits)		52,604.39	
Total Funds Disbursed by check during month		3,032,149.10	
Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, AMEX fees, etc.)		0.00	
Transfer to Land Acquisition Account		0.00	

Total Funds Disbursed		3,032,149.10
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Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end	\$	37,304,945.99
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Operating Depositories:

Petty Cash Fund		250.25	
General Fund Checking		1,909,238.80	
Payroll Account		6,036.80	
Passthrough (EFT) Account		367.11	
Investment Accounts @ 4.46%			
General Fund		15,225,439.87	
Lands Fee Fund		3,540,124.57	
Ecosystem TF		197.79	
Water Prot. & Sust. Program TF		300.16	
Okaloosa Regional Reuse		105,341.82	
Mitigation Fund		16,517,648.82	

Total Operating Depositories at month end	\$	37,304,945.99
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For Month Ending July 31, 2025

Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 4.46%	\$ 202,946.86	
Total Land Acquisition Funds		202,946.86

Restricted Management Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration Phipps Land Management Account @ 4.46%	45,642.98	
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Fla. Board of Administration Cypress Springs R&M Account @ 4.46%	<u>883,168.53</u>	
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Total Restricted Land Management Funds		<u>928,811.51</u>
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Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds		<u>1,131,758.37</u>
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TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END		<u><u>\$ 1,131,758.37</u></u>
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Approved: _____
Chairman or Executive Director

Date: _____ September 10, 2025

Northwest Florida Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Period ending July 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 7/31/2025	Variance (under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 4,025,000	\$ 3,923,965	\$ (101,035)	97%
Intergovernmental Revenues	102,271,467	18,112,454	(84,159,013)	18%
Interest on Invested Funds	96,250	1,282,552	1,186,302	1333%
License and Permit Fees	655,000	521,591	(133,409)	80%
Other	1,159,363	408,089	(751,274)	35%
Fund Balance	35,461,298		(35,461,298)	0%
Total Sources	\$ 143,668,378	\$ 24,248,650	\$ (119,419,728)	17%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ¹	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ²
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 9,213,763	\$ 4,962,662	\$ 1,632,747	\$ 2,618,354	54%	72%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	85,845,195	11,655,694	21,271,298	52,918,203	14%	38%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	10,462,419	7,165,628	855,332	2,441,459	68%	77%
Regulation	4,833,522	3,126,426	182,562	1,524,535	65%	68%
Outreach	165,926	121,678	150	44,099	73%	73%
Management and Administration	3,149,707	2,079,138	59,274	1,011,294	66%	68%
Total Uses	\$ 113,670,532	\$ 29,111,226	\$ 24,001,363	\$ 60,557,943	26%	47%
Reserves	29,997,846			29,997,846	0%	0%
Total Uses and Reserves	\$ 143,668,378	\$ 29,111,226	\$ 24,001,363	\$ 90,555,789	20%	37%

¹ Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders.

² Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This unaudited financial statement is prepared as of July 31, 2025, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
JULY 2025

RETIREMENT	07/01/2025	\$	102,927.71
CHECKS	07/02/2025		49,112.20
CHECKS	07/02/2025		75,593.07
ACH TRANSFER	07/02/2025		544,016.65
DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS	07/02/2025		82,650.17
VOIDED CHECKS	07/02/2025		-79,580.15
CHECKS	07/11/2025		53,197.06
ACH TRANSFERS	07/11/2025		93,973.67
VOIDED CHECKS	07/11/2025		-10,035.00
CHECKS	07/18/2025		356,753.30
ACH TRANSFERS	07/18/2025		736,001.76
DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS	07/18/2025		13,569.67
VOIDED CHECKS	07/22/2025		-10,640.00
CHECKS	07/25/2025		18,479.45
ACH TRANSFERS	07/25/2025		468,250.01
DIRECT DISBURSMENTS	07/25/2025		1,270.00

\$ 2,495,539.57

Chairman or Executive Director

September 10, 2025
Date

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
2905	ALTHA FARMERS COOPERATIVE	7/2/2025	10,780.00	BOUNDARY FENCE SUPPLIES
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/2/2025	765.36	BCBS MEDICARE
4227	CHARLES GARNER	7/2/2025	2,425.00	CULVERT INSTALLATION AND REPAIR ROLLING PINES RD
4227	CHARLES GARNER	7/2/2025	1,875.00	WILLIFORD SPRING ENTRANCE GATE PAINT
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	7/2/2025	291.00	BOTTLED WATER FOR EFO
4748	EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	7/2/2025	24.85	WATER MILTON OFFICE
422	ESCAMBIA CO. TAX COLLECTOR	7/2/2025	181.00	POSTAGE
5348	FLORIDA COAST EQUIPMENT INC.	7/2/2025	21,314.31	KABOTA UTV FOR CENTRAL REGION LAND MANAGEMENT
666	JEFFERSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/2/2025	215.07	4TH QTR FY 24-25
277	LIBERTY CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/2/2025	200.48	4TH QTR FY 24-25
5788	PAUL'S TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL	7/2/2025	350.00	REMOVAL OF YELLOW JACKET NEST AT PHIPPS
3713	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	7/2/2025	10,260.99	LIFE, DENTAL VISION STD INSUR
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	7/2/2025	429.14	DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE AND CANOE LAUNCH
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 49,112.20	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	7/2/2025	8,125.00	DFO LEASE AGREEMENT - CONTRACT PO
5340	APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, INC.	7/2/2025	69,493.00	ANALYSIS OF FRESHWATER & ESTUA
3638	B & B DUGGER, INC	7/2/2025	108,000.00	AGREEMENT FOR PRESCRIBED BURNI
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	7/2/2025	88,392.20	CHP MEDICAL
771	CITY OF MARIANNA	7/2/2025	161,710.74	TARA ESTATES SEWER PROJECT
2241	DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	7/2/2025	53,530.00	JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT-0022
45	DMS	7/2/2025	15.02	AIRCARDS AND HOTSPOTS
45	DMS	7/2/2025	8.34	CONFERENCE CALLS
45	DMS	7/2/2025	8,299.94	DEFUNIAK ETHERNET AND LONG DISTANCE
45	DMS	7/2/2025	652.71	DEFUNIAK LOCAL (WEST FL TELEPHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/2/2025	12,773.20	HEADQUARTERS ETHERNET
45	DMS	7/2/2025	1,487.66	HEADQUARTERS LOCAL (PANAMA CITY PHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/2/2025	89.96	MILTON LOCAL (GULF BREEZE TELEPHONE SVC)
45	DMS	7/2/2025	0.13	MILTON LONG DISTANCE
2453	ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/2/2025	3,193.33	4TH QTR FY 24-25
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	7/2/2025	5,815.10	LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY O
4961	PETER FOLLAND	7/2/2025	126.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4961	PETER FOLLAND	7/2/2025	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5925	IAN WATERS	7/2/2025	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
76	LEON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/2/2025	2,176.92	4TH QTR FY 24-25
5802	MURPHY CASSIDY DIESEL REPAIRS	7/2/2025	157.60	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/2/2025	1,451.52	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
5947	PREVENTIA SECURITY LLC	7/2/2025	75.00	DEFUNIAK OFFICE FIRE/ALARM
1180	PRIDE ENTERPRISES	7/2/2025	4,309.88	REC SITE SUPPLIES
4091	THE SHOE BOX	7/2/2025	515.40	UNIFORM ORDER FOR SEAN, JUSTIN A, JUSTIN M - LANDS
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	7/2/2025	142.80	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	7/2/2025	13,219.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY ON DI
TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 544,016.65	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/2/2025	2,073.25	BCBS RETIREE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/2/2025	996.77	BCBS RETIREE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/2/2025	79,580.15	BCBS MEDICAL
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 82,650.17	
TOTAL AP			\$ 675,779.02	
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	7/2/2025	75,593.07	BCBS MEDICAL
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENT			\$ 75,593.07	
TOTAL AP			\$ 75,593.07	
95	AT&T	7/11/2025	37.75	TABLET FOR YAMILA
6168	COASTLINE SOLUTIONS INC	7/11/2025	10,000.00	RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND - 20-060
5900	FLOYD W NELSON	7/11/2025	2,520.00	REC SITE MAINTENANCE
5900	FLOYD W NELSON	7/11/2025	2,520.00	REC SITE MAINTENANCE
5900	FLOYD W NELSON	7/11/2025	2,520.00	REC SITE MAINTENANCE
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	7/11/2025	624.46	DEFUNIAK ELECTRIC
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	7/11/2025	2,114.25	HQ SECURITY MONITORING AND MAI
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	7/11/2025	115.42	RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ VEHICLES
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	7/11/2025	115.42	RUNNING PO FOR MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ VEHICLES
6152	LARRY BRADBERRY JR	7/11/2025	3,905.00	MOWING EQUIPMENT UTILITY TRAILER
5179	BERKMAN LLC	7/11/2025	4,800.00	LEXTREE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
288	OKALOOSA CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/11/2025	1,717.53	4TH QTR FY 24-25
5933	ROGERS BROTHERS LAND CLEARING LLC	7/11/2025	14,711.13	CHIPOLA RIVER WMA ROAD AND TRAIL R&M
5933	ROGERS BROTHERS LAND CLEARING LLC	7/11/2025	1,165.08	EROSION CONTROL MATERIALS AT ST. ANDREWS
6167	RONALD MONK	7/11/2025	1,000.00	GRANT OF ACCESS LICENCE ACROSS LAND
5855	WASTE AWAY GROUP INC	7/11/2025	248.02	DUMPSTER SERVICES FOR COTTON LANDING - CHOCTAW
5015	WESTON TRAWICK, INC.	7/11/2025	155.00	RUNNING PO FOR ELECTRICAL REPAIRS FOR HQ, NOT TO E
5081	WILLIAMS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	7/11/2025	1,140.00	GPS INSTALL INTO WMD-97192
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	487.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	479.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	289.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	380.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE

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5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	190.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
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5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	200.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
5060	XTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	7/11/2025	225.00	RENTAL & SERVICE FOR PORTABLE
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 53,197.06	
2417	BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.	7/11/2025	2,446.19	JD 650 DOZER REPAIRS
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	7/11/2025	2,071.12	AUTOCAD FOR RMD
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	7/11/2025	332.10	TOUGHBOOK ORDER FOR LAB
5729	CHIPOLA FORESTRY SERVICES LLC	7/11/2025	10,000.00	RETUN OF PERFORMANCE BOND 20-070
6148	DOODIE CALLS LLC	7/11/2025	305.00	PORTABLE ADA TOILET FOR PHIPPS PARK
3002	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	7/11/2025	743.54	OFFSITE DATA STORAGE
3603	JIM STIDHAM & ASSOCIATES, INC.	7/11/2025	36,000.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5368	KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.	7/11/2025	12,460.00	SERVICE FOR PORTABLE TOILETS-C
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/11/2025	1,421.28	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
3185	YAMILA POSEY	7/11/2025	253.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4091	THE SHOE BOX	7/11/2025	193.55	RMD UNIFORM ORDER
5700	JOSH TATUM	7/11/2025	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	7/11/2025	4,481.90	RECREATION SITE CLEAN UP AND M
6086	TOTAL CLEANING OF NWFL LLC	7/11/2025	480.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES EFO
6166	TUCKER STOKES	7/11/2025	52.99	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SAFETY BOOTS - YEARLY
3790	WILDLANDS SERVICE, INC.	7/11/2025	21,594.00	PRESCRIBED BURNING & VEGETATIO
6075	WILLIAM CAMPBELL PAYNE	7/11/2025	1,029.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 93,973.67	
TOTAL AP			\$ 147,170.73	
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	482.38	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	997.44	JUNE 2025 ONLINE ACCESS
5954	BLU RIPPLE INC	7/18/2025	2,363.14	REPLACEMENT STEPS ECONFINA CANOE LAUNCH
6163	COTTAGES AT 393 SOUTH INC	7/18/2025	100.00	REFUND 322128-1 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT, NEED CHECK
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	7/18/2025	576.00	BOTTLED WATER FOR EFO
5407	CYPRESS ENVIRONMENTAL	7/18/2025	70.00	REFUND 295800-3 ERP PERMIT OVERPAYMENT, NEED CHECK
6165	DB PALMETTO CROSSING	7/18/2025	3,500.00	REFUND 322363-1 ERP PERMIT OVERPMT - NEED CHECK
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	7/18/2025	300.00	UPLAND AGENCY FEE FY 2024-25
6150	DESCHAMPS MATS SYSTEMS INC	7/18/2025	31,235.00	BOAT RAMP REPAIR MATTING MATERIAL
422	ESCAMBIA CO. TAX COLLECTOR	7/18/2025	13,212.35	2024 COMMISSIONS
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	7/18/2025	30.94	LEGAL ADS FOR GOVERNING BOARD
5900	FLOYD W NELSON	7/18/2025	2,520.00	REC SITE MAINTENANCE
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	7/18/2025	427.38	ELECTRIC MILTON OFFICE
6164	GREENPOINT AG HOLDINGS INC	7/18/2025	5,050.00	HERBICIDE FOR VEGETATION CONTROL
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	185.89	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	223.75	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	234.94	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	96.54	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	161.54	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	150.31	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	136.24	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	135.62	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	18.12	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	103.25	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	7/18/2025	97.80	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE R&M
6074	L MCARTHUR COMPANY	7/18/2025	3,942.50	HERBICIDE
5965	NIC SERVICES	7/18/2025	364.21	ONLINE PAYMENT CHARGES
5141	PACE WATER SYSTEM, INC.	7/18/2025	281,580.00	PACE WATER SYSTEM-CHUMUCKLA HI
5788	PAUL'S TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL	7/18/2025	40.00	RUNNING PO FOR PEST CONTROL AROUND HQ
4068	RING POWER CORPORATION	7/18/2025	1,476.93	ANNUAL MAINT FOR HQ SERVER GENERATOR
6068	SAM GONZALEZ	7/18/2025	35.00	WELLS REFUND WITHDRAWN LA-C-315254-1
5764	SOUTHERN CLEANING SUPPLY LLC	7/18/2025	555.60	REC SITE AND OFFICE RESTROOM SUPPLIES
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/18/2025	331.44	WATER SEWER HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/18/2025	88.50	SECURITY LIGHTS HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	7/18/2025	3,820.53	ELECTRIC HQ
3711	US POSTAL SERVICE-HASLER	7/18/2025	2,000.00	REPLENISH HEADQUARTERS POSTAGE METER
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	7/18/2025	109.96	800 NUMBERS AND LONG DISTANCE
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 356,753.30	
5340	APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, INC.	7/18/2025	83,412.41	ANALYSIS OF FRESHWATER & ESTUA
5589	ASSETWORKS USA, INC	7/18/2025	9,010.95	FIXED ASSET SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
325	BAY CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/18/2025	2,100.49	4TH QTR FY 24-25
2417	BEARD EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.	7/18/2025	2,442.36	R&M ON JOHN DEERE 5115 FARM TRACTOR
4845	CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	7/18/2025	3,033.36	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
5729	CHIPOLA FORESTRY SERVICES LLC	7/18/2025	10,000.00	RETUN OF PERFORMANCE BOND 20-070
3405	JOHN B. CROWE	7/18/2025	185.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	7/18/2025	30,000.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR RISK
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	7/18/2025	16,000.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR RISK
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	7/18/2025	326,000.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR RISK
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	7/18/2025	44,329.00	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FOR RISK
5749	DUMPSTER SERVICES LLC	7/18/2025	750.00	WASHED FILL SAND COTTON CANOE LAUNCH
5749	DUMPSTER SERVICES LLC	7/18/2025	550.00	ROLL OFF CONTAINERS AND FILL DIRT
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	7/18/2025	2,162.50	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR HQ
3337	FORESTECH CONSULTING	7/18/2025	6,620.00	LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE
3337	FORESTECH CONSULTING	7/18/2025	400.00	LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	7/18/2025	837.00	PHONE SYSTEM MAINTANANCE CONTRACT 07-037
3603	JIM STIDHAM & ASSOCIATES, INC.	7/18/2025	12,418.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
2293	LANE'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, INC	7/18/2025	238.86	GRASSHOPPER MOWER PARTS
5752	MARCUS BISHOP FARMS LLC	7/18/2025	99,749.63	AG COST-SHARE CONSERVATION EQU

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/18/2025	967.68	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
5703	OTT HYDROMET CORPORATION	7/18/2025	11,829.78	REPLACEMENT LOGGERS AND ACCESSORIES
2663	PATIENTS FIRST LAKE ELLA MEDICAL CENTER, P.A.	7/18/2025	98.00	LABORATORY TESTING
6080	ROBERT STEELE	7/18/2025	115.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3213	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	7/18/2025	36,391.45	COHESITY DR REPLICATION IMPLEMENTATION
3213	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	7/18/2025	34,413.20	COHESITY DR REPLICATION IMPLEMENTATION
3213	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	7/18/2025	1,673.90	MICROSOFT PRODUCTS - RDS-10, POWER BI/AUTOMATE-5
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	7/18/2025	206.55	OFFICE SUPPLIES
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	7/18/2025	66.64	OFFICE SUPPLIES

TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 736,001.76

2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	6,948.14	JUNE 2025 P-CARD CHARGES
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	24.99	TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	24.99	PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	(73.38)	CREDIT MEMO PO 250522
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	180.39	LAB/OFFICE SUPPLIES - AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	1,223.64	WINDOWS VPS FOR XCONNECT SITE
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	56.97	BUSINESS CARDS-VISTA PRINT
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	525.84	AMAZON ORDER FOR IT RELATED ITEMS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	837.90	CEILING FANS FOR HQ BOARDROOM
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	229.99	OFFICE CHAIR
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	2,138.91	OFFICE CHAIRS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	152.93	REG FIELD SUPPLIES-AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	127.03	AMAZON - LAB SUPPLIES
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	106.03	SAFETY BOOTS FOR ERIC TOOLE
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	7/18/2025	315.30	AC FILTERS FOR HQ AMAZON ORDER
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	320.00	REFUND 319066-1 ERP PERMIT WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	50.00	214959090 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT# 324847-1
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	50.00	217646018 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT# 323363-1
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	30.00	218158242 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT #325223-1
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	250.00	REFUND 325149-1 ERP PERMIT WITHDRAWN
5944	REFUND NIC	7/18/2025	50.00	217475018 - REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT#325154-1

TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 13,569.67

TOTAL AP

\$ 1,106,324.73

5870	AEM ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, LLC	7/25/2025	167.97	BATTERY FOR WMD-96270
5768	ALFORD BROTHERS INC	7/25/2025	97.85	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5768	ALFORD BROTHERS INC	7/25/2025	94.85	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5729	CHIPOLA FORESTRY SERVICES LLC	7/25/2025	10,000.00	RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND 20-070
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	7/25/2025	88.13	DUMPSTER SERVICE
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	7/25/2025	46.64	SEWER MILTON OFFICE

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

VENDOR	NAME	CHECK DATE	INVOICE NET	INVOICE DESCRIPTION
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	7/25/2025	49.75	LAKESHORE AND I10
6169	DESIGN AND ENGINEERING INC	7/25/2025	70.00	REFUND 304717-7 ERP OVERPMT - NEEDS CHECK
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/25/2025	498.62	1ST QTR FY 24-25
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/25/2025	498.62	2ND QTR FY 24-25
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/25/2025	498.62	3RD QTR FY 24-25
349	GADSDEN COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/25/2025	498.62	4TH QTR FY 24-25
5990	GREEN GRASS FARMS LLC	7/25/2025	540.00	SOD FOR WILLIFORD SPRING
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,INC	7/25/2025	509.52	ELECTRIC SERVICE EFO
63	NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS	7/25/2025	124.50	LEGAL AD - WATER USE PERMITTING
75	WALTON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	7/25/2025	4,615.76	4TH QTR FY 24-25
5939	WINGATE'S AIR CONDITIONING INC	7/25/2025	80.00	SERVER ROOM AC REPAIR AT MFO
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 18,479.45	
4522	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	7/25/2025	172,660.00	TECHINCAL SERVICES
4522	AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	7/25/2025	222,130.00	TECHINCAL SERVICES
3113	RAY GLASS' BATTERIES, INC.	7/25/2025	899.90	12V 35AH AGM GROUP U1 BATTERY.
4807	WEX BANK	7/25/2025	1,197.00	WEX GPS TRACKING
4807	WEX BANK	7/25/2025	13,244.65	JUNE 2025 FUEL AND SERVICE CHARGES
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	7/25/2025	26,941.99	COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT SAND HI
5925	IAN WATERS	7/25/2025	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
6065	OFF DUTY MANAGEMENT INC	7/25/2025	1,451.52	SECURITY SERVICES FOR ECONFINA CREEK WMA REC AREAS
3813	PENNINGTON, P.A.	7/25/2025	16,937.35	JUNE 2025 LEGAL COUNSEL
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	7/25/2025	100.00	COBRA ADMINISTRATION
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	7/25/2025	12,541.60	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY ON DI
TOTAL ACH DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 468,250.01	
5944	REFUND NIC	7/25/2025	1,000.00	REFUND WUP PERMIT 318728-1 OVERPAYMENT
5944	REFUND NIC	7/25/2025	70.00	REFUND 316127-2 ERP PERMIT OVERPMT
5944	REFUND NIC	7/25/2025	100.00	REFUND 320329-2 ERP PERMIT OVERPMT
5944	REFUND NIC	7/25/2025	100.00	REFUND 322371-1 ERP PERMIT OVERPMT
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 1,270.00	
TOTAL AP			\$ 487,999.46	

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS
PAYROLL
JULY 2025

DIRECT DEPOSIT	07/11/2025	\$	257,019.84
CHECKS	07/11/2025		2,527.93
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	07/11/2025		1,744.16
DIRECT DEPOSIT	07/25/2025		268,649.58
CHECKS	07/25/2025		5,223.86
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	07/26/2024		1,444.16

\$ 536,609.53

APPROVED:

Chairman or Executive Director

September 10, 2025

Date

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

FROM: Benjamin Faure, Bureau Chief, Land Management Operations

DATE: September 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of ITB 25B-009 for Central Region Recreation Site Cleanup and Maintenance Services

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the lowest bid received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 25B-009 for Central Region Recreation Site Cleanup and Maintenance Services, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-year agreement with MD of the Emerald Coast, in an amount up to \$198,177.75, subject to annual budget approval and legal counsel review.

Background

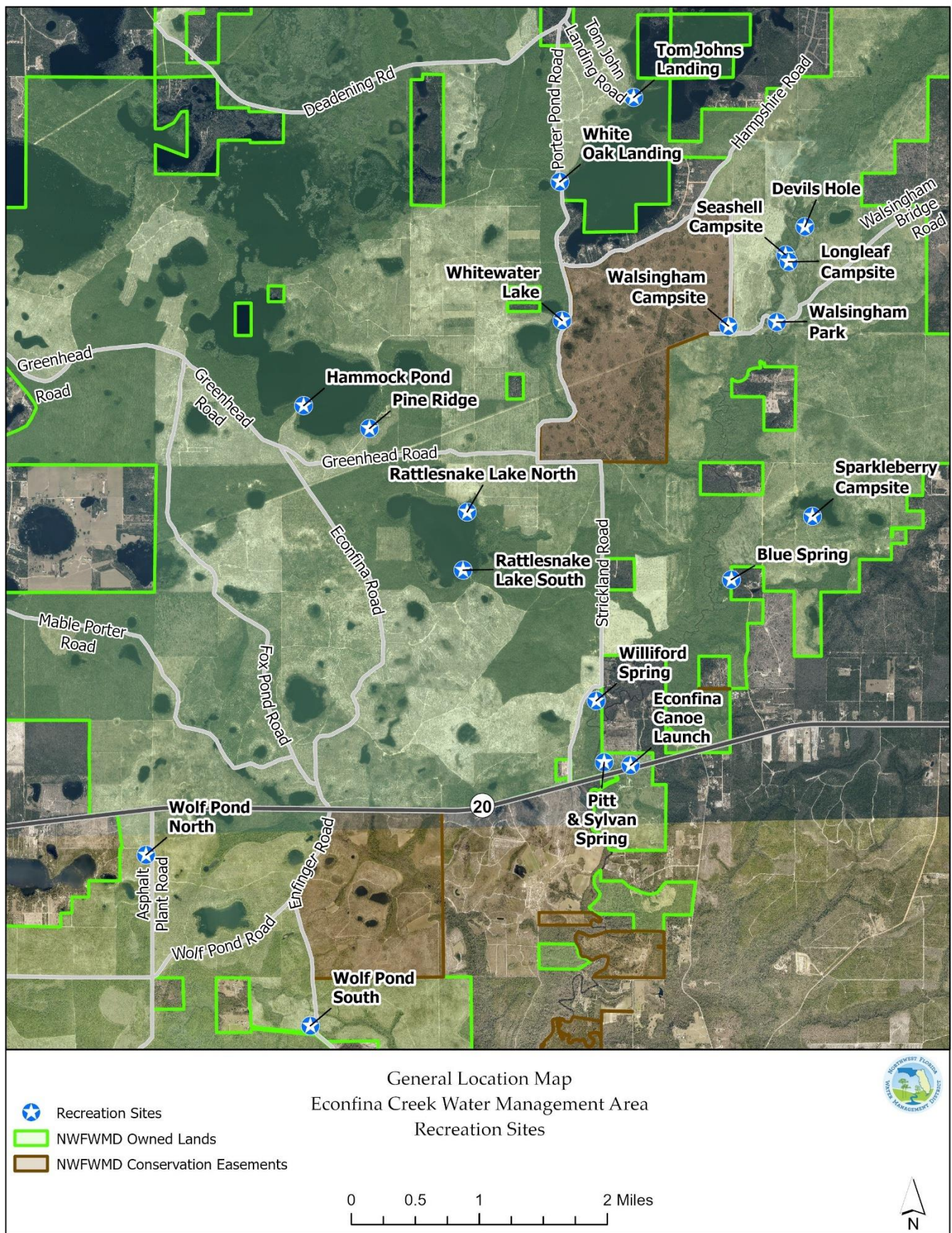
On July 30, 2025, the District issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) 25B-009 to conduct recreation site cleanup and maintenance services at 24 Recreation Sites within the Econfina Creek and Choctawhatchee River Water Management Areas in Bay and Washington counties. These services include, but are not limited to, emptying trash cans, collection of trash and limbs throughout the recreation sites and public use areas, cleaning of grills and fire circles, and blowing off pavilions and other use areas. The Spring and Summer Season Schedule includes services 4 days per week (Friday through Monday), and the Fall and Winter Season Schedule includes services 2 days per week (Saturday and Sunday).

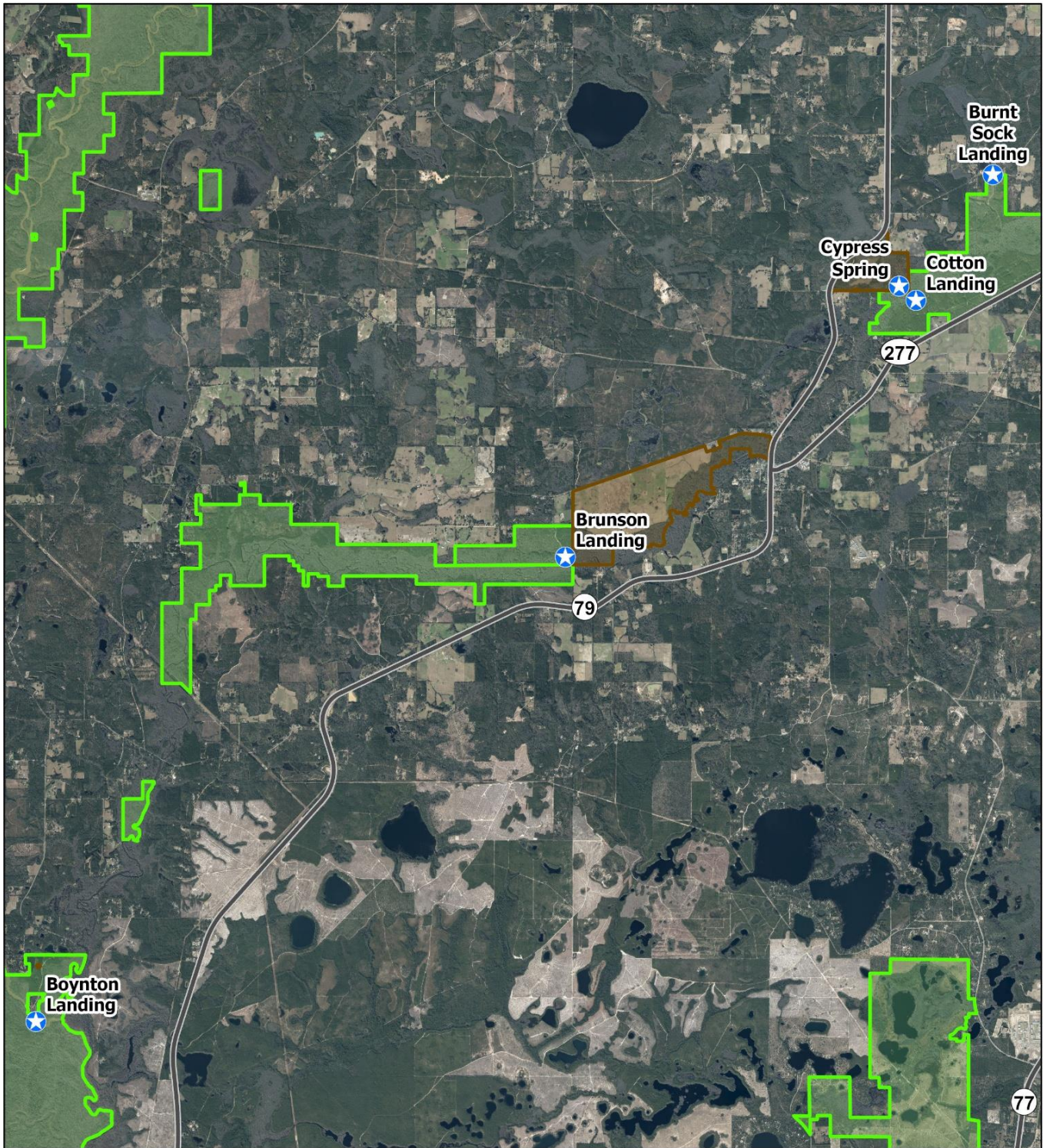
The bid was advertised on the My Florida Market Place Vendor Information Portal, the District website, DemandStar, and the Florida Administrative Register. Notices were also sent to all companies who previously expressed an interest in recreation site maintenance services.

The ITB requested a Daily Rate/Bid Price to be utilized for the three-year contract term for each seasonal period. On August 28, 2025, the District received 11 sealed bids for Recreation Site Cleanup and Maintenance Services at the bid prices contained in Table 1.

Table 1 – Bids Submitted – ITB 25B-009

COMPANY	SEASON	BID PRICE/DAILY RATE	# OF SERVICE DAYS IN 3 YEAR TERM	TOTAL BID	GRAND TOTAL LUMP SUM BID (3 YEAR TERM)
Certus Builders, Inc.	Spring/Summer	\$498.75	312	\$155,610.00	\$233,415.00
	Fall/Winter	\$498.75	156	\$77,805.00	
Detailed Lawnsapes, LLC	Spring/Summer	\$850.00	312	\$265,200.00	\$343,200.00
	Fall/Winter	\$500.00	156	\$78,000.00	
DJK Ag Services, Inc.	Spring/Summer	\$1,450.00	312	\$452,400.00	\$618,600.00
	Fall/Winter	\$1,450.00	156	\$226,200.00	
J&B Construction Services	Spring/Summer	\$758.01	312	\$236,499.12	\$359,475.48
	Fall/Winter	\$788.31	156	\$122,976.36	
Kountry Rental NWF, Inc.	Spring/Summer	\$993.58	312	\$309,996.96	\$464,995.44
	Fall/Winter	\$993.58	156	\$154,998.48	
MD of the Emerald Coast	Spring/Summer	\$412.26	312	\$128,626.71	\$198,177.75
	Fall/Winter	\$445.84	156	\$69,551.04	
Mainstreet Property Services, Inc.	Spring/Summer	\$520.00	312	\$162,240.00	\$243,360.00
	Fall/Winter	\$520.00	156	\$81,120.00	
MomShe's Cleaners, LLC	Spring/Summer	\$2,998.00	312	\$935,376.00	\$1,442,064.00
	Fall/Winter	\$3,248.00	156	\$506,688.00	
Morales Good Work Services, LLC	Spring/Summer	\$830.00	312	\$258,960.00	\$372,840.00
	Fall/Winter	\$730.00	156	\$113,880.00	
Thriving Lawn & Landscape	Spring/Summer	No Bid	312	N/A	Non-Responsive Bid
	Fall/Winter	No Bid	156	N/A	
Total Cleaning of NWFL	Spring/Summer	\$625.00	312	\$195,000.00	\$292,500.00
	Fall/Winter	\$625.00	156	\$97,500	





General Location Map
Choctawhatchee River / Holmes Creek
Water Management Area
Recreation Sites

-  Recreation Sites
-  NFWMD Owned Lands
-  NFWMD Conservation Easements

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles



NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Kathleen Coates, Director, Division of Resource Management

FROM: Paul Thurman, Chief, Bureau of Resource Evaluation

DATE: August 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Joint Funding Agreement with the USGS for Streamflow Monitoring in FY 2025-26

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for continued monitoring at up to seven streamflow monitoring stations and the Spring Creek Spring Group at a not to exceed cost of \$68,140 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, subject to legal counsel review.

Discussion

The Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) has participated in a cooperative water resource investigation program with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the past 48 years. All five water management districts contract with the USGS for data collection services. Of the five districts, the NFWFMD cooperative program continues to have the lowest number of stations and the lowest cost.

The program provides valuable water resource information and enables the District to maintain cooperating agency status with the USGS. This provides the District access to USGS maps, records, reports, computer databases/applications, and training. This agreement provides funding for the USGS to operate and maintain stations on the Apalachicola River and Yellow River in addition to the Spring Creek Spring Group. Data collected includes continuous stage and discharge at the Apalachicola River and Yellow River stations. At the Spring Creek Group, stage, salinity and temperature are monitored. Data is updated in real-time and available on the USGS website. All data is used for resource monitoring, flood warning, and hydrologic evaluations. Previous versions of the JFA have included monitoring at Telogia Creek, Juniper Creek, Wakulla River, Lost Creek, and the USGS Benchmark Well. This JFA was reduced for this fiscal year in response to staffing changes at the federal level.

The joint funding agreement includes up to \$68,140 in District funding and \$38,910 in USGS matching funds. Funding for this data collection work is included in the District's FY 2025-26 budget.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

FROM: Robert Steele, Sr. Asset Management Administrator

DATE: August 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Report on Properties Reviewed by Land Management Review Teams

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board accept this memo and the available report on the West Region Land Management Plan Reviews as the report on land management review team findings for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Background

The District is required by Section 373.591, Florida Statutes, to establish Land Management Review Teams that conduct periodic reviews to determine whether conservation, preservation, and recreation lands titled in the name of the District are being managed for the purpose for which they were acquired and in accordance with land management objectives. By October 1 of each year, the District is required to provide the Governing Board a report indicating which properties have been reviewed and the findings of the Land Management Review Teams.

Land Management Review Teams conducted reviews on two District properties in the West Region during Fiscal Year 2024-25.

- Escambia River WMA conducted on March 26, 2025; and
- Perdido River WMA conducted on March 27, 2025.

Land Management Review Teams are currently being assembled to conduct reviews of the Central Region WMAs during Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Northwest Florida Water Management District
Land Management Plan Reviews

West Region
Escambia River WMA
Perdido River WMA



Northwest Florida Water Management District
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, Florida 32333-4712

August 22, 2025

Introduction

The Northwest Florida Water Management District developed the Land Management Plan for the West Region to formally document established land management objectives that provide the Governing Board and Land Management Review Teams both a means to ascertain whether the District-owned lands are being managed in accordance with sections 373.026, 373.1391, and 373.91, Florida Statutes, and the District's water resources protection mission.

These plans require a periodic on-site review to determine (1) whether the lands are being managed for the purposes for which they were acquired and (2) whether they are being managed in accordance with their land management plan. A statutorily constructed review team "shall evaluate the extent to which the existing management plan provides sufficient protection to threatened or endangered species, unique or important natural or physical features, geological or hydrological functions or archaeological features." The review shall also evaluate the extent to which the land is being managed for the purposes for which it was acquired and the degree to which actual management practices, including public access, are in compliance with the adopted management plan.

The land management review teams are coordinated by the District and consist of representatives from the Florida Forest Service (FFS-FDACS), the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the local government in which the property is located, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) District in which the parcel is located, the local soil and water conservation district, a conservation organization member, a local private land manager, and District representation.

Each Land Management Review Report provides the following:

- Details of the property being reviewed
- Review Team Attendees
- Property Map
- Overview of the Land Management Review Results
- Comment Compilation

West Region

Escambia River WMA

Land Management Plan Review

Name of Site: Escambia River

County: Escambia and Santa Rosa

Managed by: Northwest Florida Water Management District

Acres: 35,412.72

Purpose(s) for Acquisition: To protect water resources, natural habitat and provide public access.

Acquisition Program(s): Donation/Save Our Rivers/Preservation 2000/DOT Mitigation/Florida Forever

Original Acquisition Date: 1984

Area Reviewed: Entire Property

Last Management Plan Approval Date: September 2020

Review Date: March 26, 2025

Field Review Attendees:

- Henry Hatfield, citizen of Escambia County
- Phillip Garrett, NFWMD
- Travis Tharp, Escambia County Soil and Water Conservation
- Barbara Almario, FWC
- Paton Glaze, FPS-DEP
- Haley Welshoff, The Longleaf Alliance
- Eric Howell, FFS-FDACS
- Chris Curb, Flood Defenders



Overview of Land Management Review Results

Is the property being managed in a manner that is compatible with conservation and recreation?

Yes=7, No=0

- In my experience at my agency that manages for recreation and conservation, this agency manages its goals similarly to ours.
- All goals of Land Management Plan satisfied.

- NFWFMD is doing an excellent job managing Escambia River WMA, both for conservation and recreation.
- The current management practices are aligned with conservation goals and recreational use, ensuring a balanced approach.
- Santa Rosa side of the WMA is very difficult to maintain and manage. Co-oping with Santa Rosa county has helped. Escambia side is managed very well with well-maintained rec areas.
- Recreation is at the forefront of these properties, with clean and safe sites for hunting/camping. Considering the funding: land ratio, conservation of natural resources through appropriate management and mitigation is compatible.

Does the current management plan provide sufficient protection to the properties natural and cultural resources?

Yes=7, No=0

- Yes, it appears to be the main objective in the management plan to provide protection to natural and cultural resources while allowing public recreational opportunities.
- All goals of the Land Management Plan satisfied.
- NFWFMD works with DHR to identify and review historic, cultural, and archaeological resources on the area. I would like to see some interpretation at kiosks of the history of the area based on those sites.
- The management plan is comprehensive, providing adequate protection for both natural and cultural resources.
- Best practice for cultural resources is limited access. That point is incorporated well into the plan and steps taken by staff. Staff is doing a great job in all areas.
- Illegal dumping is continuously being cleaned up as demonstrated; there is sufficient protection to the land.

Are the actual management practices in compliance with the current land management plan?

Yes=7, No=0

- All goals of Land Management Plan satisfied.
- The management practices observed are in compliance with the established land management plan.
- To the best of the abilities of staff, yes. Fire management because of weather or wind patterns have some areas past the needed burn date.
- Rx burn rotations, invasive species management, and general forest management to protect water resources are in compliance with LMP.

**Escambia River WMA
Land Management Plan Review
Individual Team Member Comments**

Goal 1 – Water Resource Protection

Floodplain/Wetland Protection:

- These features are prioritized by the agency. Discourse surrounding these topics at the review was evident of prioritization by the agency. Regular burn scheduling and mechanical work ensures hydrological functions are maintained. Restoration efforts have been made by tree planting. Proper signage and information are available at sites for public viewing, to ensure proper waterway usage/protection.
- Escambia River WMA does contain and protect the vast majority of wetlands surrounding the river. The management of the land owned does preserve the integrity of the surface and groundwater within this system. Additional preservation in the form of land acquisitions and/or the support of less-than-fee conservations easements on undeveloped adjacent land is recommended. A 6,000-acre conservation easement on private timberland has already been put into place along the east side of the WMA. The continued support and success of that would also be beneficial to the mission of the NFWMD.
- All five sites satisfy objectives.
- Escambia River WMA protects more than 34,000 acres of natural floodplain functions, maintaining environmental integrity of the river floodplain, protecting groundwater for thousands of residents, and mitigating flood and erosion hazards in the area. NFWMD is doing an outstanding job of protecting and preserving this natural resource.
- The water resource protection measures are well implemented, ensuring preservation and enhancement of water quality, conservation, and natural values.
- River birch, red maple, willow spp. planted as erosion mitigation; floodplains and wetlands are appropriately protected.

Goal 2 – Public Use

Recreation/Access Management:

- Facilities and recreational amenities are well maintained. Agency promptly addresses misuse and destruction of public facilities that occur and replace, update, or remove facilities/utilities as needed. Booking information can clearly be found online with description of available uses for the site. I quickly searched online and found information regarding booking a campsite at sites visited, along with any information a visitor may need to know.
- The NFWMD has placed agreements with private volunteers and local governments to help maintain the roads and facilities on WMD land. These agreements, as well as law enforcement presence are vital to keeping recreation sites in working order and preserving the safety of the public.

- All five sites satisfy objectives.
- All of the recreation areas visited on the tour were well maintained and though out. Infrastructure was in good condition and the water access points were nice. Kiosks were well-maintained.
- The opportunities for public recreation are well managed, meeting the needs of the community while preserving the natural environment.
- Enhanced LE patrol has proved successful in preventing vandalism/illegal dumping; facilities are appropriately maintained via NFWFMD or partners; signage is informative and up to date for hunters/recreators; campsites are well maintained as well.

Goal 3 – Resource Management

Forest Management:

- Regular burn scheduling and mechanical management has been prioritized in forested areas. Trees along riverbank have been left to optimize erosion control. Some sites were more prone to erosion than others that had little issue with erosion. Efforts for restoration have been made through tree planting, and projects were clearly followed up on by agency. NFWFMD staff were knowledgeable about what resources each site were composed of.
- Escambia River WMA is almost entirely alluvial forest and swamp, so silvicultural practices are limited. The land was cut heavily before District ownership, and the forestland has been allowed to grow back. Upland stands are sparse and small, which limits management options. However, the staff are doing what they can to manage those sites with the resource and options that they have. The staff do intend on implementing growing season burns on their stands, which will be greatly beneficial. Any offsite pine harvest may have to be done in conjunction with neighboring landowners harvests if agency policy would allow it.
- Cotton Lake and Bluff Springs satisfy objectives.
- Escambia River has very little natural community outside of the dominant community of lowland hardwood forest. The small upland portions seem to be planted appropriately for the soil type. Most are still even-aged, as many were planted 15-16 years ago, but NFWFMD have plans in place to attain an uneven-aged stand strategy in the future. Some thinning may be needed in the future to maintain open habitat for gopher tortoise and other wildlife species. Prescribed burning so close to residential and commercial areas is very difficult, and NFWFMD is navigating the challenges to maintain a strong burning program.
- Resource management strategies effectively protect the natural, archaeological, and historical resources on District lands.
- Bluff Springs had a good example of planted longleaf on different burn rotations; RX burns occur when smoke management is manageable; WM is working towards uneven-aged and vertically diverse forests in more recently acquired sites.

Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration:

- Many areas visited were areas meant to have heavy foot traffic, subsequently not producing many native groundcovers. Forested areas were on a burn cycle that encourages native

groundcover, and at roadside site visited, there was a heavy wildlife presence (pollinators/turtles/birds) indicating native groundcover presence.

- NFWFMD staff are aware of condition classes of each stand past management practices and what needs to be done to correct any issues. A slow period of prescribed burning has allowed a woody midstory to form in pine stands, but the staff do seem to have a plan to reintroduce fire, including growing season back to these stands. Native ground cover re-establishment would also be beneficial when conditions allow.
- Objectives satisfied.
- Lowland hardwood communities looked intact. Native plantings near shore to mitigate erosion are commendable. Prescribed burning in uplands to promote native groundcover will take some time, but the program in place is sufficient to accomplish the desired goals.
- Observations indicate that the grass, herbaceous, and shrub layers are being well-monitored, with a clear strategy in place for maintaining and restoring native species. The re-establishment of native groundcover is progressing as planned, contributing to the overall ecological health and resilience of the area.
- Hardwood dominated sites are managed to promote appropriate native groundcover.

Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species:

- Gopher Tortoises on sites were known and had minimum disturbance/impact from visitor use. NFWFMD maintained inter-agency contact with FWC regarding needs for site protection and species management.
- Listed species on this WMA will primarily be wetland plant species. The staff do seem to be working with FWC and other partnering agencies to identify, monitor, and manage those species. The control of invasives is the most effective tool to preserve listed species in the WMA.
- Objectives satisfied.
- Several state and federally listed plants are protected by the nature of the preservation of the lowland hardwood community managed by NFWFMD. Maintaining upland habitats through prescribed fire and mechanical treatments help gopher tortoise populations survive on the landscape. As the upland stands mature, openings or tree thinning may be necessary to maintain bare ground or open habitat conditions.
- The management practices for the protection of threatened and endangered species are thorough and align with the District's objectives, ensuring species conservation.
- Gopher tortoises, panhandle lily, lupine, and other t&e on WM land accounted for in management practices.

Control of Invasive and Non-Native Plants and Animals:

- Staff was aware of and actively managed invasive species such as cogon, mimosa, and tallow. Cogon was observed roadside along several sites and was evidently treated due to the condition of the plants.

- Escambia River WMA contains a heavy presence of Chinese tallow and wild hogs. Allowing hog hunting year-round is probably the most effective tool to control hogs. The crew also work hard to control the tallow trees where they can access them, but due to the inaccessibility of most of the area, full control of this species will be nearly impossible.
- Objectives satisfied.
- NFWFMD is doing a commendable job identifying and treating invasive plants on the area. NFWFMD works with FWC to facilitate hog hunting opportunities where needed.
- Invasive species management is conducted diligently, with appropriate methods in place to control and eliminate non-native species.
- Invasive plants like cogon grass, tallow, privet, and mimosa are managed and eradicated where possible.

West Region
Perdido River WMA
Land Management Plan Review

Name of Site: Perdido River WMA **County:** Escambia

Managed by: Northwest Florida Water Management District

Acres: 6,261.22

Purpose(s) for Acquisition: To protect water resources, natural habitat and provide public access.

Acquisition Program(s): Florida Forever/Exchange/DOT Mitigation

Original Acquisition Date: 2006

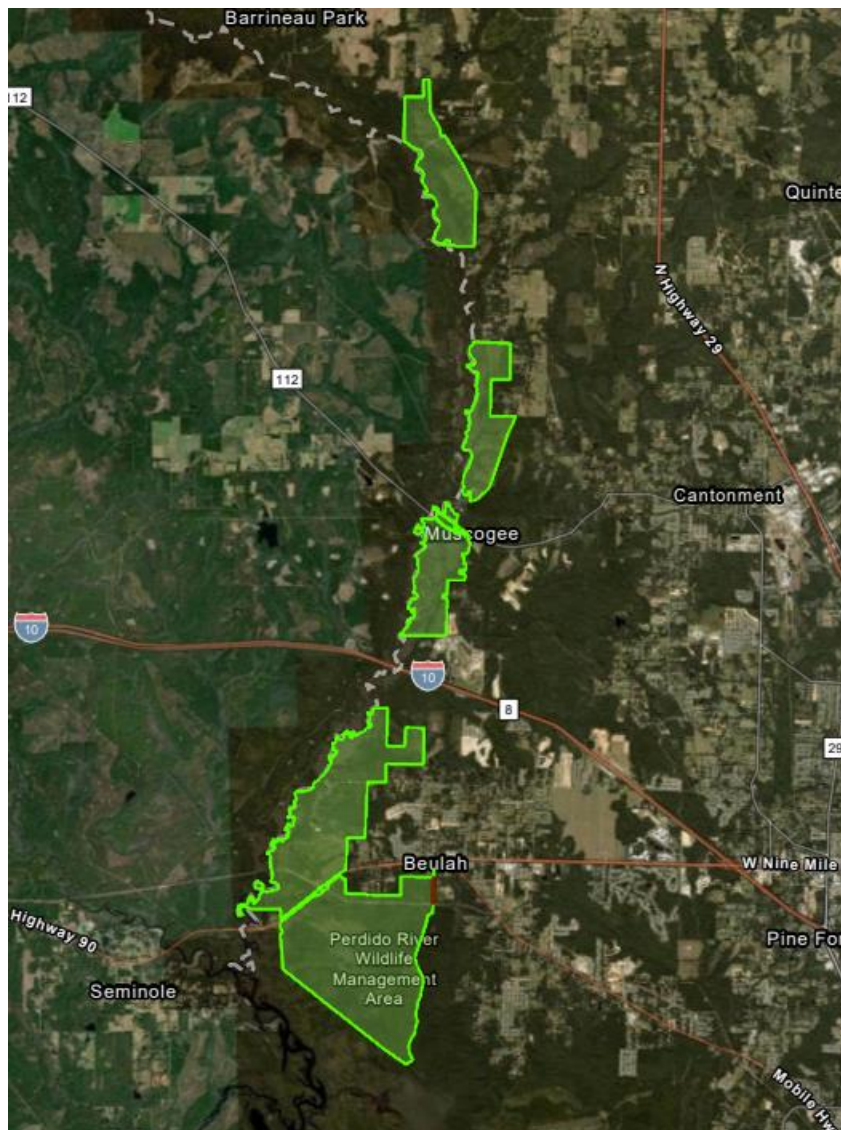
Area Reviewed: Entire Property

Last Management Plan Approval Date: September 2020

Review Date: March 27, 2024

Field Review Attendees:

- Henry Hatfield, citizen of Escambia County
- Robert Lide, NFWFMD
- Chris Curb, Flood Defenders
- Carollyn Taylor, Escambia County Soil and Water Conservation
- Barbara Almario, FWC
- Kiersten Wilson, FPS-DEP
- Haley Welshoff, Longleaf Alliance
- Eric Howell, FFS-FDACS



Overview of Land Management Review Results

Is the property being managed in a manner that is compatible with conservation and recreation?

Yes=8, No=0

- A good balance of conservation through resource management activities and public recreational activities within the units exists and should continue.
- The recreation sites are in good condition and the regulations in place emphasize conservation and preservation of the ecosystem.
- I like the way the areas are managed for recreation and at the same time conserving what is there. Limited access seems to be key to conservation. I also like all the partnerships that help WMD.
- Considering the funding: acreage ratio, conservation of natural resources through appropriate management and mitigation is compatible.

Does the current management plan provide sufficient protection to the properties natural and cultural resources?

Yes=8, No=0

- BMPs for conducting activities in known cultural resource sites should continue to be followed to protect these valuable resources. Master Site Files for all known cultural resource sites should continue to be monitored & updated as necessary. It is recommended that staff partner with local FPAN offices, who can provide volunteers to complete cultural resource monitoring site inspections should assistance be needed. Staff should be commended on their efforts to protect and restore the natural resources found within the units.
- The closure of roads and the emphasis on conservation efforts is commendable.
- Trying to stay on course for timber thinning to limit damage to property and protect water runoff has to be difficult.
- Longleaf stands are promoted through proper management when possible, and cultural resources are kept primarily protected from public eye.

Are the actual management practices in compliance with the current land management plan?

Yes=8, No=0

- I did not see any instances where actual practices are out of compliance.
- The only issue that I saw was the fact that some of the goals set for control burning had not been fully met. However, I do understand the problems with smoke control and windows of timing.
- The current LMP was adequately demonstrated in the management practices explained during LMR.

**Perdido River WMA
Land Management Plan Review
Individual Team Member Comments**

Goal 1 – Water Resource Protection

Floodplain/Wetland Protection:

- All looked suitable.
- Although many of the sites visited are upland communities, the resource management actions being taken on them have a direct positive correlation to protecting water quality and groundwater recharge. Floodplains are being managed in a way to promote appropriate function. Staff should be commended on their active use of prescribed fire and invasive species control to enhance water resource restoration. Staff should also be commended on their smaller but impactful efforts including periodically clearing waterways of litter and debris, monitoring of water levels, and erosion control efforts.
- The land managed by the NFWMD is done in a way that protects and preserves water quality of Perdido River as well as preserve the bottomland areas along the river. The upland areas appear to be undergoing a successful restoration back to longleaf pine that is not compromising water quality.
- Fillingim Landing, Otto Hill and Sand Landing fulfill this objective.
- Perdido River WMA protects more than 6,200 acres of natural floodplain functions, maintaining environmental integrity of the river floodplain, protecting groundwater for thousands of residents, and mitigating flood and erosion hazards in the area. NFWMD is doing an outstanding job of protecting and preserving this natural resource.
- Met.
- Protection of floodplains/wetlands were especially evident in Jacks Branch and Sand Landing, water resource restoration evident with planting native vegetation for erosion control.

Goal 2 – Public Use

Recreation/Access Management:

- All looked maintained.
- Current information is clearly visible in kiosks at all areas visited. Picnic areas, campsites, trails, parking lots, and other visitor service-related amenities are well cared for by the limited staff and limited budget. Efforts to provide safe access for the public are evident.
- The recreation sites, campgrounds etc. are very well maintained, especially considering there is a staff of only 4 having to deal with a public that can be unappreciative at times. Each site visited offered a different experience for visitors, and overall, the WMA provides an appeal to a wide variety of visitors.
- Fillingim Landing, Otto Hill and Sand Landing fulfill this objective.

- All the recreation areas visited on the tour were well maintained though out. Infrastructure was in good condition and the water access points were in good condition. Kiosks were maintained.
- Met.
- Despite consistent vandalism at some sites great maintenance upkeep; good cooperation with different organizations that maintain roads, restrooms, and garbage pickup; upkeep will be easier whenever more enhanced LE patrol can be utilized in the future; more contact with AL side of the river would be beneficial.

Goal 3 – Resource Management

Forest Management:

- I agree all standards, goals and objectives are being met.
- It is evident in the sites visited that staff works to maintain and restore diverse forests with a mix of appropriate activities including timber sales, plantings appropriate to soil type, retainment of snags and old growth where possible, mechanical treatment, and the use of prescribed fire within appropriate intervals to promote identified species. Forest inventories are completed on a scheduled recurring basis. Staff should be commended on their efforts to conduct prescribed fires on the low end of typical FRIs in order to achieve goals including mid-story reduction. Staff should also be commended on their ability to continue prescribed fire operations given the ever growing challenges of increased WUI and limited burn windows for several areas.
- The bottomland forests in the Perdido River WMA appear to be in very good shape ecologically, with a good variety of natural tree species and understory. Nearly all uplands have required a restoration to longleaf pine. Reforestation efforts have been successful and no evidence was found to indicate that the silviculture operations have caused issues with wetlands or water bodies. Prescribed fire has fallen behind in recent years, but NFWFMD staff seem to have a plan to get back to proper fire rotation (2-3 years). There does seem to be an issue with selling the remaining loblolly timber for harvest. It may be in the best interest to reach out to the Florida Forest Service to relay ideas and contacts to see about increasing the likeliness of a successful harvest.
- South Perdido, Sand Landing, Landfill Tract and Otto Hill fulfil this objective.
- Almost 30% of Perdido River WMA is in upland pine habitat. NFWFMD is doing a good job maintaining habitat through prescribed fire, invasives control, and mechanical treatments. Most of the upland pine was planted 15-16 years ago and is even-aged, although NFWFMD is working to attain an uneven-aged structure.
- Met.
- All timber trees generally planted around the same time period; importance of retaining snags mentioned; reforestation using appropriate red maple/willow/etc. where necessary; uphill battle getting some units on correct burn rotation but that's to be expected with smoke management concerns, hydrology/topography of sites, WUI, resources, etc.

Reforestation and Groundcover Restoration:

- Looks like there are sufficient efforts to meet these standards and requirements.
- Staff shared their work in evaluating various areas for appropriate condition classes while inventorying. It is evident that activities performed are done in a manner to protect and promote health of native groundcover. Staff shared various practices to re-establish native groundcover such as planting of wiregrass plugs in appropriate areas.
- Upland management practices of longleaf reforestation, and prescribed fire are being implemented, which are promoting native ground cover and keeping the stands within the desired condition class. The only suggestion would be to plant wire grass seed or plug in these upland sites. Wiregrass was seen in recently burned stands, but was very sparse.
- South Perdido, Sand Landing, Landfill Tract and Otto Hill fulfill objectives.
- Prescribed burning in uplands to promote native groundcover will take some time, but the program in place is sufficient to accomplish the desired goals. The invasive species control program also mitigates degradation of native groundcover.
- Met.
- Appropriately frequent attempts at reducing degradation of groundcover through combos of thermal thinning with RX burns and chemical treatments; may be worth using marsh master on more severely degraded wet sites; wiregrass plug planting at Sand Landing is great, would love to see more of that where possible.

Protection of Threatened and Endangered Species:

- Looks like there are sufficient efforts to meet these standards and requirements.
- Continued coordination with FWC biologists on listed species locations and BMPs within the units visited to ensure protection of threatened and endangered species should continue, especially prior to any silvicultural activities taking place.
- There are only a few listed species known to occur on the Perdido River WMA. The staff do seem to be managing those species. The NFWFMD also works with partnering agencies to identify, monitor, and manage those species.
- The presence of gopher tortoise populations in the uplands is a positive sign. Further management will be needed as trees mature to maintain the gopher tortoise populations, including thinning and/or the creation of openings in the canopy. The emphasis on native groundcover is appropriate and important for the species.
- Met.
- Additional coordination with FNAI to survey for t&e species is great, as well as any general surveys they can get to in more degraded areas; local academics performing research on snags and burn/storm effects in South Perdido area will help inform how to burn adjacent units or similar units in WM for t&e spp. that may use snags.

Control of Invasive and Non-Native Plants and Animals:

- Look like there sufficient efforts to meet these standards and requirements.
- The efforts of staff in treating and controlling invasive plant species within units is evident and should continue. It is recommended that staff also reach out to partnering agencies

through GCPEP to coordinate broader herbicide applications/exotic removal when appropriate. Non-native animal control through public hunting should also continue.

- The staff are very proactive with invasives management, which is also vital to preserving native ground cover. Cogon grass is more of an issue than in other WMAs due to the upland acres. The staff are also working with partnering agencies to help treat invasives on neighboring lands.
- The invasive species management program implemented by NFWFMD is commendable.
- Met.
- Great efforts to manage and eradicate invasive plants; public hunting made accessible during appropriate seasons; possibility to look into herbicide lancing or more hack 'n squirt for larger vegetation if funding and time/effort allows; contact with AL side may be beneficial to reduce invasive spread.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Andrew Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Kathleen Coates, Director, Resource Management Division

FROM: Jerrick Saquibal, Bureau Chief, Resource Projects and Planning

DATE: August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Strategic Plan

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 update to the District Strategic Plan and authorize the Executive Director to finalize the plan pending any comments from the public and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Discussion

Section 373.036, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provides the Governing Board the option of developing an annual strategic plan in lieu of a five-year District Water Management Plan. The strategic plan is intended to guide the District's strategic priorities for at least a five-year period and to identify supporting goals, strategies, success indicators, funding sources, deliverables, and milestones.

The District's Strategic Plan was most recently approved in October 2024. The proposed FY 2025-26 update identifies three strategic priorities that further the District's efforts consistent with the FY 2025-26 budget:

- Watershed Protection and Restoration – Achieving continued progress on regionally significant water quality and springs restoration projects, assisting communities with waterway debris removal, performing watershed planning, and enhancing flood protection and regional resilience efforts.
- Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels – Data collection and modeling in support of technical assessments for Jackson Blue Spring, an Outstanding Florida Spring; Morrison Spring, a second magnitude spring; the Floridan aquifer in coastal Bay County; and the Shoal River.
- Water Supply – Alternative water supply development, including continued progress on priority reuse projects in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties, water supply development assistance for underserved communities, water resource development, water use permitting, and regional water supply planning.

The 2025-26 Strategic Plan also incorporates the results of the District's Critical Wetlands analysis, as required by section 373.036(2)(f), Florida Statutes.

Section 373.036, F.S., further requires, as an addendum, a separate Annual Work Plan Report on the Strategic Plan's implementation. The annual work plan report is submitted each year with the District's March 1 Consolidated Annual Report.

The Strategic Plan will be made available for public review via the District's website. In addition to this opportunity to review and comment on the plan and participation in Governing Board meetings, the public is also afforded the opportunity to participate in the development of other plans and documents, which are functional components of the Strategic Plan. Examples include regional water supply plans, the Florida Forever Work Plan, MFL technical assessments, District rules, and Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) plans.

The Strategic Plan is not self-executing; specific actions and expenditures are developed for separate consideration and approval. This plan is reviewed and updated annually based on performance measures and results outlined in the annual report, direction from the Governing Board, and input from the public and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Link: [2025 Strategic Plan](#)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel

RE: Legal Counsel Report

DATE: September 5, 2025

The lawsuit styled ***Northwest Florida Water Management District v. Kenneth Sadler and Mildred Sadler, husband and wife***, continues to be litigated in the Circuit Court in and for Washington County, Florida. The lawsuit alleges continuing trespass and ejectment for the Sadlers' placement and construction of, and failure to remove, certain improvements upon District-owned land. The Washington County Sheriff's Office served the complaint on the Sadlers. The Sadlers have not timely responded to the complaint. After waiting more than sufficient time to allow for a response from the Sadlers to be filed, the District has moved for default judgment and will follow that with a motion for summary judgment to require the Sadlers to remove the improvements from District-owned land.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Andy Joslyn, Deputy Executive Director

FROM: Jack Furney, Director, Division of Administrative Services

DATE: September 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Millage Rate and Tentative Budget
– 5:05 p.m. ET, First Public Hearing

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the proposed millage rate of 0.0207 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and authorize staff to present it for final adoption at the public hearing on the budget to be held on September 24, 2025, at the Gulf Coast State College in Panama City.

Staff recommends the Governing Board adopt the District's Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 presented today and authorize staff to present this budget for final adoption at the second public hearing on the budget to be held on September 24, 2025, at the Gulf Coast State College in Panama City.

Background

The District is authorized by the Constitution of the State of Florida and Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to assess ad valorem tax revenues to support water management district operations. The District proposes to levy a millage rate of 0.0207 of a mill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The revenues generated by the 0.0207 millage are necessary to fund District operations as identified in the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The proposed millage rate is the rolled-back rate of 0.0207, which is less than the 0.0218 millage assessed in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and 58.6 percent below the legally authorized rate of 0.0500.

Staff has considered all known fiscal activity for the 2025-26 fiscal year and has completed the preparation of the District's Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget has been provided to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Florida Legislature in the report format required by law and by the required deadline of August 1, 2025.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY
OCTOBER 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

Proposed Ad Valorem Millage Rate

0.0218 of a mill

58.6% below the legally authorized rate of 0.0500 of a mill
0.0011 of a mill less than the rate in the current year
Ad valorem budgeted in the Tentative is \$4,126,712 or \$101,712
more than the amount in the current year (budget is 95.3 percent of
the TRUTH IN MILLAGE estimate of \$4,329,707, to align closer
with historical collections)
Rolled-back rate is 0.0207 of a mill

Total Expenditure Budget

\$110,251,895

3.0% lower than the Current Year Amended Budget, including
\$55,507,422 for Interagency Expenditures/Grants
Provides for 119.4 full-time equivalent positions, 113.0 authorized
and 6.4 equivalent OPS.

Total Revenue Received/Earned

\$105,034,676

\$28.6 million in new revenue
\$79.6 million in carryover from prior years

Estimated Use of Fund Balance/Reserves

\$5,217,219

Budget By Program Area

1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 8,586,904	7.8%
2.0 Land Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	\$81,700,119	74.1%
3.0 Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	\$11,373,303	10.3%
4.0 Regulation	\$ 5,251,294	4.8%
5.0 Outreach	\$ 168,038	0.2%
6.0 District Management and Administration	\$ 3,172,237	2.9%
	<u>\$110,251,895</u>	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 5:05 P.M. ET, HAVANA, FL
REVENUE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2025-26	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
Ad Valorem Tax	3,989,840	4,025,000	4,025,000	4,126,712	101,712	2.5%	101,712	2.5%
Federal Revenue	1,494,636	4,429,944	3,237,385	10,338,575	5,908,631	133.4%	7,101,190	219.3%
State Revenue	31,599,921	97,663,376	94,922,320	88,172,473	(9,490,903)	-9.7%	(6,749,847)	-7.1%
Local Revenue	100,638	178,147	171,093	151,750	(26,397)	-14.8%	(19,343)	-11.3%
Permit Fees	663,045	655,000	655,000	655,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Timber Sales	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	2,487,042	1,005,613	1,134,224	1,340,166	334,553	33.3%	205,942	18.2%
w/o Fund Balance	40,585,122	108,207,080	104,395,022	105,034,676	(3,172,404)	-2.9%	639,654	0.6%
Fund Balance	(1,087,178)	5,463,452	7,228,326	5,217,219	(246,233)	-4.5%	(2,011,107)	-27.8%
w/Fund Balance	39,497,944	113,670,532	111,623,348	110,251,895	(3,418,637)	-3.0%	(1,371,453)	-1.2%

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PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET
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EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2025-26	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
Salaries & Benefits	10,327,392	12,619,678	12,974,126	12,961,512	341,834	2.7%	(12,614)	-0.1%
Other Personal Services	72,322	355,871	364,201	317,932	(37,939)	-10.7%	(46,269)	-12.7%
Contracted Services	7,464,085	21,315,464	20,516,369	26,593,105	5,277,641	24.8%	6,076,736	29.6%
Operating Expense	2,559,188	3,678,756	3,998,123	3,668,973	(9,783)	-0.3%	(329,150)	-8.2%
Operating Capital Outlay	874,057	1,271,508	886,001	776,001	(495,507)	-39.0%	(110,000)	-12.4%
Operating Categories	21,297,044	39,241,277	38,738,820	44,317,523	5,076,246	12.9%	5,578,703	14.4%
Fixed Capital Outlay	304,133	11,345,696	9,425,248	10,426,950	(918,746)	-8.1%	1,001,702	10.6%
Grants	17,896,766	63,083,559	63,459,280	55,507,422	(7,576,137)	-12.0%	(7,951,858)	-12.5%
Non-Operating Categories	18,200,900	74,429,255	72,884,528	65,934,372	(8,494,883)	-11.4%	(6,950,156)	-9.5%
GRAND TOTAL	39,497,944	113,670,532	111,623,348	110,251,895	(3,418,637)	-3.0%	(1,371,453)	-1.2%

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PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET
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PROGRAM LEVEL**

Program	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2025-26	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
1 Water Resource Plan/Monitoring	4,831,901	9,213,763	10,849,555	8,586,904	(626,859)	-6.8%	(2,262,651)	-20.9%
2 Land Acq/Restoration/Public Works	20,946,189	85,845,195	82,961,094	81,700,119	(4,145,076)	-4.8%	(1,260,975)	-1.5%
3 Operations & Maint Land & Works	7,326,634	10,462,419	9,513,510	11,373,303	910,884	8.7%	1,859,793	19.5%
4 Regulation	3,739,379	4,833,522	4,885,441	5,251,294	417,772	8.6%	365,853	7.5%
5 Outreach	148,214	165,926	171,646	168,038	2,112	1.3%	(3,608)	-2.1%
6 District Management & Admin	2,505,626	3,149,707	3,242,102	3,172,237	22,530	0.7%	(69,865)	-2.2%
GRAND TOTAL	39,497,943	113,670,532	111,623,348	110,251,895	(3,418,637)	-3.0%	(1,371,453)	-1.2%

Combined Outreach and Management & Administration as a Percent of Total Budget² 3,340,275 3.0%

The Legislative Budget Commission may reject the District's budget proposals:

¹In any individual variance in the Tentative Budget that exceeds 25% of the Preliminary Budget

²In these two programs that exceed 15% of the total Tentative Budget

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PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL**

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Tentative	Amended Budget	
1.0 Water Resources Planning and Monitoring					
Salaries & Benefits	2,230,897	2,714,426	2,743,156	28,730	1.1%
Other Personal Services	11,695	35,200	25,559	(9,641)	-27.4%
Contracted Services	2,010,736	5,449,311	4,961,528	(487,783)	-9.0%
Operating Expense	459,127	793,964	659,514	(134,450)	-16.9%
Operating Capital Outlay	69,446	170,862	104,280	(66,582)	-39.0%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
Total	4,831,901	9,213,763	8,544,037	(669,726)	-7.3%
2.0 Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works					
Salaries & Benefits	992,745	1,090,729	846,930	(243,799)	-22.4%
Other Personal Services	460	0	9,747	9,747	
Contracted Services	1,666,771	10,572,560	14,879,694	4,307,134	40.7%
Operating Expense	190,638	77,992	79,965	1,973	2.5%
Operating Capital Outlay	1,465	64,284	5,508	(58,776)	-91.4%
Fixed Capital Outlay	247,343	11,006,071	10,406,950	(599,121)	-5.4%
Grants	17,846,766	63,033,559	55,457,422	(7,576,137)	-12.0%
Total	20,946,189	85,845,195	81,686,216	(4,158,979)	-4.8%

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL
(Continued)

**3.0 Operation and Maintenance of
Lands and Works**

Salaries & Benefits	1,921,313	2,692,961	2,729,314	36,353	1.3%
Other Personal Services	52,183	234,493	229,730	(4,763)	-2.0%
Contracted Services	3,527,286	4,769,023	6,216,913	1,447,890	30.4%
Operating Expense	1,089,041	1,625,011	1,707,826	82,815	5.1%
Operating Capital Outlay	680,022	801,306	431,000	(370,306)	-46.2%
Fixed Capital Outlay	56,790	339,625	20,000	(319,625)	-94.1%
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Total	7,326,634	10,462,419	11,334,783	872,364	8.3%

4.0 Regulation

Salaries & Benefits	2,963,659	3,449,650	3,816,309	366,659	10.6%
Other Personal Services	7,984	68,610	35,264	(33,346)	-48.6%
Contracted Services	109,831	318,820	329,820	11,000	3.5%
Operating Expense	547,482	791,375	812,700	21,325	2.7%
Operating Capital Outlay	110,423	205,067	196,656	(8,411)	-4.1%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Total	3,739,379	4,833,522	5,190,749	357,227	7.4%

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL
(Continued)**

5.0 Outreach

Salaries & Benefits	138,770	143,814	143,364	(450)	-0.3%
Other Personal Services	0	0	0	0	
Contracted Services	424	5,975	5,375	(600)	-10.0%
Operating Expense	9,020	16,137	17,187	1,050	6.5%
Operating Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Total	148,214	165,926	165,926	0	0.0%

**6.0 District Management and
Administration**

Salaries & Benefits	2,080,009	2,528,098	2,488,619	(39,479)	-1.6%
Other Personal Services	0	17,568	17,632	64	0.4%
Contracted Services	149,036	199,775	199,775	0	0.0%
Operating Expense	263,880	374,277	391,781	17,504	4.7%
Operating Capital Outlay	12,701	29,989	38,557	8,568	28.6%
Fixed Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Total	2,505,626	3,149,707	3,136,364	(13,343)	-0.4%

GRAND TOTAL

39,497,944	113,670,532	110,058,075	(3,612,457)	-3.2%
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**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF FY 2025-2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, 5:05 P.M. ET, HAVANA, FL
COMPARISON BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Special Projects	Lands Management	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	14,664,825	128,729	3,950,664	2,413,253	4,423,337	4,419,436	30,000,244
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes 0.0207 mills	1,766,457		2,326,660		33,595		4,126,712
Land Acquisition Trust Fund		9,951,522	37,894,293	4,926,630	4,422,935		57,195,380
Permitting and Licensing					655,000		655,000
Federal Grants			7,289,025	3,049,550			10,338,575
State Funds			28,066,680	870,000	15,934	2,024,479	30,977,093
Local Government Units			151,423	327			151,750
Timber Sales				250,000			250,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		813,798	250,000	178,908	97,460		1,340,166
Interfund Transfers	2,515,858		3,954,261		70,000		6,540,119
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	18,947,140	10,894,049	83,883,006	11,688,668	9,718,261	6,443,915	141,575,039
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	2,947,558	99,534	3,466,518	2,229,139	3,876,854	341,909	12,961,512
Other Personal Services	18,282		34,656	228,895	35,264	835	317,932
Contractual Services	371,650	310,991	19,530,231	4,805,200	329,820	1,245,213	26,593,105
Operating Expenses	735,231	1,300	728,179	1,307,376	812,700	84,187	3,668,973
Capital Outlay	113,557	10,331,950	109,788	172,853	196,656	278,147	11,202,951
Grants and Aids	0	0	55,507,422	0	0	0	55,507,422
Reserves	10,453,064	128,729	3,748,371	2,413,253	3,620,172	4,419,436	24,783,025
Interfund Transfers	4,307,798	21,545	757,841	531,952	846,795	74,188	6,540,119
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	18,947,140	10,894,049	83,883,006	11,688,668	9,718,261	6,443,915	141,575,039