

**NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY
Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)
FY25 Annual Report – Executive Summary
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025**

Ordinance 2015-045 adopts a countywide Uniform Standard for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) And Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Advisory Boards.

Sec. 4-1-18. Duties/Responsibilities

The advisory board shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and staff, limited to the scope and purpose of the Unit which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. To make recommendations to the County for expenditure of the funds within the budget in accordance with the law and Board of County Commissioners approved purchasing guidelines and;
2. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the annual proposed budget for the Unit.

Purpose

Code of Laws and Ordinances, ARTICLE XXIII. - NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY UNIT, Sec. 4-7-457. - Purpose.

The purpose of the unit is to provide for the dredging, maintenance, clearing, marking for navigational purposes, and providing of safety devices in the Northwest Port Charlotte waterway system. The purpose of this unit shall not include the maintenance of seawalls.

Summary

Current Rate: \$100

Max Rate: \$100

The FY25 completed work program included all internal maintenance and administrative costs, and contracted services for a post-storm bathymetric survey. The Advisory Board recommended a rate increase to \$310 to fund a future dredge project and was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the September budget hearing.

The current fiscal year work program includes all internal maintenance and administrative costs, and contracted services for navigational trimming, a bathymetric survey and dredging.

For FY27, the Advisory Board recommends budgeting for all internal maintenance and administrative costs, and contracted services for a bathymetric survey, and navigational trimming.