

These Minutes have been amended and approved on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 by the budget committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING - Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 6:00 p.m.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Hargens, Sara Grigsby, Christina Witka, Dan Graff, Kelly Piper, Fred Sanchez, Angie Kimpo, Rick Weaver, Michael Arion, Malcolm Freund

STAFF PRESENT: Interim District Manager David Jacob, District Clerk Ana Linden

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: John R Jordan and Gail Griffith, TSCC Representative Tunie Betschart

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Board President Jeff Hargens. Sara Grigsby moved to approve the agenda as presented, Dan Graff seconded. *(All approved Motion carried 10 yes votes S. Grigsby, J. Hargens, D. Graff, K. Piper, F. Sanchez, C. Witka, A. Kimpo, R. Weaver, M. Freund, and M. Arion. 0 no votes)*

Board President Jeff Hargens called for nominations for the election FY2022-2023 Budget Committee Chairperson. Sara Grigsby nominated budget committee member Michael Arion to be Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget committee chair, Jeff Hargens seconded. *(All approved Motion carried 10 yes votes S. Grigsby, J. Hargens, D. Graff, K. Piper, F. Sanchez, C. Witka, A. Kimpo, R. Weaver, M. Freund, and M. Arion. 0 no votes)*

Review of Budget Message: Committee Chair Michael Arion asked Budget Officer Ana Linden to read the budget message. After the message was read the committee members commended Ana Linden for a well written message and for reading it so well. Budget Committee Chair Michael Arion said that it answered a lot of questions that he had.

Review and Discussion of Budget by section: There was a discussion surrounding a second potential rate increase and how last year's rate increase study had come about. The committee agreed that the district might need to look at a potential rate increase but that the committee and board would wait to consider that until after they looked through the entire budget. The proposed personnel budget sheet was discussed, how all the amounts had gone up due to inflation and the increased Manager's salary.

When the committee looked at materials and services they wondered about the difference in line 18 "mains and repairs" between current year and proposed budgets. The discussion was around whether or not to focus on doing repairs "in-house" or to rely on contractors to repair broken water mains. Board Chair Jeff Hargens asked if the amount for chemicals should be increased by 10%. The committee and Interim Manager David Jacob agreed. Board Commissioner Sara Grigsby asked Interim Manager David Jacob if his rates for DRC or Manager were reflected in the line item for Engineering. The filter pond sand will be replaced in ponds 1-3 over the next three years. Discussion around repairing the roof, the HVAC system and the generator was also considered. The committee asked for bids before the next meeting. Jeff Hargens asked for the ground water amount to be increased.

The committee had to close the meeting before public comment was taken – the next meeting was set for 6:45pm at Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Budget Committee Chair Michael Arion adjourned the meeting at 7:19pm.