

The Budget Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Bob Colclessner. Those present included Commissioners Bill Finney, Peter Grant, Edith Mastne, Joe Riehl and Henry Schwartz along with Committee members Sherwood Davis, Jim Mastne, and Frank Windust and six visitors (including staff).

Previous to this meeting the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. It is the recommendation of the Commissioners that no cost of living increases be approved for any of the District personnel and that a 3 per cent merit increase be given to Marc Caldwell under the Utility Worker category. The Budget Committee previously voted that there would be no funds appropriated for reimbursing Commission members for attending regular monthly meetings. Mr. Mastne moved and Mr. Finney seconded that these changes be approved. This was a unanimous decision.

There was considerable discussion regarding purchasing a new pickup. Mr. Riehl submitted a bid using the State Bid Process for a 3/4 ton Ford at 15,000. Mr. Colclessner had one also using the State Bid that was for \$15,171. less accessories for a total of \$13,946. Mr. Caldwell had bids of \$15,903 from Suburban Ford and one for over \$16,000 from Gresham Ford. The committee was informed that these bids were only good until June 30. If the District went through the State Bid process for next year, a new truck would not be available until about February or March. Mr. Grant moved that the New Equipment category under Capital Outlay be reduced to \$17,000 to cover \$15,000 for a new truck and \$2,000 for confined space equipment. Mr. Davis seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Mastne moved that the remainder of the Budget be accepted as proposed. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed unanimously. The difference in fund totals will be placed in contingency.

Mr. Davis commented that he was willing to recommend a rate increase in order to accumulate funds for the South Fork development if necessary. The District will obtain more information regarding costs and time-frame before any decisions are made.

The Budget Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

