



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Approved 4/19/2022

Wednesday, March 22, 2022, 1:00 pm; Meeting held via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Chuck Arrera, Mary Durfee, Al Hrynshyn, Clinton Begley, Karen Wildish, Austin Meeks, Malcolm Wilson, Craig Gibons. District Staff present: Dave Downing, Clarissa Berndt and Leslie Owens.

1. Mr. Hrynshyn called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and led the group in roll call. It was verified that there was a quorum, and a majority was present.
2. Mr. Hrynshyn opened it to the group to offer nominations for the appointment of the Presiding Officer of the Budget Committee. Ms. Durfee nominated Mr. Gibons, pointing to his experience in the previous year, and a discussion on Mr. Gibon's availability for the second meeting ensued. Mr. Meeks volunteered to be the Presiding Officer if needed and was deemed the alternate Presiding Officer. Another nomination was made by Mr. Hrynshyn to nominate Mr. Gibons for Presiding Officer with Mr. Meeks as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Gibons accepted the nomination, and it was passed 8-0.
3. Mr. Gibons then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Berndt, the Budget Officer, to present the Proposed Budget Message. Mrs. Berndt summarized the document that had been emailed in advance to all in attendance, and accepted questions from the group regarding the document. She then handed the meeting back over to Mr. Gibons.
4. Mr. Gibons mentioned that the best place to start is with any questions regarding line items within the budget. Discussions on the budget continued. At approximately 3:00, Mr. Gibons did a time check and asked the committee if they wished to continue with the meeting or adjourn. The committee wished to continue. Mr. Wilson motioned to continue the meeting, Mr. Arrera gave the second and the motion passed with a vote of 8-0. After some more discussion, Mr. Gibons recapped the needs that came to light during the committee's discussions such as the Reserve fund and whether to modifying, or closing, how much money is contributed to the fund which the committee can consider the monetary aspects of the reserve fund. Mr. Wilson proposed we reallocate funds from the Reserve fund to a project with EWEB for rate relief purposes. Mrs. Wildish proposed that we should consider investing in a specialist in the field of our Farm Food and Soil program to do a needs assessment of our community to find out what the needs are, which the committee will reassess at the next meeting. Mr. Begley proposed that we reallocate any leftover monies that had been set aside in the FY21-22 Budget for public grant programs to increase what's available for the grant program in FY22-23. Mr. Gibons suggested that any members of the committee who have further questions, to send them to Mrs. Berndt, who will compile them, answer them, and distribute back to the committee on, or before, the next meeting.
5. Mr. Gibons adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Documents presented and discussed: FY22-23 Proposed Budget Message, FY22-23 Proposed Budget Message Summary, FY22-23 Proposed Budget, FY22-23 Proposed Budget Presentation Slide Show

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