

# **Approved Budget Committee Minutes**

## **Deschutes County R.F.P.D. #2**

### **Budget Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.**

**Attendance for Public Teleconference due to Governors Physical Distancing  
Order**

**Call In Number is 1-503-946-5336 ID is 233313250#**

**1. For the Record: Open Meeting and Introductions at 12:15 PM.**

**Present:** George Roshak, President; Karl Scronce, Vice President; Kent Haarberg, Secretary-Treasurer; Ray Miao, Director; Gary Cadez, Director; Gary Marshall, Executive Director; Kay Johnson, Accountant; Mike Cleavenger, Budget Member; Michael Kirkpatrick, Budget Member; Ron Ladd, Budget Member; John Pritchard, Budget Member, Steve Davidson, Budget Member, Rita Schenkelberg, City Council Liaison.

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Nominations for Budget Chairman:** By consensus, the Budget Committee elected Steven Davidson as Budget Chairman. Budget Chairman Davidson asked Budget Officer Marshall to give the report on the proposed draft budget the Budget Team has prepared and approved by the Board to bring forward to the Budget Committee as a Draft Budget.

**4. 2021 /2022 Budget Review: Budget Officer Marshall:** Marshall gave the history on the Fire District which started in 1952. Ladd followed up with extensive history as a past Board Historian and Board member for the fire district. Marshall continued with the evolvement of services of the fire department and the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Bend. The rates that are transferred to the City though the IGA and the properties owned by the fire district versus what is owned by the City. Scronce asked why the Administration building was not owned by the fire district? Marshall explained the sale of the old fire station on Lava Street and how the City of Bend is carrying the debt on the Administration Building, station 301, 303 and 305. Ladd gave some additional history on how the fire district did not own any fire stations prior to this new agreement in 1999. Marshall explained the IGA in more depth as well as the Personal Services Agreement. Marshall reviewed the additional two cents that the new revised IGA will request and is part of this budget to raise the \$1.185 to 1.205 and how it will be used for funding building maintenance and staffing station 306. Kirkpatrick asked how the agreement with the Police substations work? Marshall said that the leasing of that space within the fire stations is done within the City of Bend departments and not the Fire District. Scronce asked if we need to build any new fire stations in the near future with all the growth that is happening? Marshall said no, and that these buildings have not met their maximum capacity and the location of the stations allows for quick response into the core of the City as well as to out into the rural area of the Fire District. Marshall said that this budget has the funds to pay off the debt to building the training facility and the East fire station. This budget also has funding for FireFree grants which assist homeowners with wildfire fuel reduction. Marshall explained how some of the budget will be used to enhance the aesthetics to old station 302 that is now a storage building. Also, a security locking system will be purchased to replace the outdated locking system in all building with exception to the two new fire stations. PERS debt was discussed and how we are now required to pay past debt on past

employees. Insurance cost through SDIS is expected to go up 12%. Johnson said that there is also a “Longevity” credit we get from SDIS. Johnson discussed the financial report of the proposed budget. Davidson asked if this a good year to pay off the debt on station 304 and the Training Facility. Haarberg said when the bonds were sold, we got about another half million dollars. Roshak said the bond sales assisted us in the building of the new stations. Johnson began with the review of all line-item amounts starting with the Operating Fund Revenue and proceeded with Operating Fund Expenditures then proceeding to the Non-Departmental Expenditures and ending with the Capital improvement Fund. There were some questions regarding the PERS debt and Johnson with the Board discussed this topic in depth. Johnson said this is the last year we have to carry over the Fire Education Special Fund as it was deleted in a previous year.

- 5. Approval of 2021 /2022 Budget and Taxing Rate \$1.4366 & 0.2000:** Ladd made a motion to approve the 2021/22 proposed budget. Haarberg seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Haarberg made a motion to approve the taxing rate at \$1.4366 and a rate of \$0.20 for the Local Option Levy. Motion seconded by Ladd. Motion approved unanimously. Marshall stated that two Budget Committee members terms Ron Ladd and John Pritchard expire in July. Ladd said that he will not be able to fulfill another term on the Budget Committee. Marshall expressed his appreciation for Ron’s time on the Board and the Budget Committee over the many years.
- 6. Budget Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup> Needed: No**
- 7. Adjournment: 1:30 PM.**