Board of Directors Budget Committee Meeting April 10th, 2019 Following Regular Board Meeting Mohawk Valley Fire Station #1 92068 Marcola Rd.

Call to Order: Ted Arnold called to open the budget meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Roll Call: Elmer Shew <u>X</u> Quentin Holmes <u>X</u> Eric Stevenson <u>X</u> Kevin Woodworth <u>X</u> Brenda Stedman <u>X</u>

Budget Committee Members: Edward (Ted) Arnold X_ Kandice (Kandi) Diskin X_ DeLana Hansen Val Rylands X_ Jeff Little X_

Elect Officers:

Chair: Ted volunteered to serve as chair again. **Secretary:** It was unanimously approved for Val to serve as secretary.

Overview of Budget Process

Chief gave an overview of the budget process. Per Oregon law, at least one budget meeting must occur with a written plan and we must stay within that plan. The budget committee will adopt the budget and then the board will need to sign and adopt it as well. Chief will send the budget and resolution to the county and then they will levy the taxes. Since the budget is very similar to last year, Ted recommended a highlighted version of what has changed. The committee and board members received the budget book.

Assessor's Information and Calculations

Chief said we are budgeting for 3-5% for uncollected taxes. The value of the district is estimated at a 3-3.5% increase. We are expecting \$646,782 in tax revenue.

Budget Message

The Chief read the budget statement which is a statement about the big changes occurring for this fiscal year. He also discussed each page of the book. Some of the highlights include:

- Materials and Service has increased due to running more calls and using more fuel
- Will be budgeting for the development of Station 2. Chief is wanting to put housing on the lot for the firefighters
- For the next budget year, we expect Equipment Reserve Fund of over \$100,000 so we can pay outright for equipment
- The interest rates went down
- The district will move to Regency for insurance because they had the lowest increase. This will be effective July 1

Review Budget Documents

Chief reviewed each page in the budget book. Some of the highlights include:

- Ted asked about Other Resources. Other Resources include previous taxes that come in, interest rates, and rebates
- Quentin asked about Capital Outlay. This include lease payments and an increase in wildland equipment and EMS equipment. Facilities improvements was not increased because station 5 was used with the 18-19 budget.

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- Kevin asked for a break out of the bond. This is included but a more detailed one is listed in the general board packets each month.
- Vehicle maintenance was increased
- The maintenance and training officers are on step scales. After step 5, it will only be cost of living. The district is using Western Region CPI for cost of living adjustments.
- Cell phones are paid by the district as well as internet.
- Conflagration wages are paid up front to the volunteers but we make money once the state reimburses the district.

Ted made a motion to adjourn. It was unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:25pm. Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:25pm.

Public comment is invited. Portions of this meeting may be held in executive session as per **ORS 192.660**. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to <u>Chief Steven Wallace at 541-933-2907.</u>

Agenda Posted: Marcola Community Market, Mohawk Valley Fire District #1, Mohawk General Store, Website.

Submitted by Brenda Williams