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Memorandum

Date: July 10, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: David Potter, Assistant General Manager 

RE: Finance & Planning Subcommittee July 9th Meeting Minutes.

The Finance and Planning Subcommittee met at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, to take action on two items and discuss two others. Subcommittee members present included Lisa Lewis, Deborah Eagan, Chuck Hassebrook, Stephanie Matejka, Don Jacobson, Seth Hawkins, Ken Vogel, and John Yoakum. Others present included Bob Andersen, Chris Barber, and David Potter. Director Lewis called the meeting to order and asked staff to provide information on the agenda items.

Draft #2 of Proposed FY2026 Budget [Action Item] - Potter and Barber recapped the budget process thus far and what was presented at the last board meeting. Barber identified the changes in the budget between draft #1.1 and draft #2. These changes incorporated updated expenses, revenues, and project status as of June 30th. Specific changes were noted and budget amounts identified. Discussion followed on needed funds for projects and programs. Historical tax levy information was provided as well as the recommended property tax requirement needed to balance the budget. Comparisons were made to last year's budget and levy. Estimations in percentage increase to valuations were used to determine levy scenario. The subcommittee shared positive comments on a sound budget and the need to move forward.

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Matejka, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY2026 LPSNRD Budget, totaling \$40,161,029 and publicize and present the budget at the public hearing on August 13th.

Budget Overrun [Action Item] - Barber stated there was a payment in GL code 419001 (district forester) that exceeded the 10% threshold in the operating policy. The district forester is a shared position with the Nebraska Forest Service which provides 60% of the cost and manages the salary. The invoices came in for our 40% and exceeded the budgeted amount by \$3,697.66.

It was moved by Yoakum, seconded by Hassebrook, and unanimously approved by the subcommittee to recommend the Board of Directors approve a \$3,697.66 budget overrun in GL code 419001 and move funds from the cash reserve.

Publication of Expenditures [Discussion] – Barber and Potter discussed some staff ideas on publication of expenditures. Examples of other NRDs were provided. Discussion was to continue and seek legal advice.

Arbor Road property Conceptual Design [Discussion] – Potter provided an update on the JEO intern project to complete a conceptual design of the 11.09-acre parcel. A technical review committee consisting of three directors and three staff was formed to provide information to the project team. The project is expected to be completed in late August.

There being no further business, Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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