




LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: July 13, 2023
To: Each Director
From: Paul D. Zillig, General Manager 
Subject: Finance and Planning Subcommittee Meeting

The Finance and Planning Subcommittee met on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the NRD Office. Subcommittee members present included Chelsea Johnson, Bob Andersen, Ray Stevens, Deborah Eagan, Ken Vogel, Christine Lamberty, Luke Peterson, and Melissa Baker. Others present included Dave Landis, Mike Sousek, Kristin Buntmeyer, Dave Potter, and myself.

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. The only item on the agenda was to review Draft #1.1 of the FY'24 NRD Budget and determine modifications that will result in a proposed balanced budget that can be presented to the Board for tentative consideration next week. The Subcommittee was provided comments provided by the public via the NRD website (attached). Comments were supportive of funding for urban tree planting, Salt Creek resiliency, and the MoPac Gap Project.

Johnson asked that I update the Subcommittee on my attached July 12th email, following-up on the attached July 10th memo. My summary was that I felt too much important work was being deferred to next FY and it would be in the best interest of the NRD to make adjustments so we can continue with these projects. The Subcommittee discussed the needs of the NRD and options available.

It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Lamberty to recommend the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY 2024 Lower Platte South NRD Budget, totaling \$38,157,191 and publicize and present the Budget at the public hearing. Discussion ensued primarily concerning the 7.46% tax request increase and other options available. Generally, all agreed that continuing to not have any increase in the property tax request, like the NRD has for the past four years, is not sustainable due to inflation and will result in accomplishing less each year. The Subcommittee expressed concerns about increasing the tax request, but acknowledged that some increase is warranted, there was support for an approximate 4% increase. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Stevens to amend the motion to limit the tax request to an additional \$357,952. (3.52%). After considerable discussion on how to implement options under this scenario the motion to amend was withdrawn, along with the original motion.

The Subcommittee agreed to direct staff to make the changes listed on the attached "Balancing the Budget" information sheet. The changes included reductions to the I&E flood awareness efforts,

cash reserve, interest income, and sinking fund adjustments, and additional reductions (-\$100,000 Wildwood Sediment Basin cleanout and -\$40,148 Conservation Easement Program) resulting in a budget of \$37,853,611 and a tax request of \$10,514,822. A copy of all 118 Budget Corrections from FY'23, Budget Cuts on Draft #1, and Budget Changes on Draft #1.1 are attached.

A copy of NRD Fiscal Year 2024 Budget #2 "Draft" is attached. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Stevens, and approved by the Subcommittee (7 "yes" and Vogel voted "no") to **recommend the Board of Directors give tentative approval of Draft #2 of the FY 2024 Lower Platte South NRD Budget, totaling \$37,853,611 and publicize and present the Budget at the public hearing.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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