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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

North County Recreation District Building, Room 7

May 22nd, 2019 at 7:30 PM

Janice Laviolette, budget officer

Administrative:

Called to Order 7:30 pm

Elected Chair: Mark Tellhed

Designated Secretary: Jim Neilsen

Presented Budget Message:

Dieken presented the new budget for FY 2019-20. It is substantially similar to the FY 2018-19 budget except: The available cash on hand (Page 1, Line 1) was lowered slightly; the property tax receipts are now split into “current year” and “previous year”; there was small increase in personnel cost. Capital Spending Lines to all reserve funds

Deliberations:

Dieken noted that the amount added to the Channel Maintenance Fund (\$110,000) to the Channel Maintenance Fund (Page 2 (line 20) might need to be reduce in ongoing years to stay in synch with the Port’s total financial position. Based on this suggestion, Neahring asked if dredging “was dead”. DeVault noted that given the cost of doing any large amount of dredging, the Channel Maintenance fund would be quickly depleted. DeVault also stated he felt it was important to preserve as much as possible in the Fund to better partner with other agencies in the event of an emergency or in doing projects that involve multiple agencies. Winegar noted that our USGS Sedimentation survey may be useful in making dredging decisions.

The new Capital Spending Lines in Reserve Funds and Contingency Fund were discussed

Neahring suggested we dedicate more time and resources find and apply for grants and other types of funding.

Tellhed suggested that instead of repairing the current tug the Port should purchase a new one and adjust this budget to accommodate the purchase. Consensus was to postpone tug maintenance and budget to replace boat in the next fiscal year.

Committee opted to ammend:

1. Increase the Part-time Field Staff requirement from \$25,000 to \$32,000. (Page 2, Line 2)
2. Zero-out Membership Expense (Page 4, Line 8)

Votes:

Laviolette moved, Winegar seconded, Retain the current tax rate. Approved 10-0

Thayer moved, DeVault seconded, Approve the budget as amended. Approved 10-0

Adjourned: 8:28 pm

Approve _____ Mark Tellhed, chair

Attest _____ Jim Neilsen.