Budget Advisory Committee Meeting - November 28, 2022 4:02

Attendees: Management - Ron Beard, Judy Kinney, Linda Brookner,
Committee Members - Ned McElroy, Dave Spinney, Denise Bujalski, Mark Canfield (via Zoom).

Minutes for 11/14/22 were read and the next meeting date was amended (no meeting was held 11/21 so today's date was amended). Mr. McElroy motioned to accept minutes as amended and were accepted by Mr. Spinney, Mr. McElroy and Ms. Bujalski

An update on the WEA 2023 business plan was not available as the two boards have not had another meeting as of this date. To review, initial agreement is for WEA to pay $100,000 quarterly. WEA will start Rec fund on 1/1/23 with $50,000. Everything else is tentative. WEVD will assume all expenses, i.e. utilities, maintenance, staff (with the exception of kitchen and bar staff who will be paid out of Rec fund). After all bills are paid, what happens to profit needs to be addressed. The two boards are planning to meet quarterly to facilitate.

Mr. Canfield stated WEA needs to provide a comprehensive business plan. It is felt we are moving backwards if we go back to WEVD paying all expenses. WEA needs to be cost effective and efficient. All events need to be fully funded by fees so that it does not fall back onto the taxpayers. Overhead needs to be included in the costs of any function. RMA and ASA documents are currently being rewritten. Our mandate is to advise the commissioners on maintaining infrastructure, water and road and historically has not advised on recreation. Mr. Canfield offered to participate in the discussion if it would be helpful.

Discussion on the administration and general budget was moved to next week's meeting to give management time to finish inputting the numbers. Management will e-mail the budget to the committee members by the weekend in time for review for next week's meeting.

The 2022 budget through the end of October is under spent by roughly $600,000 mainly because of the difficulties in getting supplies and services rendered. Mr. Spinney expressed concern with collecting so much tax monies and not delivering the intended services.

New home totals for 2022 and how assessments will affect taxation this upcoming year was discussed. A list of new homes will be obtained from the water department

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bujalski