Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – November 11, 2024 Called to order at 4:00 p.m.
Attendees: Management - Ron Beard
Committee Members – Mark Canfield, Dave Spinney, Denise Aguilo, Bill Mitchell (via Zoom), Denise Bujalski (via Zoom)
Zoom: Dave Ketcham

Roll call was done and quorum established. The minutes of November 4, 2024, were discussed, motion to approve was made by Mr. Canfield and seconded by Mr. Spinney. All members voted to approve.

The revised building and grounds 2025 budget was presented and has increased by $34,186 equating to a 5.2% increase. Wages and health insurance are the two major factors for the increase. The addition of personnel on the custodial staff is not currently in the budget and the commissioners have not yet decided on this matter. Mr. Ketcham stated the HOA board has agreed with the suggestion to close the outdoor pools earlier but this had already been factored into the heating portion of the budget.

The current financial results show expenditures are at $405,000 as of November. This is 67% of the 2024 budget; usually it would be at about 92% by this time of year. Mr. Beard is managing the budget well. He noted there are no variances over by $5,000. He also stated a major reason for being under budget is the inability to hire a financial person. Extensive discussion followed on the reasons why and how the district is planning to address this. Mr. Beard was asked what he thinks the challenges in 2025 will be. It has and will continue to be a problem finding a financial manager as well as staff hiring and retention for part time hours at the ski area. He stated the ski area is in the best position for success than it has ever been because of the snowmaking improvements. The facilities overall are in good shape without steep increases in the budget.

Staff put together historical data of owner swipes and guest pass purchases at the community center. June, July and August are our busiest months and guest use of the facilities has shown the greatest increase. Special events were not as successful as hoped although they did not require as much staff this year because vendors were used more often and they provided set up. The use of the facilities is changing somewhat (people leaving pools earlier for example) and staff will be looking at the demographics of who is using the amenities and what hours.

Mr. Beard and the committee discussed the 2025 executive budget. There are no major expenditures expected before the end of the year. Bonuses will be discussed by the commissioners. Mr. Spinney estimated the executive portion is under budget by $100,000. Some discussion was held on variances in the budget and the reasons for the variances. A proposed 2025 budget will be presented at next week's meeting.

The meeting was open for public comment. Mr. Ketcham had no comment except to ask that he be added to the meeting handout distribution before each meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Spinney, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Bujalski