

## RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT BOARD AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 9, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Rainbow Water District Office/Virtual

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Marla Casley, Doug Keeler, Mindy Kephart, Lou Allocco, and Jim McLaughlin  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: James Burrington, Devin Thompson, and Erik Westerholm  
STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Porter, Jodi Sanders, Brian Scott, and Eric Carlson

Doug Keeler opened the Board Meeting at 5:30 pm.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

Jamie added Resolution No. 2025-12, authorizing a grant application for a Chase Well #6, to the agenda.

### **REVIEW ITEMS**

1. The minutes from March 11, 2025, were presented for approval. Marla Casley moved to approve of the minutes as presented. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. The financial reports for March 2025 were presented for approval. Lou Allocco moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. March 2025 Financial Report Review: Doug Keeler reviewed 3 transactions and approved the March 2025 audit trail report. The missing checks report for March 202 was reviewed and approved, check numbers are 1658-1709 and there were no breaks in sequence. There were three new vendors noted: Jack Henry, Marine Industrial Tank, and Donovan Enterprises.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD**

None

### **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Jamie brought up a new idea for social events for our staff and volunteers. Springfield has a new AAA baseball team, The Springfield Drifters, where we can host a pizza party and watch a game. General consensus is to host a baseball night and the dinner at Pine Ridge Golf Club. The board also agreed to sponsor SUB's Light of Liberty event at \$500.00 again.

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2. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-08, a resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Hach DPMP-CLTU Combination Chlorine Analyzer and Turbidimeter, and Affiliated SCADA Programming Updates by OS Engineering. Doug Keeler moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-09, a resolution Awarding a Contract to Oregon Fence Company for Security Fencing around Chase Well 5. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Mindy Kephart seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-10, a resolution Awarding Professional Services Contract for Communications Plan Support to Consor. Marla Casley moved to approve the resolution. Lou Allocco seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Jamie presented Resolution No. 2025-11, a resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Enter into An Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Interties. Jim McLaughlin moved to approve the resolution. Marla Casley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Jamie presented resolution No. 2025-12, a resolution Authorizing a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants (BIL EC) Grant Application for Chase Well 6. Mindy Kephart moved to approve the resolution. Marla Casley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Doug Keeler closed the regular meeting and opened the Budget Committee meeting at 6:00.

Doug Keeler called for nominations for Budget Committee Chairperson. James Burrington moved to appoint himself as Budget Committee Chairperson. Doug Keeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

James Burrington opened the Budget Committee Meeting at 6:05 pm and called for the Budget Officer's Message.

Jamie reviewed the budget that was presented in writing to the Board and Budget Committee. The review was an overall look at what the budget entails and will follow up with an in-depth review page by page. The following are some budget recommendations and projects.

1. Staff COLA estimated at 2.8% based on the Consumer Price Index.
2. Water rate increase of 13%, with a combined base and consumption rate increase.
  - a. Lou would like to see the 13% increase compared to a 14% and 15% increase.
3. Continue to save in the Resilience Fund and the Capital Replacement Reserve Fund.
4. Resources and requirements overview of the overall \$2,800,000 budget.

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Jamie presented a review of historical water demand and rates and how we predict future water rates based on weather forecasts, 2025 is expected to be a hot and dry summer. Jamie also reviewed the Water Master Plan infrastructure plans and the 10-Year Capital Plan projects.

### **BUDGET DOCUMENT REVIEW**

#### **Page 1 – Water Operating General Fund – Resources**

Review of the \$2,800,000 income and budget recommendations.

#### **Page 2 – Water Operating General Fund – Requirements Recap**

Review and summary of the expenses and the category recaps.

#### **Page 3 – Water Operating General Fund – Requirements Detail**

Review and summary of the Water Fund expenses, including personnel, materials and services, capital outlay, transfers, and contingencies. Some planned projects include flooring, fencing around Chase Wells, mobile screens, light truck replacement, two looping dead end main projects, and Aspen Street main relocation.

#### **Page 4 – Fire Protection Fund – Resources and Requirements**

Review of the fire protection contract and what the service covers for our customers. Rates are set based on assessed property values, with Rainbow paying our prorated share of the fire department's budget based on the assessed value of Rainbow's customers compared to city customers.

#### **Page 5 – Capital Reserve Fund – Resources and Requirements**

Review of the fund balances and what specifically this fund is used for. The goal is to continue saving and building funds.

#### **Page 6 – Resilience Fund – Resources and Requirements**

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James opened the public testimony portion of the budget discussion and called for public comment at 7:10 pm. Hearing no comments, he closed the public testimony at 7:11 pm.

James closed the Budget Committee Meeting at 7:11 pm

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Doug reopened the regular session Board Meeting at 7:11 pm.

The next Board and Budget Committee Meeting will be held May 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Doug Keeler closed the board meeting at 7:11 pm.



Minutes approved:



Date: