



LOWER PLATTE SOUTH natural resources district

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Memorandum

Date: August 15, 2024

To: Finance and Planning Subcommittee members

From: Mike Sousek, General Manager

RE: Budget Public Hearing and Finance and Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The FY 25 Budget Public Hearing was held on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the LPSNRD boardroom. There were no members from the public in attendance. Director attendance included Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Gary Hellerich, Chelsea Johnson, Christine Lamberty, David Landis, Larry Ruth, Greg Osborn, Don Jacobson, John Yoakum, Ray Stevens, and Ken Vogel. Staff members included Chris Barber, Al Langdale and Mike Sousek. A brief presentation was given during the hearing which included the highlights of a 4.3% decrease in our overall total budget, a property tax request of \$11,015,609 which is a 4.76% increase from last year. The district has a total balanced budget of \$36,235,948. The hearing closed with no comments and a couple questions dealing with presentation formatting.

The Finance and Planning Subcommittee met following the budget hearing, roughly 5:50pm on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at the NRD Office in Lincoln. Subcommittee members present included Chelsea Johnson, Ken Vogel, Greg Osborn, Christine Lamberty, Ray Stevens, Melissa Baker and Don Jacobson. Absent was subcommittee member Deb Eagan. Director Dave Landis was in attendance. No members of the public were present. NRD staff members in attendance included Al Langdale, Chris Barber and Mike Sousek.

First on the agenda was considering the recommendation to the board to accept the low electrical bid for work being performed on our newly built storage building located at 9600 N. 27th Street. Two bids were received with the high bid being \$89,600 and the low bid being \$51,937.10. See attached bids. **It was motioned by Director Stevens and seconded by Director Vogel to recommend to the board of directors to accept the low bid from Murphy Tower Service (Murphy Electric) in the amount of \$51,937.10 pending legal counsel review. Motion passed unanimously.**

Next on the agenda was a discussion of budget adjustments that have taken place since the board approved the tentative budget at our July board meeting. Two recommendations were forwarded to the F&P committee to include in the FY25 Budget. RFW committee forwarded a \$200,000 request and SCFR committee forwarded a \$150,000 request. Both requests were incorporated into the budget and

an adjustment was made to the line item of land rights dealing with our Deadman Run project to bring the budget back in balance. These adjustments had no effect on the total budget amount nor the property tax request which was approved in the tentative budget from the July board meeting. The discussion led to the third item on the agenda which was to recommend to the board to have Chair Landis sign the budget resolution for FY25. See attached budget resolution. Highlights from the resolution include advertisement and hearing schedule, a total budget of \$36,235,948 and a property tax request of \$11,015,609. **It was recommended by Director Stevens, seconded by Director Vogel to recommend to the board to approve the FY2025 budget resolution and have Chair Landis sign the resolution. See attached resolution. Motion carried with 6 yes votes and one no vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

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cc: Chair Landis, Al Langdale, Donna Reid