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MINUTES

THE NESKOWIN REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

May 28, 2026, 3:00 PM

Board Members Present: Guy Sievert, Tom Prehoditch, Paul Bender, and Diane Saunders.

Budget Committee Members Present: Steve Rubert and Aubrey Olson.

Budget Officer: Troy Trute.

Staff Present: Troy Trute and Joy Neufeld.

Members Absent: John Metschan, Alex Sifford, Chris Silkowski, and Dave Benneth.

Public Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER: (00:11:24)

Secretary Diane Saunders called the Budget Committee Meeting to order at 3:00 pm. This meeting was hosted via Google Meet remotely.

1. Election: (00:11:33)

****Motion:**** Paul Bender moved to elect Steve Rubert as chairperson of the budget committee meeting; Diane Saunders seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

****Motion:**** Paul Bender moved to elect Diane Saunders as secretary of the budget committee meeting, and Tom Prehoditch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Budget Officer Presents Budget Document and Budget Message: (00:13:25)

2.1. Troy Trute presented the budget document.

2.2. Aubrey Olson summarized the budget document

2.3. Troy answered the Budget Committee's questions during the discussion regarding the proposed budget.

2.4. The Board discussed a rate increase of 2% to 5%. Guy suggested the District consider having a reserve for the General Fund.

2.5. Guy Sievert proposed that the District budget be increased by an additional \$50,000.00 for a reserve fund, in addition to what is already proposed in the budget.

2.6. Guy Sievert discussed the need for more revenue dedicated to the Capital Improvement Fund and the Truck and Equipment Fund.

3. Public Comment: (01:05:07)

3.1. There were no public comments.



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4. Budget Approval: (01:05:07)

- 4.1. ****Motion**** Aubrey Olson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented. Steve Rubert seconded the motion; Guy Sievert opposed it; and the motion passed.
- 4.2. ****Motion**** Aubrey Olson moved that the budget committee recommend to the Board a rate increase to establish a reserve fund. Guy Sievert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Tax Rate Approval: (01:18:37)

****Motion****: Guy Sievert moved to approve the tax rates and levels as follows: Permanent Tax rate of 38.31 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Diane Saunders seconded the motion, Guy Sievert opposed it, and the motion passed.

6. Adjournment: (00:10:25)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ****Motion****: Paul Bender moved to adjourn this Budget Committee meeting, and Diane Saunders seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Neufeld

Recording Secretary, Neskowin Regional Water District

John Metschan, President

Diane Saunders, Secretary