

**BATTLE GROUND**  
**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING**

**August 28, 2024**

Attendance: Chairman David Bisher, Vice Chairman Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Carol Watson. Rick Oliver was absent.

Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).

Guest: Edward Mroosian

David Bisher opened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Dan Gemmecke presented 2025 budget recommendations from the committee, David Bisher, Carol Watson, Phil Baer and Dan Gemmecke.

This budget will bear the expense for state and federal requirements for lead and copper remediation in service lines. Other considerations are replacing the pumps and header at the water barn pump station and setting up the reserve for Main Street water main completion.

Other major operating increases include revised insured values for the water towers, and a testing mandate that will be implemented next year.

The draft 2025 salary ordinance was also discussed to review personnel expenses. A new position for an apprentice is included, also an increase for the assistant water operator, and 3% for the part time billing clerk. The financial clerk questioned the use of the term "non-exempt" status for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as those salaries are quoted as an annual amount rather than hourly. This will be investigated prior to final adoption of the ordinance.

Carol Watson moved to add 15 years service credit for Kevin Denny, to reflect his many years of experience as a water operator. This will provide more paid time off. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote, 5 Aye.

The budget as presented totals \$917,881 in expenses. Revenue from water charges is estimated at \$710,000. The Directors generally agreed that a 1.5 cent increase in the property tax rate would achieve the goal of covering anticipated infrastructure expenses. This would generate a total \$238,695 toward loan obligations and necessary projects.

Ron Holladay moved to approve the 2025 budget as presented, with second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. by Joe Kline, with second of Carol Watson.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



David Bisher, Chairman of the Board

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: August 28, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Chairman David Bisher, Vice Chairman Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Carol Watson

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

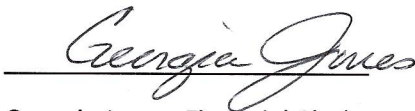
Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian

Guest Present virtually: none

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

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Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk