**SEAL ROCK FIRE**

*Budget Committee Meeting*

May 22, 2025

**Call to order:** 6:00pm

**Roll Call:**

Board Members; Karl Kowalski, Paul Rimola, Mike Burt, Russell Harley, Skip Smith (via phone) quorum met.

Budget Committee Members; John Spangler, Larry Silverthorn

Staff and Guests; Chief Will Ewing, Lisa Welch, Erik Dedijer-Small, Ben Spangler, Jeff Mathia

**Election of Chairperson:** Director Andrea Summerlin was voted in. Director Summerlin presided over remainder of meeting.

**Budget Message:** Chief Ewing read his budget message for fiscal year 2025-2026. He stated while it has been a tough year staying in the budget parameters, and we have had to over spend in some areas, we did not over spend on the budget itself. Some of those troubling spots were vehicle maintenance and Pers. Some budget highlights;

* We are slowly catching up with equipment needs.
* Fiscal year 2025-2026 will see last payment on green building.
* Our partnership with East Lincoln will benefit both districts.
* We generated revenue through state wide firefighting.
* In house book-keeping has had positive impacts.
* With the levy we will be able to be more proactive on equipment and projects.

**Budget Document Overview:** Chief Ewing stated our beginning fund balance would be $259,934.00

* $285,000.00 estimated taxes to be received.
* Possible Grants $20,000.00
* Approximately $50,000.00 from I-90 with East Lincoln
* Discussion of huge burden Pers is on the department.
* Benefit of having a large volunteer base.
* The district was able to benefit from a local business closing with the donation of office equipment and supplies.
* 15 permits have been issued in the district for new homes. This will add to our revenue for the next fiscal year.
* Need for emergency preparedness with containers throughout district.
* Building generators need attention.

**Approve Budget Document:** Board President Kowalski made motion to approve new budget, Director Rimola seconded. All approved and passed.

**Motion made for approval of General fund taxes by rate ($0.4634) per thousand, or amount:** Motion by Larry Silverthorn, Director Burt seconded. All approved and passed.

**Motion made for approval of Chiefs Levy by rate ($0.20) or amount:** Motion made by Director Harley, Director Rimola seconded. All approved and passed.

**Motion made for approval of Firefighters Levy by rate ($0.40) or amount:** Motion made by Board President Kowalski, Larry Silverthorn seconded. All approved and passed.

**Motion made for approval of Equipment Levy by rate ($0.25) or amount:** Motion made by Board President Kowalski, Director Burt seconded. All approved and passed.

**Adjourned: 7:26**

Submitted for approval by Lisa Welch, Human Resources/Board Clerk

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