

# Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

## Budget Committee Meeting

Date: May 26, 2022

Seal Rock Fire Station #61

**Call to Order:** Board President Karl Kowalski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Board Members: Karl Kowalski, Skip Smith, Dave Pelligrinelli

Budget Committee Members: Russ Harley, John Soltau, Robin Murphy

Others Present: Chief Ewing, Lynda Engle, Lisa Welch, Seth Hedin (FF)

**Election of Budget Committee Chairman:** Director Smith nominated Russ Harley to be Chairman for the meeting. The body approved his nomination. Russ took over leading the meeting.

**Budget Message:** Chief Ewing read the Budget Message he'd written for FY 2022-2023 followed by a discussion by the group and clarification of why a supplemental budget for FY21-22 was necessary and the need to transfer \$120,000 into the firefighter levy from the general fund. Some of the changes made in the new budget document included:

- Funding of PERS through the general fund in Materials and Services of the general fund.
- The addition of health insurance in a general fund budget for both responders and office administrative persons.
- The transfer of funds from the Chief levy and the firefighter levy into the general fund.
- The addition of a personal services page to account and capture staffing not funded by the levy.

Chief Ewing commented on the eventual consolidating of the 3 South County fire districts. Also, he has been talking with state legislature about funding for small fire districts out of the State funds to help off-set expenses that are not easy to pay for with our small antiquated budgets. Receiving grants is never guaranteed so can't be relied on for yearly purchases of such things as PPE and equipment. A very conservative approach was taken with the new budget, Ewing stated.

**Budget Document Overview and approval:** After going over the proposed new budget for 2022-23 line item by line item a motion was made by Director Kowalski to approve the new

budget. Seconded by Director Smith. No discussion required and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Approval of the General Fund taxes by rate (\$0.4634)per thousand was made by a motion by Director Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Kowalski. No discussion and vote was unanimous.

Both the Chief's levy rate (\$.20) and Firefighter's levy (\$.40) was approved by motion from Director Kowalski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Pelligrinelli. No discussion; vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment:** Director Kowalski adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

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