

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2021
64697 Cook Avenue
Bend, Oregon 97703

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Jack Farley, Steve Putnam, Martin Warbington, Carol Shull
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath

Chairman Cochran called the special board meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

REVIEW 2022 BUDGET

Board members and staff were provided with a copy of the draft budget for 2022. Manager Schull reviewed the budget with the Board and explained the reasoning behind any changes from the previous year.

The following increases to annual assessments were proposed:

- Increase Operating & Maintenance \$1 per account.
- Increase DEQ Loan Repayment \$2 per account to better align with repayment amounts.
- Increase Special Projects \$1 per acre.
- Increase Capital Improvements \$1 per acre.

It was determined that keeping the Stop-the-Pipe lawsuit line item was necessary at this time. As discussed before, any unspent funds will be credited back to each water patron's account proportionately once the lawsuit is over.

Chairman Cochran expressed his concerns about the ability to find replacements for Bob Varco and Steve O'Neal at wages that will fit into the purposed budget. O'Neal retired the previous week and Varco intends to retire at the end of July 2022. A cost-of-living increase of 3.5% was proposed for current staff and Cochran asked the rest of the board to consider what percentage they feel is fair and be ready to offer their input at the next board meeting.

A final review and approval of the budget will be done at the next regular board meeting in December.

ADJOURN

The special board meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.