



**OAK LODGE WATER SERVICES
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2023**

Budget Committee

Susan Keil	Director
Kevin Williams	Director
Paul Gornick	Director
Ginny Van Loo	Director
Heidi Bullock	Director
Robert Weber	Citizen Representative
Mark Elliott	Citizen Representative
Ron Weigel	Citizen Representative
Lewis Wardrip	Citizen Representative
Ron Nichelini	Citizen Representative

Oak Lodge Water Services Staff

Sarah Jo Chaplen	General Manager
Brad Albert	Public Works Director/District Engineer (PWD)
Aleah Binkowski-Burk	Human Resources/Payroll Manager
Gail Stevens	Finance Director
David Hawkins	Plant Superintendent
Chad Martinez	Collection Operations Supervisor
Antonio Canisales	Senior Accountant
Laural Casey	District Recorder
Alexa Morris	Outreach and Communications Specialist

1. Call to Order & Hybrid Meeting Facilitation Protocols

Chair Weber called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

General Manager Chaplen overviewed the general protocols of a hybrid meeting.

2. Presentation of Proposed Budget

General Manager Chaplen spoke about the financial planning undertaken by public utilities to provide services consistently and reliably.

Finance Director Stevens presented the Proposed Budget using supplemental presentation items.

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The Budget Committee asked questions regarding:

- The capital improvement projects funded by the Watershed Protection rate,
- Inflationary considerations of the Capital Improvement Plan and Master Plans,
- The estimation of proposed debt service rates,
- Current Wastewater Debt Service costs, and
- How a reduction of rate percentage would impact the expenditures of the Proposed Budget.

3. Call for Public Comment

There were no written comments submitted.

Wade Hathhorn encouraged the Budget Committee to be bold and make the uncomfortable decisions, saying there are customers who will support investment in infrastructure.

4. Adjourn Meeting

Finance Director Stevens and various Budget Committee members made closing remarks and answered remaining questions.

Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Weber

Robert Weber
Chair, Budget Committee

Date: 4/4/2024

Ron Weigel

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Vice Chair, Budget Committee

Date: 4/4/2024