



**OAK LODGE WATER SERVICES
BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2023**

Budget Committee

Susan Keil	Director
Kevin Williams	Director
Paul Gornick	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 6:01 p.m.

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

2. Presentation of Proposed Budget

General Manager Chaplen provided introductory comments and overviewed the rate implications of two proposed budget options. Finance Director Stevens presented the two proposed budget options using Waterworth financial modeling software.

The Budget Committee asked questions regarding:

- Comparable regional utility rates,
- Capital project eligibility for bond funding,

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- Affordability statistics for the Oak Lodge area, and
- FY 2023 ending and FY 2024 beginning fund balance projections.

3. Committee Deliberations

The Budget Committee deliberated the Proposed Budget discussing topics related to:

- The Board of Directors direction to staff regarding project timelines and funding,
- Further violations and penalties from regulating agencies, and
- A possible increase in delinquent accounts and the use of customer payment plans.

The Budget Committee spoke in support of the Proposed Budget.

4. Consideration of the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Chair Weber moved to approve the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget as presented. Director Bullock seconded. District Recorder Casey conducted a roll call vote. Voting Aye: Directors Keil, Williams, Gornick, and Bullock; Citizen Representatives Weber, Elliott, Weigel, Wardrip, and Nichelini.

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5. Adjourn Meeting

There were thanks from Staff, Directors, and the Budget Committee.

Chair Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Weber

Robert Weber
Chair, Budget Committee

Date: 4/4/2024

Ron Weigel

Ron Weigel
Vice Chair, Budget Committee

Date: 4/4/2024