

**Crook County Vector Control Board
Minutes from 05-20-20 Meeting**

Note: This was a virtual “ZOOM” meeting due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Present on the call: Ken Fahlgren, Tom Green, Tom Teaford, Bob Hindman, Jeff Benkosky, Cliff Kiser

Chairman Ken Fahlgren called the meeting to order.

The meeting minutes from our last meeting on 01-07-20 were approved unanimously by vote.

Follow up to last meeting regarding horse infected with West Nile Virus in summer of 2019

Tom Green asked about the outcome of this situation. Cliff said the horse had been in the Paulina area and now lives on property north of the District. Cliff will contact the owner this season and possibly set out some traps.

Proposed 2020-2021 budget

Cliff presented the proposed budget for the 2020-2021 operating year via virtual displays of the separate budget sheets:

Budget Message Sheet:

There was discussion and there were no objections to the message as written.

Budget Worksheet:

Cliff explained the worksheet covers from the present through November 15th when new taxes will start coming in.

Jeff asked if that due to the current drought, if we need to do aerial spraying (a \$60,000 line item on the worksheet). Cliff explained that we have not had to do aerial spraying at all so far. We have been saving money in our budget for the last 20 years in a contingency fund in case we DO have to do aerial spraying.

There was further discussion and there were no objections, comments, or changes to the worksheet as written.

EXPENSES: Operating Account #666

Cliff said this sheet was pretty much the same as last year's. Regarding personal services, not knowing differently because he could not get information from the County, he added in 1% + COLA and a 1.5% step increase ($66,000 \times 1.025 = 67,650$). Jeff made a motion to increase the COLA to 1.5%. Bob seconded and the motion passed, for a total of a 3% increase.

Other than the COLA, there were no objections, comments, or changes to the expense account sheet as written.

RESOURCES: Operating Account #666

There was discussion and there were no objections, comments, or changes to the resources sheet as written.

EXPENSES: Building Reserve Account #662

There was discussion and there were no objections, comments, or changes to the expenses sheet as written.

RESOURCES: Building Reserve Account #662

There was discussion and there were no objections, comments, or changes to the resources sheet as written.

EXPENSES: Equipment Reserve Account #698

There was discussion and there were no objections, comments, or changes to the expenses sheet as written.

RESOURCES: Equipment Reserve Account #698

There was discussion about the \$123,200 amount being higher than the \$100,000 desired limit discussed in previous budget meetings. Bob made a motion to transfer money from the current budget year equipment reserve account to the operating fund in the amount of \$20,000 of capital expenses that we incurred this operating year to purchase the new GPS and related equipment. Jeff seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There were no additional comments or objections, or changes to the resources sheet as written.

END OF BUDGET PRESENTATION

General budget comments and concerns:

Ken said that he did not see expenses for the new GPS and related software, etc. in the proposed budget. Cliff said those expenses will be coming out of the current operating year's funds.

Ken asked if people were paying their taxes during the COVID pandemic. Cliff said that so far, the County had received more taxes than anticipated; unknown what the future holds.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Bob made a motion to approve the budget as presented with changes noted above. Tom Green seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting (to approve the final budget) will be on June 10.

The meeting was adjourned.

