

Crook County Vector Control Board
Meeting Minutes for 06-06-23

Present: Ken Fahlgren, Tom Teaford, Jeff Benkosky, Bob Hindman, Cliff Kiser.

Ken called the meeting to order.

The meeting minutes for the 05-16-23 meeting were approved unanimously.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss adoption of the 2023-24 annual budget as proposed on 05-16-23.

There was discussion regarding the increase of levied taxes from \$127,025 in 2022/23 to the proposed \$139,796 for 2023/24 (see page 1, Form LB-1, item #15). Cliff said this increase ((\$12,771) is needed because we are starting the coming fiscal year with lower cash on hand due to increased contract payments prior to this fiscal year.

There were no further questions from Board members. Tom Teaford made a motion to adopt the proposed budget. Jeff seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Other business

Cliff said the mosquito season is starting late this year.

Ken reported on the current status of the fairgrounds irrigation project. The County is working on a project to pump irrigation water to the fairgrounds. This project involves the CCVCD because the County proposes getting power to a water pump through our meter. Discussions are currently in-process and Ken is the CCVCD's representative in the matter. Ken said that current discussions with the County involve answers to two questions:

1. Is the CCVCD's base of operations going to stay in its present location for the next 25 years, which is the time frame proposed for the pending lease agreement. There was general agreement among Board members that we DO intend to remain where we are.
2. Will the CCVCD allow the County to use our meter? Ken said that the easiest and most logical solution is that the meter will become the County's meter and we will pay an annual usage fee based on historical use. Last year, we paid \$581.00 for electricity. We would pay the County a similar amount. There was consensus among the Board members to agree to this arrangement.

There was also discussion of the cost of the pending 25-year lease agreement. Ken said we paid \$5,000 for our last 25-year contract. Since many of the other details of the pending lease agreement are still in process, Ken proposed that the Board make a decision on one part of the pending agreement: to pay another \$5,000 for another 25-year agreement. Ken made a motion to approve this, Bob seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachment

Proposed budget for 2023-2024 (7 pages)