



Wednesday, June 2, 2021

**Hood River County Transportation District
2nd Meeting of the Budget Committee
224 Wasco Loop, Board Conference Room
Hood River, OR 97031
4pm – 5:30pm**

Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee Meeting Attendees:

Committee Members: Jeremy Hull, Joella Dethman, Elizabeth Garber, Darrell Roberts, Greg Pack

Public: Valerie Egon (ODOT)

Staff: Patty Fink, John Andoh, Amy Schlappi

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

Joella made a motion to approve minutes from the May 5th Budget Committee Meeting, the motion was seconded by Darrell and unanimously approved by the Budget Committee.

Review of May 5th Budget Meeting and Updated Budget FY 2021-22

Jeremy discussed the updated budget and staff memo regarding the changes that were made since the last meeting and provided to the committee members in their meeting packet.

There was discussion regarding the STIF Formula funds that were carried over from the previous biennium and can only be used for the purpose that they were assigned to in the FY19-21 STIF Project list. Staff had made the decision during the summer of 2020 not to move forward with a couple of planned projects due to COVID-19. The state allows those planned expenditures to be carried over to the next biennium.

There was discussion regarding the marketing budget and why it has fluctuated over previous years. For FY2020, HRCTD was allowed by ODOT to use some of the STIF operating funds that fund the Columbia Gorge Express to help pay for a marketing campaign for the GOrge pass that was implemented in February of 2020. Many of those efforts were suspended due to COVID-19. For FY2021 the estimated supplemental marketing budget allows HRCTD to move forward with the launch of the new 4-agency GOrge pass and will use funds originally slated to be used in FY2020. The marketing cost decreased significantly in FY2022 due to MCEDD (one of HRCTD's partners) being awarded a marketing grant for the GOrge pass, most of the marketing budget for the upcoming fiscal year is to be used for local marketing efforts.

Darrell asked if there was room in the budget to fix the air conditioner at the HRCTD office building. Staff has not yet received an estimate. Patty explained that if committee members



would like to set aside \$20,000 from the reserve fund and move it to the building expenses line item they can do so.

There was a small discussion regarding the unencumbered reserve funds. Patty stated these funds go up and down depending on the year. It is the amount of funds that staff estimates will be remaining at the end of the fiscal year in the reserve fund.

Public Comments

There was no public comment submitted in writing or in person.

Approval of Budget FY 2021-22 & Tax Rate

Joella made a motion to approve the FY2022 Budget with the amendment of moving \$20,000 from the reserve fund to building expenses to cover the air conditioner repair. The motion was seconded by Darrell and unanimously approved by the Budget Committee.

Darrell made a motion to approve the tax rate at 0.0723 per \$1,000, the motion was seconded by Joella and unanimously approved by the board.

At 4:22PM Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Joella and unanimously approved by the committee.