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OCTOBER 12, 2022 Regular Joint Meeting of BWRPWA Personnel and Finance Committees to discuss Draft FY 23 Budget

The BWRPWA Personnel Committee and Finance Committee held their Joint Meeting on October 12, 2022 at BWRPWA to review the FY 2023 Draft Budget.

Board Members present include the following:

BWRPWA Personnel Committee Chair - Richard Sutherland- Gravette
Malcolm Attwood - Centerton Dustin Kahrl - Highfill

BWRPWA Finance Committee Chair - Josh Moore, BWRPWA Secretary / Treasurer, Chairman
Rick Craft - Gentry, Zeb Black - Westville Utility Authority

Others Attending - Mayor Gary Blackburn- Garfield / Gateway / Lost Bridge, James Boston, BWRPWA Vice-Chairman- Decatur, Scott Borman G.M. BWRPWA, Steve Casteel - BWRPWA and Eddie Cooper - BWRPWA

The meeting began with Chairman Sutherland calling to order the Personnel Committee Meeting at 10:00 AM to discuss the proposed Draft Personnel Budget for FY 2023. After discussion and review of the proposed budget, **the Personnel Committee unanimously recommends that the proposed Personnel Budget for FY 2023 be approved and included with FY 2023 Budget as proposed. This includes a FY 2023 COLA increase of 7.5% across the Board for all BWRPWA employees in lieu of merit increases, moving the Lead Operator position to a salaried position, and the creation of a Journeyman Electrician position for FY 2023.**

Once the Personnel Committee meeting was completed, the full group moved to the overall FY 23 Draft Budget discussion. After review and discussion regarding the Draft FY 23 Budget, the **Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the FY 23 Budget as presented. This does include a 3.7% Wholesale Rate Increase which would bring the wholesale rate from the current \$2.70 per 1000 to \$2.80 per 1000 effective January 1, 2023. (If approved by the full Board, this increase would be seen on the January 23 billing cycle which will be sent out 2/1/23) .**

The FY 23 Budget will now go out to the full BWRPWA Board of Directors at the October 27, 2022 Board meeting for consideration, and a pdf file of FY 23 Budget has been attached below for your review. Being no further business before the Committees, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Scott Borman GM
Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority