

Lakeway MUD

Finance Committee Meeting

May 1, 2012

Attending: Earl Foster, Kay Andrews, Jack Lewis, Larry Burmeier, Loyd Smith

Absent: Norty Markham, Bill Cobb, Allan Hitchcock

The committee reviewed Budget and Financial Reports; recap follows:

- Earl presented a five year budget comparison report as requested by the committee. The remainder of FY2012 was estimated.
- Larry asked if gallons sold could be added to the reports; Earl said yes.
- Miscellaneous Waste Water Contracts were in excess of 300K in 2008-2009. Earl will investigate and let the committee know what that was. Earl will continue to refine the FY2012 numbers as budget talks unfold.
- Larry asked what the board's position was on water and tax rates. Last year, water rates went up and waste rates declined. Earl explained the differences due to wet or dry seasons. Jack opined both rates should be held as low as possible every year. Earl mentioned that we do hold the rates as low as possible, because of the way we redo our rates every year.
- Larry said he would like to see more publicity going out from the MUD. Earl mentioned Karl recently had an Op-Ed in the View, and Earl has one coming out this Thursday. Kay said she had worked with the Comptroller's office to establish the award for transparency and accountability.
- Kay asked that the committee look into long term debt; the committee agreed that the August meeting would be a good time to begin that process.
- Jack asked why the MUD couldn't have monthly billing and revenue reporting. It was explained that paperless would lend itself to that end, and we would get an update next month on paperless.

- Overtime in March was discussed; Earl explained leakage problems in March contributed to this overage, but overtime is on track to meet budget in FY 2012.
- 30K Operating Fund and 120K Capital Fund for barge operation was explained by Earl.
- Kay brought up wanting to see detail on General Fund ins, outs, and transfers. Earl explained the statements we were reviewing were basically that in conjunction with the Balance Sheet. Larry said he would like to see copies of the Balance Sheet, and Earl agreed to provide those at future meetings.
- Jack asked about \$128K expenditure in April 2011 for Office/Computer Expense; Earl will report to the committee after research.
- Kay asked if the MUD works with any bank other than Chase. Earl said no.
- Larry asked if Supervisors were held accountable for their expense areas; Earl said they were for the ones they control and that was a part of their Performance Reviews.
- Kay suggested facilities tour for all committee members. It was agreed to try to do that in September.
- Loyd said that in our next meeting we would review and prepare recommendations to the Board regarding retirement plans. Norty has researched this topic with Earl's help, and has prepared a document for the committee's review. We will also discuss paperless project next month in addition to ongoing budget and financial reviews.