

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 8:32 a.m. The Finance Committee offered both in-person and virtual connection.

Chairwoman Ann Nichols announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

In-Person: Ann Nichols-Chairwoman, Bill Long, Seth Clayton and Jim Broderick.

Virtual: Pat Edelmann

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Kevin Karney -Vice Chairman and Greg Felt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Woodka, Stephanie Shipley, Leann Noga, Garrett Markus, and Mark Scott, SECWCD;
Eleanor Ludwig, SECWCD Intern.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman Nichols confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the May 19, 2022, minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Broderick, to approve the May 19, 2022 minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

Financial Reports, Check Review, and Investment Report

Mrs. Noga summarized the financial statements, check registers, and investment reports for the May and June 2022 accounting period. Chairwoman Nichols then asked for a motion to accept the financial reports. Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Long to accept the financial statements, check registers, and summary investment report for May and June 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2022 Budget Publication

The District has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Officers Finance Association (GFOA) for 2012 - 2022 Budget Publication and noted that this is the eleventh year that the Districts has been awarded this award. The 2022 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is presented to the Finance Team of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. The Finance Team is made up of Jim Broderick, Leann Noga, Chris Woodka, Lynette Holt, and Stephanie Shipley.

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2022 Operating Mill Levy Tax Collection Overage

Annually the District Board of Directors approve the Budget resolution, which lists the final mill levy certifications related to taxes collected within the District boundaries in each of the nine counties. The District certifies three separate mill levies; Contract Tax, Operating Tax and Abatement and Refund Tax. This information item only pertains to the Operating tax as explained below.

On May 9, 2022, the District received a letter from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) explaining that the District had certified the Operating Mill Levy in excess of \$28,447 in accordance with the 5.5 percent limit (CRS 29-1-301). On June 22, 2022 and after careful staff review, Leann Noga contacted DOLA to explain the calculation and acknowledge the error. Staff netted all three District Mill Levies to complete the total required temporary deduction. In the case of the Operating Mill Levy regarding the 5.5 percent limitation netted is not permitted.

In December 2021, the operating mill levy was certified for .035 totaling \$393,437 for the 2022 tax collection. The guiding calculation for this Levy is produced by the DOLA's office on form DLG-53 which states that the revenue limitation cannot exceed \$364,696.

The 2022 Operating Mill Levy should have been certified at .032 generating tax collection of \$359,714, which would have reflected a lower revenue amount than at the DLG-53 limit. The District is familiar with the temporary mill levy detection process and has performed this task in prior years in an effort to not exceed 5.5 Percent Revenue and Tax Payer Bill Of Rights (TABOR) limitations.

DOLA as well as District staff both agree that correcting this overage should take place in the next mill levy certification process and in the form of a temporary deduction.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022 at 8:30 am.

ADJOURN:

Chairwoman Nichols adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leann Noga
Administrator of Finance and Administration