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To: Board of Commissioners
From: Doug Coutts, Director
Date: 9/10/2021
Re: Budget-Initial Draft

Included in your board packet this month is the initial draft of the 2022 Budget for SWPRD.

This is an initial draft provided for your review. For this meeting this is informational only, but there are a couple of notes to keep in mind as you look through this.

- 2022 is the last year of our current levy we will be going out for a new levy for 2023 so while all of the 5 year projection is currently included, it will all change with our new levy.
- We are currently conducting a Compensation and Benefits study to look at Salaries and Benefits. This is to project accurately what we might need in our next levy to compensate employees competitively so we can keep our quality employees with us. Currently we are seeing most agencies providing paid benefits (medical/dental) for employee's families to some degree, the District does not currently do this. No funding is included in this 2022 budget for any additional compensation that may be derived from the study at this point.
- A salary increase is on the agenda for approval at this board meeting, that additional salary has not be factored into this draft as it has not yet been approved.
- Election costs-We have budgeted \$5,000 here for our upcoming maintenance and operations levy but have not yet added in any money for a potential Aquatic Center Bond Issue. We can do that if the board directs.
- In Maintenance budget Playground maintenance increase is to add engineered wood fiber chips to the playgrounds, pricing on that has increased and was not done this year.

- In the Capital Budget we have moved some equipment replacement purchases out a couple of years and will requote them. Staff is concerned about part availability with new equipment at the moment and will keep our current equipment for a couple more years as we can get parts for them.
- With Shifting the equipment purchases out, we have allocated \$20,000 to outright purchase a seeder/slicer for the district that we had previously planned to finance, saving the district on finance charges.
- We allocated \$41,000 for asphalt improvements in the park to do some repairs of cracking asphalt
- We have moved the \$36,000 for a pickleball court to 2023 when Grant Funds would be coming available to be used as our match and allocated \$8,700 for pickleball courts in 2022 to potentially do some work late in the year if grants get approved.

As in prior years, this is just an initial draft of the budget, we have not yet received our Assessed Valuation information from the County and will not likely get that until late September/Early October. Once we have that we will update the numbers and circulate an updated draft to the board.

If you would like to sit down with me to review this budget, please let me know and we can set up a time.

This is an informational item only at this time, no action is required.