

NORTH WHIDBEY POOL, PARK, AND RECREATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

JOHN VANDERZICHT MEMORIAL POOL

Monday, November 8, 2021

**Meeting Called to Order:** Commissioner Wiegenstein called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Commissioners in attendance – Chargualaf, Hardin, Brooks-Leete, and Wiegenstein.

Staff in attendance: Jay Cochran, District Director, Julie Millang, Business Manager, Shane Hoffmire, Maintenance Manager, Brooke Mechels, Recreation Manger

**Agenda:** North Whidbey Pool, Park, and Recreation District 2022 Proposed Budget

Director Cochran and staff presented the 2022 proposed budget. Each department head explained the portion of the budget they prepared.

Commissioner Brooks-Leete asked the revenue difference between resident vs. non-resident. Is it worth putting our residents through proving residency? Millang said she would run numbers and send the information out.

Commissioner Hardin asked, with the volleyball numbers broken out separately and all the new times available, what kind of marketing do we plan to do? Commissioner Wiegenstein said we needed to stay on the topic of the budget. Director Cochran reported she and Mechels would be working on a marketing calendar from the end of Nov. through December.

Commissioner Hardin asked if the private party fee pays our cost? Millang will confirm, but they were designed to pay the cost and generate revenue. Cochran explained that in the past, they had generated revenue.

Commissioner Hardin asked if the new volleyball net would be bigger? Mechels explained that the current net is 14' the new one will be 16'.

Director Cochran said we have not historically paid unemployment in the past. However, the pandemic has cost us financially because we had to pay for staff whom other employers laid off. Millang reported that most staff leave the District voluntarily, and Brooks-Leets said the risk had paid off before not to budget it. Other questions asked, what is the rate? Answer 1.06%, Commissioner Chargualaf's concern was that it was an expense that was desirable that, if not paid, we could set aside. What was the Director's thought? Cochran said she would call around and get feedback from other Districts?

Commissioner Wiegenstein asked if there was a place in the budget for moral employee retention? Millang said not yet because she is researching if there is a way to do it without being considered a gift of public funds.

Commissioner Hardin said we should be doing background checks on younger staff after Millang explained we do not pay for them. Millang clarified that we don't pay on them because

we do run them, but we do not get a "hit" on them, and if we do not get a "hit," we are not charged.

Commissioner Wiegenstein asked if we could go down to one zoom account. Millang said she would reduce the amount in the budget.

Commissioner Wiegenstein asked if we knew what the percentage increase in the new water rate would be? Millang said it was supposed to increase last year and 2022, each year by 7.5%, but that we did not know what the new percentage rate is going to be yet, that we have not received that information.

Cochran and Hoffmire presented the mowing alternatives as requested by the Clover Valley Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Hardin asked how many mow that was based on? Hoffmire said he would get back to her on the number.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Commissioner Hardin motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Chargualaf seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.