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Minutes for Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water Annual Budget Meeting May 22, 2026

Call Meeting to order: By Carl Gifford at 3:10 p.m.

Board Members Roll Call: Paul Smith, Jack Edwards Klyde Thompson, Guy Sydnam, Ted Warila, Carl Gifford – Superintendent & Lisa Miller – Accounts Manager.

Elect Budget Meeting Chairman: Ted nominated Paul Smith, Klyde 2nd all-in favor. Paul is Chairman.

Move for Budget Officer to present budget: Paul moved to have Budget Officer Carl Gifford to present meeting.

General Fund: There will be a 2% increase on all services. Fort Clatsop project looks like it's ready to proceed through a bidding process, however the Feds are holding up the permit. The district is having a full SCADA update which is part of the grant/loan monies.

Expenses: Personnel reflect a 3.3 % increase per the Federal Cola Increase. Health Benefit is a 6% increase but lower due to employee change of Single vs Family costs. There are no big increases except for utilities like Pacific Power. The Advertising & Publications have been merged into Office Supplies as the District is moving towards more digitalized format and leaving brochures in the office and throughout business's in our area for customers. The budget shows a modest 5% increase in several categories. The new Water Plant Loan will not start until the project is complete, which may even be next fiscal year. The district loan for the Treatment Plant is in year 25 of 30 and Reservoir Loan 13 of 30 including 2026 payment.

Capital Improvements: As mentioned earlier Fort Clatsop is underway. The district is acting as a pass through. The Federal Park Service will give federal dollars, then we in turn pay the engineers. Treatment Plant Upgrades are underway as well with vast improvements. Next planned project is Lyngstad Line Replacement. The district is planning to replace the line onto Woodland Lane instead of someone else's back yard, mitigating potential losses. The district is in the process of getting bids. The district will end up with a healthy contingency at \$15,000. The Lyngstad SDC project will be cash-flowed to prevent taking on additional debt. Our end balance is expected to decrease by 55K

Move to accept budget as presented: Klyde motion to accept budget, Ted 2nd, all in favor

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.