

budget, but no members of the public were in attendance. Then, after a brief discussion about final dollar amounts, the directors unanimously approved a resolution approving the 2016 budget, appropriating money for all the funds, and certifying the mill levy, which remains at 35 mills.

The board included the 2 percent water rates increase it approved unanimously in a separate agenda item later in the meeting. Remington noted that \$300,000 went into a reserves line item in the enterprise fund (for emergency repairs).

The following 2016 budget amounts do not reflect a few other small changes discussed at the meeting:

**General Fund**

- Budgeted revenue – \$5.03 million
- Budgeted expenditures – \$4.07 million
- Transfers to enterprise and capital funds – \$783,200

**Water, Wastewater and Reuse Enterprise Fund**

- Budgeted revenue – \$2.73 million
- Transfer from general fund –

- \$220,000
- Budgeted expenditures – \$2.73 million

**Capital Projects Fund**

- Budgeted revenue – \$1.75 million
- Transfer from general fund – \$563,200
- Budgeted expenditures – \$1.92 million

**Water rates increase approved**

No members of the public attended the public hearing on the proposed increase in water rates. The directors unanimously approved a 2 percent increase for residential tiered volumetric rates and a similar 2 percent increase in commercial and irrigation use. Residential water and wastewater base rates did not change. The increases will take effect March 1.

Triview’s water attorney, Chris Cummins of Felt, Monson & Culichia LLC, said there are differences in how Triview produces water and what it costs compared to Donala and other water districts, but Triview “will continue to have to have at least these moderate rate increases to meet fixed costs, which are going up.” Director Bob Eskridge agreed, saying, “Water has to pay for itself.”

**Checks over \$5,000**

The following checks over \$5,000 were approved unanimously:

- A Green Image, fertilizer and surge weed control – \$7,165
- ORC Water Professionals, October and November payments – \$11,000
- John Hurley, second of two payments,

mill and overlay, remove and replace asphalt – \$52,242

- Kempton Construction, Sanctuary Pointe transmission line progress payment – \$159,902

**Operations and manager’s reports**

Remington reported back to the board about the \$54,000 quote she obtained to contract out the district’s billing. After some discussion, the board voted instead to continue to have it done by Triview Billing Manager Joyce Levad, who just commemorated her 10-year anniversary with the district, but they authorized Remington to advertise for a part-time office support staff member.

Director Eskridge said that it made sense to get help for Levad, who is billing 1,450 accounts every month. The consensus was that the district anticipates growth of 50 to 100 accounts this year as The Vistas expands, and the construction of Sanctuary Pointe is just beginning. This part-time position was not approved in payroll line item of the 2016 district budget or the 2016 district appropriation resolution. However, with a total general administrative and operations budget of almost \$900,000, the directors agreed they could find the money.

Cummins reported that he was almost done with one water augmentation case for the district. He then asked the board for authority to file a new water augmentation plan application to provide access to the Sanctuary Pointe water by utilizing a

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