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## April 10, 2024 Lake Grove Fire District Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the Budget Board meeting to order at 6:05 pm via Google Meet and held in person at the Main Fire Station (214) in Downtown Lake Oswego.

### In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Sherry Patterson, Jon Harrell, Allen Patterson, Jen Plett, Tom Hinkle, Dan Taylor, Allen Jameson, Lisa Hilker, Greg Espinoza, Luke Lappin, Michelle Cushing

### Business:

1. A motion by Jon Harrell for Jen Plett to be the Chair of the Budget Committee meeting.
  - a. Allen Patterson seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Budget Officer Michelle Cushing presented the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. The Budget Committee and Board reviewed the budget and a discussion followed.
  - a. Michelle walked the Board and Budget Committee through each line on the budget. She mentioned the goals the Board had for fiscal year 2023-2024 and their progress in meeting these goals.
  - b. Lake Grove Fire District (LGFD) had a ballot measure on the Special Election held Tuesday May 16, 2023. This special election is for a local option levy of \$ .15 per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value, assessed to all property tax bills in the District. \$ .15 per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value, is the same rate as the last 5-year local option levy and the May 16 election extends the local option levy collection through June 30, 2029.
  - c. Michelle mentioned a future unknown is the fire services contract. The current fire services contract expires on June 30, 2027. The current 5-year contract, commenced July 1 2022, and is the same rate of \$ 1.92 per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value, as it's been since July 1, 2016. Michelle after talking with the City, the contract rate will probably increase at the next negotiation in early 2027 with rising wages and benefits. The LGFD fire services contract with the City of Lake Oswego represents about 8% of the City's revenue each year.
3. Jen Plett moved to approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. Luke Lappin seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. A resolution was adopted unanimously to set the tax rates for FY 2024-25.
  - a. Permanent Rate of \$ 1.9092 per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value
  - b. Local Option Tax of \$ .15 per \$ 1,000 of Assessed Value.
  - c. Allen Patterson moved to approve the tax rates for fiscal year 2024-25. Jon Harrell seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.