**Moose Lake Windemere Area Sanitary Sewer District**

**Approved Budget Meeting Minutes**

**September 20, 2023**

**@ MLWSSD Office**

1. The Budget Meeting of the MLWSSD was called to order on September 20, 2023, at the District Offices. Chairman Byron Kuster called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance included: Chairman Byron Kuster, Clair Strandlie, Bruce Lourey, Henry Gretsfeld and Eric Nielsen. Also in attendance were Executive Director Darla Hall, and Superintendent Keith Newman.

2. Approval of the Agenda: There being no changes to the agenda a motion was made by Strandlie second by Gretsfeld to approve the Budget Meeting Agenda as written. Motion carried 5/0.

3. Set the 2024 General Tax Levy: Beginning in 2020 the District has been lowering the tax levy 1/3 each year down to $0 being charged to the residents since 2022. Motion was made by Gretsfeld second by Nielsen to leave the tax levy at $0 for 2024. Motion carried 5/0.

4. Review and Approve Proposed 2024 Annual Budget: The board members reviewed the proposed 2024 annual budget and it was noted that funds in the amount of $20,000 were budgeted for jetting and televising as this project was last done in 2019. The system looked great at that time. Board discussed not doing televising in 2024 but perhaps look at doing it in 2025. Superintendent Newman suggested the money be used for cleaning of lift stations instead. Board agreed to ear mark this $20,000 towards lift station cleaning in 2024.

Hall noted the income for sewer user fees is based on 508 customers @ $60.00 per month. Treatment fees for 2024 are based on 2022 total flow and overages at the City’s proposed rate of $2.67 base rate and $1.71 overage rate. These rates have not been approved by the District to date, however, if they are approved will begin in January 2024. Motion by Lourey second by Strandlie to approve the 2024 budget as written with the $20,000 going to lift station cleaning rather than jetting project. Motion carried 5/0.

5. There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Lourey second by Strandlie to adjourn the meeting, the motion carried 5/0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes by Darla Hall, Executive Director