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LEGAL NOTICES

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District will be held on June 4, 2015, at 6:30 pm at Pondosa Station, Medical Springs, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, as approved by the Medical Springs RFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 50378 Highway 293, Baker City, OR, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2013-14	Adopted Budget This Year 2014-15	Approved Budget Next Year 2015-16
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	4,544	3,300	5,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	8,455	7,000	7,000
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	16,488	28,079	10,948
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements			
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	823	1	202
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	0	0	0
Total Resources	30,408	38,380	23,150

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Personnel Services	0	0	0
Materials and Services	26,444	38,380	23,150
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers			
Contingencies			
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	3,964	0	0
Total Requirements	30,408	38,380	23,150

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
FTE			
FTE			
FTE			
FTE			
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program			
Total Requirements			
Total FTE			

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2013-14	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2014-15	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2015-16
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit per \$1,000)			
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
Total		

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BLM seeks input for Cold Springs horses

Vale, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Vale District has begun the development of a wild horse gather plan for the Cold Springs Herd Management Area (HMA) and is asking the public for their input.

The Vale District will prepare an Environmental Assessment that will analyze the return of the wild horse population of the Cold Springs HMA to the Appropriate Management Level (AML).

The Cold Springs HMA is made up of nearly 30,000 acres and is about 30 miles south of Juntura, Oregon near Star Mountain.

The AML for the Cold Springs HMA is a range of 75 to 100 wild horses. The goal of this project is to return the wild horse population to the established AML and to protect rangeland resources,

including essential greater sage-grouse habitat from damage caused by over-population.

The Vale District determined the need for this plan due to intensive monitoring over several years involving studies of grazing, range condition, actual use, precipitation, weather and other factors.

“Precipitation has been poor and forage has suffered as a result,” said Don Gonzalez, Vale District BLM District Manager. “If you combine that with fire damage over the last several years throughout the District, you create a precarious situation for these horses.”

Aerial monitoring in July 2014 found that there were 213 wild horses. Assuming a population growth rate of 20 percent, the population is now expected to be in excess of 250 wild horses.

By summer of this year, this number of horses will exceed the forage allocated for their use by 40 percent.

Damage to forage and plants have been documented in areas of concentrated wild horse.

In 2013 and 2014, field observations also documented low water availability, with large concentrations of horses observed around severely limited water sources.

“We want to see the horses and the rangelands thrive,” said Gonzalez. “We’re hoping that this process will make that possible, and we’re hoping for constructive ideas and comments during the scoping period.”

Comments are being accepted through May 29, 2015, and information is available at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale/plans/plans-details.php?id=3164>

5J: Board hears resignations, new hires, awards

• BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS JUST BEFORE GENERAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

BY TODD ARRIOLA
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The Baker School District 5J held a budget meeting and a Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in the North Conference Room of the District office, 2090 4th Street.

Budget Committee Meeting.

Present for the budget meeting, held at 5 p.m., were Andrew Bryan, Board Chair; Kevin Cassidy, Board Vice Chair; Betty Palmer, Interim Superintendent; Doug Dalton, CFO/Business Manager; Melissa Irvine, Budget Committee Chair; Mike Rudi, Budget Committee Vice Chair; Richard McKim, Board Member; Autumn Swiger-Harrel, Budget Board Member; Rusty Munn, Budget Committee Member; and Elen Dentinger, Acting Secretary.

Attendees included Superintendent Walt Wegener and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Whitman District Ranger Jeff Tomac.

Irvine called the meeting to order, and Dalton discussed the economic forecast, stating that for 2016-2017, \$290,000 in additional funding would probably be available to the School District.

Wegener mentioned some possible grants and other sources of additional funding that could become available.

Bryan asked Dalton about the PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) situation, and Dalton said that it looks negative, with completely unexpected legislation that affects benefits.

He said there would be increased costs going forward, while retirees are still owed funds, and the cost to the District could be around \$790,000.

Munn referenced Palm-

er’s Budget Statement at the budget meeting last week, and explained that the four-day week was originally implemented because of funding issues.

A resolution regarding the permanent tax rate of \$4.6051 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable property within the district was approved, as well as the 2015-2016 School budget.

Board Meeting.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Bryan, followed shortly by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Bryan, Cassidy, Palmer, Dalton, Irvine, McKim, Dentinger, and outgoing Baker High School (BHS) Student Body President Bailey Hill. Around 20 people attended the meeting.

There were several presentations made at the beginning of the meeting, the first one from Palmer to Linda and Tim Collins, and Chelsea McLaughan, in recognition of the partnership of Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort to the School District, with the “Ski For The Health Of It” program. Palmer said that this year, 160 students had enrolled in the program, the highest number so far.

Bryan introduced Hill, then asked Baker High School Principal Ben Merrill to say a few words about leadership and Hill’s role and experience at the school.

Merrill said that Hill was chosen as Promise of Baker Student of the Month in January, and spoke about his courage, determination and future, and praised not only Hill for his efforts, but also next year’s incoming President, Bryson Smith. Palmer presented Hill with a certificate in recognition of his outstanding efforts, and he thanked the group, then introduced Smith.

Keating School Head Teacher Kathi Shaw presented Lacy Churchfield the award for Promise of Baker Student of the Month for May, in recognition of her efforts writing an Ellis Island-themed essay in honor of the 125th anniversary of both Ellis Island and the Daughters of the American Revolu-



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Kathi Shaw of Keating presents Lacy Churchfield the award for promise student of the month for May.

tion (DAR). Churchfield received a 1st place District medal and \$50 in March from Joan Smith and Cherylne Allen of the Lone Pine Tree Chapter of DAR, and she also placed 1st at the State contest this month for the 5th grade level, Shaw said.

Beth Bigelow next spoke about Sue Richard, who’s retiring from her position as Haines 5th/6th Grade Teacher. Bigelow talked about first meeting Richard, and about their positive experiences and Bigelow’s major accomplishments, and then Bigelow read a poem in honor of Richard, titled “A Tribute To A Teacher.” Bigelow also read a quote, which said, “Don’t cry because it’s over; smile because it happened.”

Palmer spoke about South Baker School Para Professional Diane Davis, who also is retiring. Palmer talked about Davis’s career, her performance, and her personal life, and had high praise for Davis, noting her humor, kindness, thoughtfulness, and caring attitude.

Bryan mentioned others retiring, but not present, including Jan Bonn, Brooklyn Music Teacher; Kim Virtue, Baker High School Student Services; and Carolyn Crawford, Baker Middle School Guidance Secretary.

The Board next approved the meeting agenda, and the minutes from the April 21, 2015 regular Board meetings.

Bryan then mentioned a classified new hire, Bus Driver Linda Rudy.

Hill gave a BHS report, including school sports and clubs events and accomplishments, including the recent Mr. BHS competition, FBLA elections, and for the first time, a country-themed dance to be held next Friday at the Baker County Fairgrounds.

The Board discussed the June Board meeting date, and decided on Tuesday, June 23.

Julie Gentry was present during the public comment segment to discuss her concerns about the 5th/6th grade size class at Haines, and she suggested more staff to address the

issue. Palmer responded to Gentry that according to policy, the class size-to-teacher ratio is proper.

Action Item 1 was approved by the Board, which includes:

Administration Hires are Nanette Lehman, South Baker Principal; Chris Carmiencke, Baker Middle School Principal; and Molly Smith, VP/Math Coach.

On the list of Certified Resignations are Theresa Dee, South Baker 4th Grade Teacher; Seth Bingham, Baker High School FFA/Ag Teacher; and Brianna Ellis, South Baker Developmental 4th Grade Teacher.

Annetta Evans, Haines 5th/6th Grade Teacher, is listed as a Certified Transfer.

Certified New Hires are Amy Younger, South Baker 4th Grade Teacher; Skye Flanagan, South Baker 4th Grade Teacher; Dana Marlia, Haines Pre-K and .5 Special Education Teacher; Thomas Joseph, Baker High School Language Arts Teacher; Aysa Vidales, .6 English Learner

Teacher for the District; Cynthia Stevens, Haines .5 5th/6th Grade Teacher; and Bibiana Giff, Baker High School/BTI Ag Science Instructor/FFA Advisor.

Marcy Osborn, Baker Middle School Volleyball Coach, is listed as the Extra-Duty Resignation.

Extra-Duty New Hires are Shawn Simpson, Baker High School Head Volleyball Coach; Kristen Ruston, Baker High School Girls Soccer Coach; and Brent Gyllenberg, Baker High School Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Action Item 2, Resolution 15-09, Oregon State School Fund, was discussed by the Board. Action Item 2 was approved.

Action Item 3 was approved, the Second Reading of Policies: EBCB-Emergency Drills; GBDA-Mother Friendly Workplace; GBM-Staff Complaints; JHCD-Non-prescription Medication; and JHCDA-Prescription Medication, with JFG-Student Searches omitted from the list.