

Minutes
Citizens Oversight Committee
May 2, 2023
District Office Board Room
5:30 pm

- **Present:** Jerry Boudreaux, Bob Archer, Steve Spencer, Sean Johnson, Candy Posey, Tara Townley, Tami Montague, Jennifer Reinhardt, Marlene Gillis, Paul Chamberlin, Natalie Castillo, Robert Spivey

- **Welcome**
 - Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m.

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion made by Tara Townley to approve minutes from April 3, 2023 meeting, motion seconded by Candy Posey, motion carried, minutes are approved.

- **Financial Update**
 - Paul made a financial update, gave a hand out about what the costs were, where the district is at financially and what the different program costs are for.

- **Old Business**
 - Nominate New Co-Chair
 - Jennifer made a motion to nominate Tara for Co-Chair, Candy seconded, Tara accepted the nomination and is now the Co-Chair of the committee
 - Priority
 - Priority recommendation was created to take to the board –
 - Safety Upgrades
 - Critical Maintenance “Modernization” Upgrades
 - Technology Upgrades - Infrastructure
 - COC can only make recommendations to the board for priority of the Bond.
 - A motion was moved by Tara and seconded by Candy for the recommendation be referred to Jerry, Bob and a small group to develop the motion which will be emailed for all committee members for discussion and approval.
 - Tara will take the motion to the School Board
 - Construction Excise Tax (CET) – Tami Montague & Robert Spivey, member of the District Finance Committee

- Robert took CET information to the Finance Committee’s last meeting for them to implement CET, they took it to the board however the board wanted a little more information and input.
 - Robert reiterated that implementing a CET will not affect future bonds
 - Steve stated that should a CET be put in place that the money needs to be “earmarked” for what it is to be used for, it is not a “slush fund”
 - If the board decides to move forward, there is not a lot of wait time to collect. Collection can be cumbersome; Polk County is not currently collecting for Central SD, those that have to pay it actually go to Central SD to pay the permit fee.
 - It was not a unanimous vote (6-1) from the Finance Committee to take the recommendation to the School Board.
 - CET is an upfront fee
 - A statement will be sent to the board stating “Based on the members present, the consensus is that the board move forward with a Construction Excise Tax.”
- New Bond – In response to an informal request for a new Bond, the committee will state “The consensus of the members present is that it’s inappropriate to make a comment at this point”
- **New Business**
 - Seismic Update - Presented Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to the Board meeting on 4/24/23 at the last meeting and they approved up to \$2.5 million, construction allocation is about \$1.8 million. There will be no roofing on top, no tear off, no put back so that will be a substantial savings.
 - Summer Projects – Most likely mid-summer starts – Middle School portion of office, then exterior entry, securing the vestibule. Lyle vestibule will be built in and framed but the doors will be temporary yet secure. Because of the lead times, the pricing has been locked in. The gym roof at Lyle will be done and a gym roof at LaCreole will be done and several areas of the high school as well. Going to be replacing an HVAC on the Morrison side of the District Office and some rebuilds will be done throughout the district. Plumbing at the middle school has been started and contactors are being replaced at Oakdale.
- **Discussion of Next Meeting**
 - Next Meeting Date – June 6, 2023 5:30 p.m. District Office Board Room
 - Members will be notified one week prior to meeting if it will be canceled or not

- **Public Input**
 - Robert Spivey – impressed with how the committee cares and is pragmatic about how the bond money is being spent
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion made by Tara Townley, motion seconded by Candy Posey. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Committee Chair

Jerry Boudreaux

Date

Committee Secretary

Natalie Castillo

Date