

Rogue Valley Sewer Services Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 22, 2026

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

A meeting of the Budget Committee of Rogue Valley Sewer Services, Jackson County, Oregon, was held at 138 W Vilas Road, Central Point, Oregon, on April 22, 2026. Board of Directors Vice-Chair John Quinn called the meeting to order at noon.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Palmer; Anna D'Amato; Mark Warwick; John Vial; John Quinn; Roger Thom

Via Zoom: Aaron Prunty; Eleanor Ponomareff

Absent: Kay Harrison; John Edwards

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Zarosinski, Manager; Brenda Baldovino, Finance Director; Joan Pariani, Executive Secretary; TJ Weber, Operations Manager; Carole Balzer, Network Administrator; Nick Bakke, District Engineer; Francie Guerra, Employee Liaison.

ELECTION OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY:

Since no nominations were made, John Vial volunteered to serve as the Budget Committee Chair. Roger Thom then volunteered to be the Secretary. Both were elected by a unanimous "aye" vote of all committee members.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET BY THE BUDGET OFFICER:

Budget Officer Mike Zarosinski read the Budget Message presented in the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 2027, which had previously been provided to all Committee Members.

RVSS once again received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA. This is the 19th year.

In the rate analysis for fiscal year 2027, the staff recommends increasing the monthly rate for a single-family residential home from \$31.00 to \$35.00. RVSS's rate is still amongst the lowest in the state of Oregon.

Items of Special Interest

- Gold Hill: Staff recommends a rate increase for Gold Hill from \$85.00 to \$93.00 per month.
- Shady Cove: This rate will increase from \$53.00 to \$55.00 per month.
- The Gold Hill Intertie should be going out to bid sometime in the fall of 2026.
- The Antelope Road Sewer replacement, Shady Cove Treatment Plant UV disinfection, and the Cummins Stormwater facility will all be closing out. These projects utilize DEQ debt options, which result in not only favorable interest rates but also varying amounts of loan forgiveness.
- White City laggons are still generating revenue and providing an important service for the area.
- August 30th, 2026 marks RVSS' 60th anniversary.
- Staffing—Due to the sudden retirement of one of the longtime employees, there has been a shortage in O&M. Talks have started to hire a previous employee. This will make a full staff of 39 employees.
- RVSS has traditionally made annual Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) to employee wages based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). For this year, the proposed COLA is 2.4%.

Fund 01: General Fund

Mike summarized the key components of Fund 01. He highlighted the expenditures. The Gold Hill Intertie will be the biggest expense.

This fund remains structurally sound and continues to support other funds without a problem.

Fund 04: Bear Creek Interceptor Operations & Maintenance

Mike gave a brief history of the Bear Creek Interceptor. Both RVSS and the City of Medford pay into this fund. RVSS pays a larger share than Medford because more RVSS customers flow through the Dunn Pump Station, which has much higher operating costs.

Fund 06-Dunn Pump Station Maintenance Fund

Mike explained how funds flow into this account. Dunn is the largest pump station.

Fund 07: Interceptor Capital Expansion

RVSS and the City of Medford contribute equally to this fund, which pays for capital projects to improve the regional interceptor system.

Fund 09: White City Storm Drains

A brief history of the White City Storm Drains was given. This fund operates the storm drainage system in White City's industrial area. It has a very healthy balance.

Fund 10: Stormwater Quality Management

Again, Mike gave a brief history of the Stormwater Water Quality program. RVSS is in partnership with Jackson County, Talent, Eagle Point, and Phoenix to manage the MS-4 permit, which the DEQ requires to protect water quality. A surcharge on the sewer bill funds this fund, which focuses on public education, outreach, illicit discharge monitoring, spill response, and water sampling.

A revised budget was distributed to Committee members; an additional \$22,000 expense was identified after the budget was printed.

Fund 50: Shady Cove Treatment

Funding for the Shady Cove treatment plant operation comes exclusively from Shady Cove residents.

Fund 55: Treatment Capital Fund

This fund is used for capital improvements at the Shady Cove Treatment Plant and the White City Lagoons. Most of the money going into this fund comes from tipping charges at the lagoon.

Fund 60: Gold Hill Treatment

Mike explained how revenue is received into this fund. He presented a chart of all the funding sources and when each would kick in.

Fund 62: Gold Hill Debt Service

Anything above the initial \$30,000 collected monthly through Gold Hill service fees goes to this account. This will pay current and future loans.

Fund 70: Lagoons

This fund's revenues come from septic and grease-trap waste haulers. Surplus revenue is transferred into the Capitol Reserve Fund.

Budget Requirement Details by Department

The Budget Requirements in the Proposed Budget were generally discussed as displaying the Fund requirements allocated to each RVSS Department.

MOTION

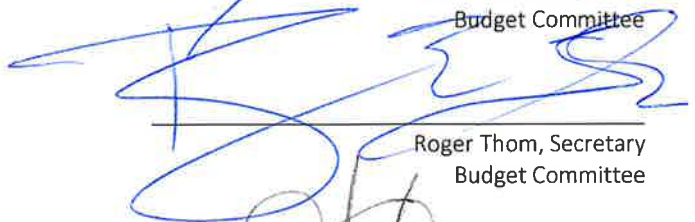
With no added questions or comments, Committee Member John Quinn motioned to approve the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 2027, as amended. Ron Palmer seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous "aye" vote of all committee members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.



John Vial Chairperson
Budget Committee



Roger Thom, Secretary
Budget Committee



John Quinn, Vice-Chairperson
Board of Directors



Joan Pariani, Executive Secretary



