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**Northwest Communications Union District**  
**Public Hearing**  
**November 10, 2022 at 6:00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Attendance**

Sean Kio (ED), Chasidy Benjamin (Admin), Zachary Burdick (Georgia, Chair), Ken Millman (Alburgh Rep), Stu McGowan (Alburgh Rep), Cary Sandvig (Isle La Motte Rep), Michael Inners (Grand Isle Rep), Daniel Tumwesigye (Village of Enosburg Falls Rep), Leisa Fearing (North Hero Rep), Matthew LeFluer, Lyn Lauffer, two unidentified members of the public.

**Welcome**

At 6:00pm NWF Executive Director, Sean Kio introduced himself and stated that he would explain the proposed 2023 budget and then open for questions and recommendations. Any questions and/or recommendations will be addressed before the Governing Board for consideration before formal adoption.

**Proposed Annual Budget**

S. Kio shared the 2023 budget via shared screen. S. Kio explained, now that we have had a full year of operations, we were able to identify many new categories. He provided an explanation of the new line items, as well as the items that were either rolled into a new category or eliminated.

**Public Comment**

K. Millman stated the budget presented is very robust and comprehensive. Now that we have been operational for a year we did not have to estimate as much as we did for the 2022 budget.

M. LeFluer asked if we have accounted for inflation with our project moving forward. S. Kio answered yes, we have taken inflation into consideration and our financial advisors have accounted for that in what our assumed costs are for 2023 capital expenditures.

**Adjourn**

S. Kio announced that the Governing Board will meet on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:00pm to formally adopt the budget. This budget has been sent out to all of our communities within our CUD. If anyone has any questions, they can email [info@nwcud.com](mailto:info@nwcud.com) and they will be taken into consideration before final adoption.

*S. McGowan motioned to adjourn. Z. Burdick seconded. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.