

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 6-19-09

Meeting was called to order by Finance Committee Chair Vice-Chairman Commissioner Lurie. All were present via teleconferencing. Diana Belding from the public was present at Valley Road.

Chairman Lurie called the meeting to order at 9am.

There were no member items.

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Finance Committee minutes from the May 15th meeting. Motion to approve by Mike McBeath, 2nd by Gil Yanuk. Motion was approved unanimously.

CAB Budget Policy – The discussion was centered on the varying Pool/Pact rates from county to county and from State Risk Management. Chairman Lurie suggested a comparison of what each county was paying in terms of # of members and experience modification factor. It was also suggested that it might not be appropriate for CAB members to be considered Department volunteers during commission business because they were representing the County rather than the Department. The necessity of an opinion from the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) to clarify who is responsible for workers compensation for CAB members both at CAB meetings and Commission meetings was discussed. Reimbursing the counties for only one member of the CAB to travel to the commission meetings and augmenting the CAB manuals for budget preparation was suggested as an item for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Reserve Analysis – The discussion was centered on the Departments projection that there would be approximately \$4 - \$4.5 million in reserve at the end of this fiscal year and the factors that were driving that projection being deferred spending and increased application hunt revenues. Chairman Lurie requested a list of purchases for the fourth quarter.

Budget Status – The discussion was centered on the Legislature approving the position for the coordination of the Department's effort on the "War on Cheat grass" funded with Q1 dollars to be received from DCNR.

Legislature fiscal impact - The discussion was centered on the Legislature approving AB246 and SB411. It was clarified that SB411 amended the AB246 language to indicate the Commission may initiate the dream tag instead of shall.

Future Committee Meeting - Chairman Lurie decided not to set a date for the next meeting of the Finance Committee until the membership of the Finance Committee was determined.