COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
Request for Board Action

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2016
AGENDA NUMBER: 25
ITEM: Capital Programs and Projects

AGENDA: Discussion

ACTION REQUESTED
Review and receive

BACKGROUND
Requests for capital outlay/improvements in the Adopted 2016 Budget are funded through a variety of sources including the General Fund and capital equipment/project levies, Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds, assessments. Capital equipment and improvements in the Adopted 2016 Budget amounts to $2,257,310. All of the capital equipment and improvements will be funded by the General Fund levy. Grants will be sought for individual projects.

The District’s 2013 - 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process was instrumental in producing the outcomes outlined in the 2016 Budget and should be referred to for a detailed analysis of significant capital outlays/improvements. For additional information on all the capital outlay / improvements in the District’s 2013 – 2023 CIP, please see the Comprehensive Plan for a brief description of capital projects.

It should be noted that as equipment and/or water management structures are replaced, there isn’t necessarily a huge cost savings. For example, replacing a 20 year old pipe or water control structure with a new one can save money both in time and repairs; but that leaves hundreds of other pipes and structures that become another year older, needing additional time for maintenance. The same scenario is true for replacement equipment, unless there are major innovations to change the way the equipment is used and/or maintained, the savings on reallocated.

Notable adopted capital outlay/improvement expenditures include:
Facility Maintenance and Construction: $1,000,000 is budgeted for a District office. 2016 objectives involve securing property, developing plans and conducting site investigations. The balance will be set aside for construction.

Software Development: $22,000 is budgeted for development/modification of software that allows automated tracking and onsite recording of inspection information. Both software programs should save on the need to hire additional staff to track, inspect, monitor and report inspection results and repair and maintenance needs, as well as facilitate work with the city public works and engineering within the District.
Aquatic Invasive Species: The 2016 budget set aside $40,397 for early detection and rapid response should a new aquatic invasive species be discovered within the lakes and waters of the District.

Operations and Maintenance: $555,560 is budgeted for bank stabilization, channel repair of the public conveyance system and non-routine maintenance such as beaver removal and removal of downed trees and obstructions. No other maintenance or construction funds were budgeted for 2016. Additional monies will be required to repair, retrofit or construct storm water treatment devices needed to come into compliance with the TMDLs for Coon, Sand, Pleasure and Springbrook Creeks.

Capital Equipment: $27,160 is budgeted for capital equipment. These funds represent a 65% decrease from funds budgeted in 2015. 28% of those funds are for computers, office equipment and telecommunications needed for the addition of two staff people. $16,600 is for monitoring and field equipment, the majority of which are water quality and AIS/Zebra mussel oriented.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

RECOMMENDATION
Discuss and receive review of capital programs and projects