

Grand Prairie Friends
Proposed Budget for 2022

The spreadsheet included with this memo is the budget that Sarah and I have hammered out for 2022. There are 3 sets of numbers – separated by yellow dividers. The leftmost set is our performance for the first 10 months of 2021. This is to give you a feel for where our money comes from and where it goes.

The middle two columns (E and F) is the budget from last year. Of these two columns, the left basically represents Unrestricted money. The top section is money we earn or receive with no strings attached – for instance, memberships, plant sale revenue, or money from hunting leases. The bottom section includes expenses we incur that are paid with Unrestricted money – Sarah’s salary, postage, vehicle expense, etc.

Column F is Restricted money. Income is from grants. Expenses are how we will spend those grants.

The two columns on the right (H and I) are this year’s budget as we see it now. Again, the left column is Unrestricted, and right column is Restricted. The largest number on the whole spreadsheet is in this Restricted column – line 27, the 2022 portion of grants that we have either received or are guaranteed. Anything that is uncertain is not included in this budget.

The Expense portion of H and I are the most interesting. How are we planning to spend the money we collected at the top. As usual, each of these numbers is a guess. But once we have approved a budget, each of these numbers becomes a target for Sarah as we are progressing through the year. It is expected that she will weigh spending decisions with our budget in mind. And it is pretty much guaranteed that she and we will make decisions that will make portions of this budget obsolete. For instance, there is nothing included here regarding possible acquisitions (including Prospect Prairie) or a possible greenhouse or a company car for the Treasurer. Any of these things are feasible, but this budget does not account for them.

Approving a budget will be on the agenda for the January meeting. Please be ready to discuss it at that time. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Sarah or me.

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