

January 29, 2021

To: Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

From: Diane Snelling, Chair, Natural Resources Board/Act250

Re: Costs to support Governor's Executive Order

Questions from the Committee

1. What is the cost of the new structure as proposed in the EO?
2. What is the cost of the 2 new full time Board Members?
3. What is the cost of the additional staff support necessary?

The total estimated cost is \$500,000 with Personnel costs including benefits estimated at \$350,112.00 and Operating costs estimated at \$149, 888.00

4. What impact will there be to the ongoing operations of the District Offices?

No financial impact on the operations of the District offices is anticipated.

5. Are there other financial implications that the Committee should be aware of?
6. Has the NRB/Act250 contemplated any means of funding the new structure on an ongoing basis?

The Committee should be aware that the Governor has included \$500,000 in his recommended budget for FY2022.

In addition, after many difficult years with unpredictable special fund revenues, the Governor has also added \$1,000,000 to his recommendations to fill the current NRB/Act250 deficit of (-\$647,389). and provide some resources to avoid future deficits.

These changes came about as a direct result of the Governor's support for the new NRB/Act 250 structure, and our internal budget work with Finance and Management.

Thank you,

Diane

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