



Capital Automation Request for Replacement Servers

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BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

☐ Information

☐ Discussion

☒ Action Requested

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the purchase of two new servers from Capital Automation funds not to exceed \$60,000 total.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GRRL runs 45 production virtual machines in our private (not cloud) data center in the St. Cloud Public Library server room. Those 45 virtual machines run on 4 real physical servers. This arrangement brings a number of benefits; among them are more control over data and predictable operating expense.

Two of our servers are due for replacement after serving us well for the past seven years. In the past, we were typically able to procure these servers for less than the Financial policy limit that requires Board approval. However, in the current AI boom, server equipment has gotten significantly more expensive. The new servers will cost us four to six times more than we paid just three years ago and require Board approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Estimated Cost: \$ 60,000 Funding Source: Capital Automation

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

ACTION

☐ Passed

☐ Failed

☐ Tabled