

**UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP
August 22, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.
O'Neill, Nebraska**

CALL TO ORDER, STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT AND OPEN MEETING LAW NOTIFICATION:

The special budget workshop meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:33 PM. The statement of advertisement and the open meetings law posting were all noted by Legislative, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Marv Fritz.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Matt Beckman	Kevin Blair	Marv Fritz	Curtis Gotschall	Gene Kelly
Aaron Rice	Roy Stewart	Art Tanderup	John Vogel	
Tony Sanderson(arr. 6:37)				

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Gary Bartak	Chris Dierks	Cody Frank	Trevor Gotschall	Keith Heithoff
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STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Schueth, General Manager
Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator
Joslynn Vanderslice, Water Resources Manager
Jeff Langan, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Frederick, Water Resources Technician

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

⇒It was moved by John Vogel and seconded by Curtis Gotschall to excuse the absence of Gary Bartak, Chris Dierks, Cody Frank, Trevor Gotschall & Keith Heithoff. **AYE:** Beckman, Blain, Fritz, C. Gotschall, Kelly, Rice, Stewart, Tanderup & Vogel. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Bartak, Dierks, Frank, T. Gotschall, Heithoff & Sanderson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tony Sanderson arrived at 6:37 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PER DIEM:

The current per diem for UENRD directors is \$65.00 per day. The maximum allowed is \$70.00 per day. The consensus was to leave the Directors per diem at \$65.00.

DISCUSSION ACTION ON ADDITIONAL 1% TAXING AUTHORITY:

Dennis Schueth reviewed the 1% taxing authority and what it would mean to the UENRD budget. This item will be included on the August agenda. It takes 75% of the full NRD Board to pass this issue. The EPIC tax proposal was discussed and how it could impact the UENRD if it were to move forward and be implemented.

REVIEW PROPOSED FY 23-24 BUDGET AND NARRATIVE:

- Dennis Schueth discussed equipment needs for the upcoming budget and if the district needs to start a discussion regarding the replacement of NRD vehicles. Should the NRD consider replacing vehicles before the warranty expires while they still have some value for trade-in or continue or continue as the need arises. We have received quotes for a new copier/printer and two smaller units to replace the machines that are coming off contract. We are also having issues with getting parts for these machines which are approximately 8-9 years old. Replacement of the copier/printer was scheduled for 20-21 fiscal year; however, Covid hit and they were not bidding any new machines because of supply issues. The new copier/printer would save the district approximately \$300 per month which would in turn pay to upgrade the two smaller printers for the Administrative Secretary and the back office area.
- The Directors present reviewed the proposed budget. Dennis Schueth reviewed the line items in the 23-24 fiscal year budget and noted any increases or decreases. It was also noted that customer sales continue to decrease which is adding to budget.

RECOMMENDATION TO PREPARE FY 23-24 DRAFT BUDGET FOR AUGUST 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING DATE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023:

A recommendation and motion will need to be made at the board meeting to proceed with the budget and set the public hearing date.

NARD FALL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 25-26, KEARNEY, NE:

The NARD Fall Conference is scheduled for September 25 & 26 in Kearney. We will need to appoint voting delegates for the conference at the August 28, 2023 board meeting if needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

⇒ It was moved by Curtis Gotschall and seconded by Art Tanderup to adjourn the budget workshop at 7:53 PM. **AYE:** Beckman, Blain, Fritz, C. Gotschall, Kelly, Rice, Sanderson, Stewart, Tanderup & Vogel. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Bartak, Dierks, Frank, T. Gotschall & Heithoff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

I, the undersigned Director of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on August 22, 2023 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Gene Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer