



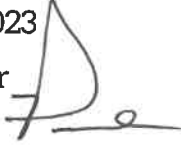
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Agenda Item #6b

## Memorandum

**Date:** August 15, 2023  
**To:** Each Director  
**From:** Paul Zillig   
**Subject:** Finance & Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and  
FY 2024 Budget Public Hearings

The NRD held the first Public Hearing on the FY'2024 Budget on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the NRD Office. There were no public in attendance. Directors in attendance were Chelsea Johnson, Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Melissa Baker, Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, Don Jacobson, Christine Lamberty, David Landis, Luke Peterson, Larry Ruth, Susan Seacrest, Stacie Sinclair, Ray Stevens, and Ken Vogel. Others in attendance were Kristin Buntmeyer, David Potter, Mike Sousek, and myself. Introductory comments were made by NRD Treasurer, Chelsea Johnson, I then presented a power point on the proposed FY'24 NRD Budget. There were no public comments and the hearing adjourned at 5:45 pm.

At the conclusion of the August 9<sup>th</sup> public hearing, the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met to consider recommending approval of the FY'24 Budget Resolution. In attendance were Directors Chelsea Johnson, Ken Vogel, Deborah Eagan, Christine Lamberty, Luke Petersen, Ray Stevens, Bob Andersen, and Melissa Baker. Others in attendance were David Landis and Mike Sousek, Dave Potter, Kristin Buntmeyer, and myself.

The Subcommittee decided to wait until after the August 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing is held on the FY'24 Budget, before making a recommendation to the Board on the proposed Budget Resolution. Staff reported that a Board Planning Retreat is scheduled for February 2-3, 2024 at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The NRD held the second Public Hearing on the FY'2024 Budget on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the NRD Office. In attendance was Bruce Johnson of 254 W. Lakeshore Drive, Lincoln. Directors in attendance were Chelsea Johnson, Gary Aldridge, Bob Andersen, Melissa Baker, Deborah Eagan, Gary Hellerich, David Landis, Susan Seacrest,

Stacie Sinclair, Ray Stevens, Ken Vogel, and John Yoakum. Others in attendance were Kristin Buntmeyer, Parker Robinson, David Potter, Mike Sousek, and myself. Introductory comments were made by NRD Treasurer, Chelsea Johnson, I then presented the attached power point on the proposed FY'24 NRD Budget. Bruce Johnson provided testimony in support of budgeting funds to do more work with additional tax funds (see attached handout, a copy of the transcript is available upon request) and an email from Todd Paddock of 2335 St. Thomas Drive in Lincoln urging NRD financial support of Lincoln's Local Food System Plan. Paddock intended to provide comments online, but the comments were not received so the Paddock's comments were provided in an email from Director Baker which is attached. The hearing adjourned at 6:03 pm.

At the conclusion of the August 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing, the Finance and Planning Subcommittee met to consider recommending approval of the attached FY'24 Budget Resolution. In attendance were Directors Chelsea Johnson, Ken Vogel, Deborah Eagan, Ray Stevens, Bob Andersen, and Melissa Baker. Others in attendance were David Landis and Mike Sousek, Dave Potter, Kristin Buntmeyer, and myself.

The Subcommittee discussed the public comments and Vogel stated that he agreed with many of B. Johnson's comments related to the need for more funding for Salt Creek Flood resiliency and funding for other deferred projects for stormwater maintenance, etc. It was moved by Vogel and seconded by Baker to amend the FY'24 NRD Budget and Budget Resolution by increasing the Salt Creek Flood Resiliency Sinking Fund by \$600,000 and increasing property taxes by an additional \$600,000. The Subcommittee discussed the amendment and shared their ideas on the status of the Salt Creek Flood resiliency plan and their desire to have more information on the plan before budgeting additional funds. The motion to amend failed on a vote of 2 "yes" and 4 "no" (Vogel & Baker voting "yes" and Eagan, Stevens, Andersen & Johnson voting "no").

It was moved by Stevens, seconded by Andersen, and approved by the Subcommittee on a vote of 4 "yes" and 2 "no" to recommend the Board of Directors approve the Resolution adopting the final budget for FY 2024 totaling \$37,853,611 with a property tax request of \$10,514,822.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

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