

Agenda Item: 9.b.

MEMORANDUM

To: FEL Subcommittee
Subject: FY 2014 Budget – Lid Computation (1% Resolution)
Date: July 1, 2013
From: John Winkler, General Manager

State statutes require that no governmental unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than the last prior year's total of budgeted restricted funds plus allowable increases. All political subdivisions have the ability to increase their base restricted funds by 2.5%. If a political subdivision has allowable growth due to improvement to real property as a result of new construction, additions to existing buildings, any improvements to real property, and any increase in valuation due to annexation and any personal property valuation over the prior year above 2.5%, you can use the amount over the 2.5% increase as the base of restricted funds. Growth numbers are provided by the County Assessors on the Certification of Valuation. This information is not available until mid-August.

We have just completed the first draft of the FY 2014 budget. There are still several unknowns, i.e., final revenues/expenditures, property tax receipts, etc., needed to determine the total unused restricted funds authority for the FY 2014 budget.

The Board can also exceed the limit by 1%. Approval would require a super majority of the Board. That is, at least 75% of the governing body is required to approve or 9 affirmative votes - not just 75% of those present.

There is no special hearing or notice required to consider the additional 1% increase. Following is a history showing the Board's actions in allowing for the additional 1% increase:

FY 1999	Yes
FY 2000	No
FY 2001	Yes
FY 2002	No
FY 2003	Yes
FY 2004	No
FY 2005	No
FY 2006	Yes
FY 2007	No
FY 2008	No
FY 2009	No
FY 2010	Yes
FY 2011	Yes
FY 2012	No
FY 2013	Yes

The following items are lid exceptions that would apply to the District:

- Payments on bonded debt
- Capital Improvements (acquisition and improvements to real property)
- Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements
- Repairs to infrastructure damaged by a natural disaster.

The 2.5% lid applies to General expenditures such as:

- Directors' per diem and expenditures
- District's insurance coverage
- Equipment/vehicles
- Salaries
- Gas, oil and vehicle repairs
- Utilities

It would be beneficial to the District if the Board approves the additional 1% to help cover increases to those general costs and to help build the base for restricted funds for future budgets.

- **It is the management's recommendation that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the following resolution be adopted:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Pappia-Missouri NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in the Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority, pursuant to Neb. Rev. State. §§ 13-518 through 13-522.