

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal  
Subcommittee Meeting  
September 11, 2007  
6:50 p.m.**

**(Immediately following Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee Meeting)**

**Agenda**

**Finance, Expenditure & Legal Subcommittee Members:**

Dick Connealy, Chairperson  
Tim Fowler, Vice-Chairperson  
John Conley  
Dorothy Lanphier  
Richard Patterson

Alternate Members: John Schwope  
Rich Tesar

Staff Liaison: Jim Becic  
Jerry Herbster  
Jack Lawless  
Trent Heiser \*

1. Meeting Called to Order – Chairperson Connealy
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act Posting and Announcement of Meeting Procedure – Chairperson Connealy
3. Quorum Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice
6. FY 2008 Budget – John Winkler
  - a. Review and Recommendation of 1% Increase to the Budgeted Restricted Funds for Lid Calculation for FY 2008 Budget
  - b. Review and Recommendation on Final Levy = **0.034848** (Last Years' Tax Levy = 0.038444)
7. Review and Recommendation on Right of Way Acquisition – MoPac Trail (Hwy 50 to Lied) – NEBCO Parcel [*Executive Session, if needed*] – Gerry Bowen
8. Adjourn

Agenda Item 6.a.

# MEMORANDUM

To: FEL Subcommittee  
Subject: FY 2008 Budget – Lid Computation (1% Resolution)  
Date: September 10, 2007  
From: John Winkler, General Manager

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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. Additional growth for FY 2008 budget is .29%. Growth numbers are provided by the County Assessors on the Certification of Valuation.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Base Limitation                         | 2.50%        |
| Additional Growth (2.79% - 2.5% = .29%) | 0.29%        |
| Additional 1% Approved by Board         | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total Allowable Percent Increase</b> | <b>2.79%</b> |

**Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority for FY 2008 = \$173,736.32**

**If the additional 1% is approved, the allowable percent and the unused restricted fund authority would increase as follows:**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Base Limitation                         | 2.50%        |
| Additional Growth (2.79% - 2.5% = .29%) | 0.29%        |
| Additional 1% Approved by Board         | 1.00%        |
| <b>Total Allowable Percent Increase</b> | <b>3.79%</b> |

**Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority for FY 2008 = \$233,977.17**

**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 1998 | Yes |
| 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  |

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

- 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 Papio-Missouri NRD approves an additional increase of 1% in the Total Funds Subject to Limitation, pursuant to Neb. Rev. State. §§ 13-518 through 13-522.**

**Agenda Item 6.b.:**

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance, Expenditures and Legal Subcommittee

SUBJ: P-MRNRD FY 2008 Tax Levy

DATE: September 4, 2007

FROM: John Winkler, General Manager

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The District has received final valuations from the County Clerk's offices. The final numbers are as follows:

| County        | FY 07-08 Final Valuation   | % Increase   |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Sarpy         | \$9,969,144,239.00         | 10.12%       |
| Douglas       | \$33,933,447,230.00        | 9.49%        |
| Washington    | \$1,726,267,285.00         | 5.00%        |
| Dodge         | \$2,215,983.00             | .19%         |
| Burt          | \$352,633,592.00           | 1.57%        |
| Thurston      | \$153,631,097.00           | 6.42%        |
| Dakota        | \$1,051,888,029.00         | 3.20%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>\$47,189,227,455.00</b> | <b>9.23%</b> |

The tax levy would be set at **0.034848**. This is a decrease of 0.003596 over last year's tax levy of 0.038444. The total tax requirement is \$16,444,611.41. This is a decrease of \$163,771.78 from last year's total tax requirement of \$16,608,383.19.

The following is a chart showing the difference this decrease would make in a house valued at \$100,000 and a house valued at \$200,000:

| Tax Levy           | House Valued at \$100,000 | House Valued at \$200,000 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| FY 2007 – 0.038444 | \$38.44                   | \$76.88                   |
| FY 2008 – 0.034848 | \$34.85                   | \$69.70                   |

The adopted budget also includes the following amendments that were made pursuant to Board action at the August 9, 2007 meeting:

- Deleting the Revenue line item 03 13 3130 – Papio Reservoirs – Misc in the amount of \$1,370,000.00 consisting of:
  - Regional stormwater detention fee fund of \$1,250,000
  - Dam Site 13 – SID 521 contribution of \$120,000
  
- Reducing corresponding Papio Reservoir Expense line items 03 13 4400 through 4902 in the amount of \$1,370,000 to be determined by management.

A copy of the updated FY 2008 Fact Sheet and budget worksheets are attached.

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

**WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Papio-Missouri River NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and,**

**WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and,**

**WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Papio-Missouri River NRD that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District by a majority vote, resolved that:**

- 1. The FY 2008 property tax request be set at \$16,444,611.41 with a tax levy of 0.034848/\$100.**
- 2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks within the District prior to October 13, 2007.**

## **Agenda Item 7**

Memo for the following agenda item is posted under “Confidential”

7. Review and Recommendation on Right of Way Acquisition – MoPac Trail (Hwy 50 to Lied) – NEBCO Parcel [*Executive Session, if needed*] – Gerry Bowen