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November 13, 2020

Jim Potts, Chairperson  
Hartington Rural Fire District  
88241 Hwy 15  
Hartington, NE 68739

Dear Chairperson Potts:

The Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has reviewed the audit waiver request received from the Hartington Rural Fire District (District) for the fiscal year ending 2020. **That request has been approved.**

While performing, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304 (2020 Neb. Laws, LB 781, § 8), the preliminary examination necessary to determine whether further audit work would be required or the audit waiver should be allowed, the APA noted certain internal control or compliance matters, or other operational issues, within the District.

The following information is intended to improve internal controls or result in other operational efficiencies.

### Comments and Recommendations

#### **1. Lack of Dual Signatures**

The APA obtained the monthly statements for the District's bank accounts from its fiscal year 2020 audit waiver request. From those statements, the APA noted that all District checks written during the examination period contained only one signature.

Nebraska law requires both the Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the District to sign all checks approved by the Board. In particular, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-511 (Reissue 2016) states that those checks "shall bear the signature of the secretary-treasurer and the countersignature of the president of such district."

In addition, good internal controls and sound accounting practices require procedures to ensure that District checks contain the statutorily required endorsements.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk for not only failure to comply with State statute but also loss or misuse of public funds.

We recommend the Board implement procedures to require dual signatures, from both the Secretary-Treasurer and the President, on all District checks, as required by law.

#### **2. Expenditures in Excess of Budget**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, actual expenditures exceeded the adopted budget by \$777,869.74 due to the District refinancing its bond. No amendment was filed with our office for these additional expenditures.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-510 (Reissue 2012) states, in relevant part:

*No expenditure during any fiscal year or biennial period shall be made in excess of the amounts indicated in the adopted budget statement, except as authorized in section 13-511, or by state law. Any officer or officers of any governing body who obligates funds contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class V misdemeanor.*

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-511 (Cum. Supp. 2018) sets out the procedures for amending the adopted budget accordingly.

When expenditures are made in excess of the amounts budgeted with no appropriation adjustments by the Board to address those excesses, the District is noncompliant with State statute, further increasing the risk for loss and/or misuse of funds.

We recommend the Board implement procedures to monitor closely its budget status on an ongoing basis to avoid incurring expenditures in excess of the amount budgeted, and amend the budget as necessary.

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The preliminary planning work that resulted in this letter was designed primarily on a test basis and, therefore, may not bring to light all existing weaknesses in the District's policies or procedures. Nevertheless, our objective is to use the knowledge gained during the performance of that preliminary planning work to make comments and suggestions that we hope will prove useful to the District.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the District and its management. It is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this letter is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

If you have any questions, please contact **Dakota Christensen at 402-499-8702 or dakota.christensen@nebraska.gov.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Avery", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Avery, CPA  
Assistant Deputy Auditor

**2020-2021  
STATE OF NEBRASKA  
GENERAL BUDGET FORM**

**Hartington Rural Fire District**

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF  
Cedar County

**This budget is for the Period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021**

**Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:**

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

\$	56,928.00	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
\$	41,400.00	Principal and Interest on Bonds
\$	98,328.00	<b>Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required</b>

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2020

845,000.00	Principal
112,422.50	Interest
\$ 957,422.50	<b>Total Bonded Indebtedness</b>

580,242,143

**Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)

**County Clerk's Use ONLY**

**APA Contact Information**

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Lincoln, NE 68509

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**Questions - E-Mail:** [Deann.Haeffner@nebraska.gov](mailto:Deann.Haeffner@nebraska.gov)

**Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?**

My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver.  
(If YES, Board Minutes **MUST** be Attached)

☒ YES

☐ NO

If YES, Column 2 **MUST** contain **ACTUAL** Numbers.

If YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.

**Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements**

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

☒ YES

☐ NO

If YES, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.

**Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names**

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?

☐ YES

☒ NO

If YES, Please attach Trade Name Report.

**Submission Information**

**Budget Due by 9-20-2020**

**Submit budget to:**

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

# Hartington Rural Fire District in Cedar County

## To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your political subdivision needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:

	Property Tax Request
General Fund	\$ 56,928.00
Sinking Fund	
Bond Fund	\$ 41,400.00
_____ Fund	
<b>Total Tax Request</b>	<b>** \$ 98,328.00</b>

\*\* This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

## Documentation of Transfers:

(Only complete if there are transfers noted on Page 2, Column 2)

Please explain what fund the monies were transferred from, what fund they were transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer From: \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

## Township Property Taxes

If this is a Township Subdivision budget form, the amount of property taxes shown above and on the front cover may not represent the amount the Township will receive. Statute 39-1522 outlines that one-half of all money collected from the township levy on property within the corporate limits of a city or village shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or village to be used for the maintenance and repairs of the streets.

Township should take this into consideration when determining property tax amount to be budgeted.

Township Total Valuation	580,242,143
City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.009811
Township Taxes within City/Village	-
50% of Township Taxes within City/Village	-
Projected Township Taxes to be collected	56,928.00

## Cash Reserve Fund

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below amounts being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total Special Reserve Funds	-
Total Cash Reserve	\$ 67,000.00
Remaining Cash Reserve	\$ 67,000.00
Remaining Cash Reserve %	27%

# Hartington Rural Fire District in Cedar County

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2018 - 2019 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2019 - 2020 (Column 2)	Adopted Budget 2020 - 2021 (Column 3)
1	<b>Beginning Balances, Receipts, &amp; Transfers:</b>			
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	\$ 101,988.89	\$ 105,748.26	\$ 123,170.81
3	Investments	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,724.61
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$ 539.60	\$ 618.34	\$ 1,017.44
5	<b>Subtotal of Beginning Balances</b> (Lines 2 thru 4)	<b>\$ 102,528.49</b>	<b>\$ 136,366.60</b>	<b>\$ 154,912.86</b>
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$ 91,873.52	\$ 89,085.32	\$ 96,400.00
7	Federal Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$ 86.16	\$ 236.16	\$ 235.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	State Receipts: Other	\$ 11,241.92	\$ 12,096.04	\$ 12,000.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$ 942.61	\$ 896.40	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	\$ 58,284.02	\$ 948,563.68	\$ 56,000.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17	<b>Total Resources Available</b> (Lines 5 thru 16)	<b>\$ 264,956.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,187,244.20</b>	<b>\$ 319,547.86</b>
18	<b>Disbursements &amp; Transfers:</b>			
19	Operating Expenses	\$ 43,637.62	\$ 957,387.45	\$ 169,860.36
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$ 84,952.50	\$ 74,943.89	\$ 82,687.50
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Districts)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
25	Debt Service: Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
26	Judgments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
29	<b>Total Disbursements &amp; Transfers</b> (Lines 19 thru 28)	<b>\$ 128,590.12</b>	<b>\$ 1,032,331.34</b>	<b>\$ 252,547.86</b>
30	<b>Balance Forward/Cash Reserve</b> (Line 17 - Line 29)	<b>\$ 136,366.60</b>	<b>\$ 154,912.86</b>	<b>\$ 67,000.00</b>
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			27%
<b>PROPERTY TAX RECAP</b>		Tax from Line 6		\$ 96,400.00
		County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6		\$ 1,928.00
		<b>Total Property Tax Requirement</b>		<b>\$ 98,328.00</b>

## CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

### ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

*If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent*

NAME	<b>Hartington Rural Fire District</b>
ADDRESS	<b>88241 Hwy 15</b>
CITY & ZIP CODE	<b>Hartington 68739</b>
TELEPHONE	<b>402-254-7359</b>
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Jim Potts	Karl Koch	Matt Sayler
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Secretary/Treasurer	Accountant at Milbrath-Sayler, Inc.
TELEPHONE	402-640-3232	402-841-1847	402-254-6867
EMAIL ADDRESS	jpotts@hartel.net	kmkoch@hartel.net	sayler.matt@gmail.com

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please ☒ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- ☐ Board Chairperson
- ☐ Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- ☒ Preparer

**NOTE:** If Budget Document is used as an Audit Waiver, approval of the Audit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via email. If no email address is supplied for the Board Chairperson, notification will be mailed via post office to address listed above.

# Hartington Rural Fire District in Cedar County

## 2020-2021 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

### Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements	(1)	\$	98,328.00
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	(2)	\$	235.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments	(3)	\$	-
Transfers of Surplus Fees	(4)	\$	-
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.			
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2019-2020 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))		\$	- (5)
<b>LESS:</b> Amount Spent During 2019-2020		\$	- (6)
<b>LESS:</b> Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years		\$	- (7)
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds <b>(Cannot be a Negative Number)</b>	(8)	\$	-
Nameplate Capacity Tax	(8a)	\$	-

<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)</b>	(9)	\$	<b>98,563.00</b>
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### Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	\$	-	(10)
<b>LESS:</b> Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year <i>(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)</i>			
Agrees to Line (7).	\$	-	(11)
Allowable Capital Improvements	(12)	\$	-
Bonded Indebtedness	(13)	\$	41,400.00
Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) <b>(Fire Districts &amp; Hospital Districts Only)</b>	(14)		
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements	(15)	\$	-
Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 <b>(Fire Districts Only)</b>	(16)		
Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics <b>(Public Airports Only)</b>	(17)		
Judgments	(18)		
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers	(19)		
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster	(20)		

<b>TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)</b>	(21)	\$	<b>41,400.00</b>
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### TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS

**For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form)**

*To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 21*

**\$ 57,163.00**

Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.

**Hartington Rural Fire District**

in  
**Cedar County**

**LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

**PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2**

**OPTION 1**

**2019-2020 Restricted Funds Authority** = Line (8) from last year's Lid Computation Form 71,568.94  
Option 1 - (1)

**OPTION 2**

*Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting last year to exceed Lid for one year*

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form Option 2 - (A)

Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5)) %  
Option 2 - (B)

Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken (Line (A) times Line (B)) -  
Option 2 - (C)

**Calculated 2019-2020 Restricted Funds Authority** (Line (A) Plus Line (C)) = -  
Option 2 - (1)

**CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES**

**1** **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** 2.50 %  
(2)

**2** **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** - %  
(3)

$\frac{\text{2020 Growth per Assessor}}{\text{2019 Valuation}} = \frac{\text{Multiply times}}{\text{100 To get \%}}$

**3** **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** - %  
(4)

$\frac{\text{\# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase}}{\text{Total \# of Members in Governing Body at Meeting}} = \frac{\text{Must be at least .75 (75\%) of the Governing Body}}$

**ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.**

**4** **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** %  
(5)

**Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting**

**TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE** = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5) 2.50 %  
(6)

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6) 1,789.22  
(7)

Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) 73,358.16  
(8)

**Less:** Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule 57,163.00  
(9)

Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) 16,195.16  
(10)

**LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.**

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.



# Hartington Rural Fire District in Cedar County

## 2020-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Hartington Rural Fire District  
IN  
Cedar County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 24th day of August 2020, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Hartington Fire Hall, Hartington, Nebraska for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Karl Koch  
Clerk/Secretary

2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 128,590.12
2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 1,032,331.34
2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 252,547.86
2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 67,000.00
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### Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 56,928.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ 41,400.00

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**REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

**REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020**

**Hartington Rural Fire District**

**Cedar County**

SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

Amount Used as Lid  
Exemption for 2020-  
2021  
(Column 4)

Parties to Agreement  
(Column 1)

Agreement Period  
(Column 2)

Description  
(Column 3)

Fire Department City of Hartington	7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Share 50% of expenses	
Fire Department Village of Fordyce	7/1/19 - 6/30/20	Pay all expenses	

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption

\$ -

## REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

## Hartington Rural Fire District

## Cedar County

SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

[illegible]

**CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE  
And VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH**

*{format for all political subdivisions other than  
a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, and  
b) community colleges, and c) school districts}*

**TAX YEAR 2020**

*{certification required on or before August 20<sup>th</sup>, of each year}*


**TO:     HARTINGTON FIRE DISTRICT  
         % KARL KOCH  
         88241 HWY 15  
         HARTINGTON, NE 68739**

**TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CEDAR**

<b>Name of Political Subdivision</b>	<b>Subdivision Type (e.g. city, fire, NRD)</b>	<b>Value attributable to Growth</b>	<b>Total Taxable Value</b>
<b>HARTINGTON FIRE</b>	<b>Fire-District</b>	<b>3,063,530</b>	<b>580,242,143</b>

*\*Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to section 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

I DON HOESING, CEDAR County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-509 and §13-518.

  
(signature of county assessor)

8-18-2020  
(date)

CC: County Clerk, CEDAR County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, \_\_\_\_\_ County

*Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.*

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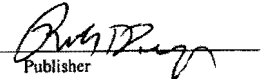
**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEBRASKA  
COUNTY OF Cedar


I, Robert T. Dump, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say that I am the publisher of the Cedar County News, and that:

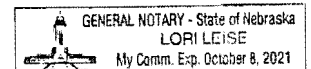
Said newspaper is and was printed and published in Hartington in Cedar County, Nebraska, and that said paper is printed in the English language and has a bona fide circulation of more than three hundred copies per week and has been published within said county for more than fifty-two successive weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice and that said newspaper was printed in whole or in part in an office maintained in Hartington, Cedar County, Nebraska, that being the place of publication of said newspaper.

The annexed notice was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 consecutive weeks in all issues for said newspaper proper; that the first publication of said notice was on the 19th day of August, 20 20, and the last publication was on the 19th day of August, 20 20.

  
Publisher

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th day of August, 20 20.

  
Notary Public



Publication Fees ..... \$ 143.43  
Proofs ..... \$ 1.00  
TOTAL ..... \$ 144.43

8-24-20

Hartington Rural Fire District

Jim Potts called the annual meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. at the Hartington Fire Hall.

Present were Jim Potts, Troy Fuelberth, Gayle Becker, Karl Koch, and absent Kelly Kaiser.

Minutes from the previous annual meter were read and approved.

Meeting notices were published in the Cedar County News one week prior to the annual meeting.

Gayle Becker moved to approve the budget for 2020/2021 at \$73,123.16 for non-bond purposes and \$41,400 for bond purposes as stated in the Cedar County News. Troy Fuelberth seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Troy Fuelberth moved to have Gayle Becker and Karl Koch serve another term as directors. Jim Potts seconded. Motion carried.

Gayle Becker moved to retain the officers in their current positions. Troy Fuelberth seconded it. Motion carried.

Troy Fuelberth moved to pay Fordyce Fire Department \$4,329.16 and \$4,906.14 for bills that were submitted. Karl Koch seconded. Motion carried.

Gayle Becker moved to pay City of Hartington \$19,299.84 and \$4,920.24 for bills that were submitted. Troy Fuelberth seconded. Motion carried.

Troy Fuelberth moved to approve the purchase of Jaws of Life at \$15,000 for Fordyce Fire Department. Gayle Becker seconded. Motion carried.

Troy Fuelberth moved to use the Budget Form as an audit waiver. Gayle Becker seconded. Motion carried (4-0).

Karl Koch moved to adjourn the meeting. Gayle Becker seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Karl Koch

Secretary/Treasurer

1-22-20

Hartington Rural Fire

Jim Potts called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. at the Hartington Fire Hall. Present were Jim Potts, Troy Fuelberth, Gayle Becker, Kelly Kaiser, and Karl Koch. Minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting, and the agenda was approved.

Treasurer's report was given and Troy Fuelberth moved to approve and Gayle Becker seconded. Motion carried.

Kelly Kaiser moved to pay Fordyce Fire Department \$7,556.07 for billed that were submitted. Troy Fuelberth seconded. Motion carried.

Gayle Becker move to pay City of Hartington \$5,939.90 for July through September bills that were submitted. Kelly Kaiser seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on the excess money that the ambulance was taking in and why it does not go back to help pay fire bills like it had in the past.

Gayle Becker moved to adjourn the meeting. Karl Koch seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Karl Koch

Secretary/Treasurer