

# **NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

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November 13, 2020

Neil Blohm, Chairperson Martinsburg Rural Fire District 58499 875 Rd. Ponca, NE 68770

Dear Chairperson Blohm:

The Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has reviewed the audit waiver request received from the Martinsburg 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.

### **Comment and Recommendation**

### Payments Not Approved

The APA obtained a copy of the September 13, 2019, meeting minutes for the Board of Directors (Board) of the District. Those minutes fail to reflect the Board's approval of any District expenditures.

Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-508(4) (Reissue 2016), Boards have the exclusive power to "manage and conduct the business affairs of the district." Accordingly, any expenditure of District funds requires express Board authorization.

Additionally, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 35-511 (Reissue 2016) provides, in relevant part, the following:

All donations, contributions, bequests, annuities, or borrowed money received by or on behalf of the district shall be deposited with the secretary-treasurer of the district and shall be drawn out only upon proper check. <u>Such check shall</u> <u>be authorized by the board of directors</u> and shall bear the signature of the secretary-treasurer and the countersignature of the president of such district.

(Emphasis added.) Properly discharging the above statutory duties necessarily entails proper financial management, which calls for the Board's approval of all expenditures prior to, or as soon thereafter as possible, the actual disbursement of District funds.

As a public body, moreover, the Board is subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, which is set out at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1407 (Reissue 2014) et seq. In particular, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1413(1) (Cum. Supp. 2018) requires public bodies, including Boards, to "keep minutes of all meetings," showing, among other things, "the substance of all matters discussed."

Furthermore, a good internal control plan and sound business practices require procedures to ensure that the Board approves, in a timely fashion, all expenditures and business transactions of the District. Those same procedures should ensure also that the Board documents such approval in its meeting minutes, specifying the name of each payee, the exact amount of any disbursement, and the specific purpose of the payment.

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 implementation of procedures to ensure the Board approves, in a timely fashion, all expenditures of District funds, and such approval is documented adequately in the Board's meeting minutes.

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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,

Mark hey

Mark Avery, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

### 2020-2021 STATE OF NEBRASKA <u>GENERAL</u> BUDGET FORM

### Martinsburg Rural Fire District

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF Dixon 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 PROPI	RTY TAX is requested for the ensuing year:	Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?
Principal and I	for Non-Bond Purposes nterest on Bonds I and Real Property Tax Required	My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver. (If YES, Board Minutes MUST be Attached) X YES NO If YES, Column 2 <u>MUST</u> contain <u>ACTUAL</u> Numbers.
Outstanding Bonded Indeb	edness as of July 1, 2020	IF YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.
- Principal		Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements
- Interest		Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?
\$ - Total Bonded	Indebtedness	YES If YES, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.
(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Asse	k's Use ONLY	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       X       NO         If YES, Please attach Trade Name Report.
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APA Contac	t Information	Submission Information
State Capit	iblic Accounts ol, Suite 2303 NE 68509	Budget Due by 9-20-2020
Telephone: (402) 471-2111	FAX: (402) 471-3301	Submit budget to:
Website: www.au	ditors.nebraska.gov	1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
Questions - E-Mail: Dea	nn.Haeffner@nebraska.gov	2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		Actual 2018 - 2019 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimate 2019 - 2020 (Column 2)	\$0.9267377		Adopted Budget 2020 - 2021 (Column 3)
1	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:				Tetra and		
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	\$	39,720.07	\$ 50	6,704.04	\$	42,643.70
3	Investments	\$	15,215.96	\$ 1	5,291.01	\$	22,089.41
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$	31.06	\$	169.97	\$	408.19
5	Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 2 thru 4)	\$	54,967.09	\$ 72	2,165.02	\$	65,141.30
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$	31,619.23	\$ 25	9,012.25	\$	30,872.62
7	Federal Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	66.99	8	60.25	\$	50.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid	\$		\$	-	\$	-
10	State Receipts: Other	\$	103.84	\$	111.13	\$	-
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$	2,363.23	\$	2,772.78		
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
14	Local Receipts: Other	\$	10,120.97	\$ 1	5,503.40	\$	5,040.00
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	Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 16)	\$	99,241.35	\$ 11	9,624.83	\$	101,103.92
18	Disbursements & Transfers:					fille for th	Charles and the second second
19	Operating Expenses	\$	13,435.11	\$ 2	0,049.53	\$	20,000.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$	13,641.22	\$	7,984.00	\$	75,500.00
	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$	-	\$ 2	6,450.00		
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
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	\$	2	\$	-	\$	-
26	Judgments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	\$	-	\$		\$	-
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$	-	\$	647	\$	-
	Total Disbursements & Transiers (Lines 19 thru 28)	\$	27,076.33	\$ 5	4,483.53	\$	95,500.00
30	Balance Forward/Cash Beserve (Line 17 - Line 29)	\$	72,165.02	\$6	5,141.30	\$	5,603.92
31	Cash Reserve Perceptage						28%
		Tax	from Line 6			\$	30,872.62
	PROPERTY TAX RECAP	Cou	nty Treasurer's Commis	sion at 2% of Line 6		\$	617.45
			Total Property Tax Requirement			\$	31,490.07
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	Martinsburg Rural Fire District in Dixon County						
Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		Actual         Actual/Estimated           2018 - 2019         2019 - 2020           (Column 1)         (Column 2)		2018 - 2019 2019 - 2020		
1	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:						
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	\$	39,720.07	\$ 56,704.04	\$	42,643.70	
3	Investments	\$	15,215.96	\$ 15,291.01	\$	30,903.40	
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$	31.06	\$ 169.97	\$	408.19	
5	Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 2 thru 4)	\$	54,967.09	\$ 72,165.02	\$	73,955.29	
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$	31,619.23	\$ 29,012.25	\$	30,872.62	
7	Federal Receipts	\$	. <del></del> .	\$ -	\$	-	
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	66.99	\$ 60.25	\$	50.00	
9	State Receipts: State Aid	\$	.=	\$ -	\$	-	
10	State Receipts: Other	\$	103.84	\$ 111.13	\$	-	
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$	2,363.23	\$ 2,772.78			
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
14		\$	10,120.97	\$ 24,317.39	\$	5,040.00	
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	<b>#</b> :	\$ -	\$	-	
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	\$	=	\$ -	\$	-	
17	Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 16)	\$	99,241.35	\$ 128,438.82	\$	109,917.91	
18	Disbursements & Transfers:						
19	Operating Expenses	\$	13,435.11	\$ 20,049.53	\$	20,000.00	
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$	13,641.22	\$ 7,984.00	\$	75,500.00	
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$	-	\$ 26,450.00			
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	
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	\$	8	\$•	\$	-	
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	
29	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Lines 19 thru 28)	\$	27,076.33	\$ 54,483.53	\$	95,500.00	
30	Balance Forward/Cash Reserve (Line 17 - Line 29)	\$	72,165.02	\$ 73,955.29	\$	14,417.91	
31	Cash Reserve Percentage				- K	72%	
		Та	ax from Line 6		\$	30,872.62	
					\$	617.45	
Total Property Tax Requireme					31,490.07		

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### 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.

### **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:	
Property Tax Request by Fund:	F	Property Tax Request	Amou	nt:	
General Fund	\$	31,490.07	Reason:		
Sinking Fund				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Bond Fund	\$				
Fund			Transfer From:	Transfer To:	
Total Tax Request	** \$	31,490.07			
** This Amount should agree to the Total Per Required on the Cover Page		eal Property Tax	Amou Reason:	int:	
<b>Township Property Taxes</b> 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			Cas Statute 13-503 says cash rese before revenue would become funds held in any special rese exceeds 50%, you can list belo	e available for expenditure rve fund. If the cash reserv	but shall not include /e on Page 2
be paid to the treasurer of the city or village to be repairs of the streets. Township should take this into consideration whe amount to be budgeted.	used for the	maintenance and	fund.	-	Amount
Township Total Valuation		104,966,900		•··	
City/Village Valuation included in Township Valua	ation		I		
General Fund Tax Rate		0.030000	Total Special Reserve Funds		-
Township Taxes within City/Village		-	Total Cash Reserve	\$	5,603.92
50% of Township Taxes within City/Village			Remaining Cash Reserve	\$	5,603.92
Projected Township Taxes to be collected		31,490.07	Remaining Cash Reserve %		28%

## **CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION**

	ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS
If no official add	dress, please provide address where correspondence should be sent
NAME	Martinsburg Rural Fire Dist.
ADDRESS	58499 875 Rd.
CITY & ZIP CODE	Ponca, NE 68770
TELEPHONE	(402) 945-2535
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Neil Blohm	Gary Sullivan	
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Treasurer	
TELEPHONE	(402) 945-2003	(402) 945-2535	
EMAIL ADDRESS			

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

	Board Chairperson
x	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.

# Martinsburg Rural Fire District in Dixon County 2020-2021 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

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Calculation of Restricted	Funds	) 			
Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements			(1)	\$	31,490.07
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate			(2)		50.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments				\$	-
Transfers of Surplus Fees			(4)		-
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted	d Funds	ۀ.	-		
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds					
(From 2019-2020 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	\$	65,000.00	_		
LESS: Amount Spent During 2019-2020	\$	7,984.00			
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	\$	57,016.00	_ (7)		
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds ( <u>Cannot</u> be a Negative Number)			(8)	\$	
Nameplate Capacity Tax			(8a)	\$	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)			(9)	\$	31,540.07
Lid Exceptions					
Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	\$	75,500.00	(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> )			0		
<i>improvements from more than one lid calculation.)</i> Agrees to Line (7).	\$	57,016.00	(11)		
Allowable Capital Improvements			(12)		18,484.00
Bonded Indebtedness			(13)		
Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308)					
(Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)					
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements					
Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 (Fire Districts Only)			(16)		
Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics (Public Airports Only)			(17)	/	
Judgments			(18)		
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers					
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster					
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)			(21)	\$	18,484.00
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	T			\$	13,056.07

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

**Martinsburg Rural Fire District** 

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**Dixon County** 

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

PRIOF	R YEAR RESTRICTED FUI	NDS AUTHORITY O					
2019-2020 Restricted Funds							12,660.31 Option 1 - (1)
<u>Only use if</u>	a vote was taken at a town	OPTION 2 hall meeting last yea	n to exce	ed Lid	for one	9 <b>70</b> 8	c i i i i i
Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Comp	outation Form					_	
Allowable Percent Increase Le	<b>ss</b> Vote Taken (Prior Year	Lid Computation For	m Line (6	6) - Line	e (5))	_	Option 2 - (A) % Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Inc	rease Excluding the vote ta	aken (Line (A) times l	Line (B))			-	
Calculated 2019-2020 Restric	cted Funds Authority (Lin	e (A) Plus Line (C)) =	=			-	Option 2 - (C)  Option 2 - (1)
	CURRENT YEAR		REASES				
1 BASE LIMITATION PERC				(2)	2.50	%	
2 ALLOWABLE GROWTH	PER THE ASSESSOR MIN	IUS 2.5%			-	%	
/		=	_%	(3)			
2020 Growth per Assessor	2019 Valuation	Multiply times 100 To get %					
3 ADDITIONAL ONE PERCI	ENT BOARD APPROVED	INCREASE			1.00	%	
5 /	5	=100.00	%	(4)			
# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase	Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting	Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body					
		VING THE INCREA	SE.				
4 SPECIAL ELECTION/TOV INCREASE	VNHALL WEETING - VOTE	RAPPROVED %				_%	
Please Attach Ballot Samp	ble and Election Results (	OR Record of Action	n From T	(5) 'ownha	ll Mee	ting	
TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCE	NT INCREASE = Line (2) +	Line (3) + Line (4) +	Line (5)			_	<u> </u>
Allowable Dollar Amount of Inc	rease to Restricted Funds	= Line (1) x Line (6)				-	<u> </u>
Total Restricted Funds Authori	ty = Line (1) + Line (7)					-	<u> </u>
Less: Restricted Funds from I	id Supporting Schedule						<u>13,056.07</u> (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds	s Authority = Line (8) - Line	(9)				_	47.35
LINE (10) MUST BE GI	REATER THAN OR EQUA	L TO ZERO OR YOL	J ARE IN	VIOLA	TION	OF 1	HE LID LAW.

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

## 2020-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amo	unt Budgeted
Firehall Improvements	\$	75,500.00

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

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\$ 75,500.00

### **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 20th, of each year}

### TO: MARTINSBURG FIRE DISTRICT MIKE POMMER PO BOX 479 WAKEFIELD, NE 68784

## TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: DIXON

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. city, fire, NRD)	Value attributable to Growth	Total Taxable Value
MARTINSBURG FIRE	Fire-District	10,498	104,966,900

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

I <u>AMY WATCHORN</u>, <u>DIXON</u> 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)

CC: County Clerk, DIXON \_\_\_\_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.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division, Rev. 07/2010

## Nebraska Journal-Leader

Ponca, Nebraska 68770

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STATE OF NEBRASKA, County of Dixon, ss.

### Judy L. Volkman

being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the

#### Publisher

of the Nebraska Journal-Leader, a legal newspaper, printed and published and of the general circulation in said county, and that the attached legal notice was published therein on:

September 10, 2020

and further says that she has knowledge of publication of said notice.

PUBLICATION FEE	\$_92.75
NOTARY FEE	\$
CLIPPING FEE (1.50/CLIPPING)	\$

Udyl. Alleman (Signed) \_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>10th</u> day of September, 2020.

(Signed) Euclepp R. Alson Notary Public

🚖 GEN	ERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
	EVELYN R. NELSON
	My Comm. Exp. Sept. 19, 2020

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY Martinsburg Rural Fire District IN Dixon 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 15th day of September 2020, at 7 o'clock P.M. at Martinsburg Fire Hall 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.

Gary Sullivan

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2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers		27,076.33
2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers		54,483.53
2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers 2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve		95,500.00 5,603.92
Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	31,490.07
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year		47.35
Breakdown of Property Tax:	2.262.2	11 m
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	31,490.07
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	

Martinsburg Rural Fire District met on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 7 PM at the Martinsburg Fire Hall for their budget hearing, as published in the Nebraska Journal Leader. All board members present. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Blohm and the provisions of the open meeting act were noted. The budget hearing was also called to order.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. 2020-2021 budget was discussed by the Board. No members of the public were present. Motion made  $\underline{s_u}$  and seconded  $\underline{R_{uv}}$ , for an additional 1% of restricted funds authority under the lid calculation of the budget. All members voted in favor.

Motion made <u>Meyron</u> and seconded <u>Blohm</u> to approve the 2020-2021 budget, as previously published, and to use said budget as the District's audit waiver. The Board members voted unanimously to accept the 2020-2021 budget as previously published, and to use the 2020-2021 budget document as its audit waiver with the State Auditor's office

Motion to adjourn budget hearing at 7:15 PM and seconded. All members present voted in favor.

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