

## NEBRASKA AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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November 13, 2020

Loyal McFarland, Chairperson Bloomfield Fire Protection District 88068 536 Ave Bloomfield, NE 68718

Dear Chairperson McFarland:

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

While performing, pursuant to Nebr. 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. Payments Not Approved

The APA obtained a copy of the September, 9, 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. Such check shall be authorized by the board of directors 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.

## 2. <u>Lack of Dual Signatures</u>

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.

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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 Avery, CPA

**Assistant Deputy Auditor** 

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## 2020-2021 STATE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL BUDGET FORM

## **Bloomfield Fire Protection District**

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF Knox 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:	Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?
\$ 218,998.65 Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes Principal and Interest on Bonds  \$ 218,998.65 Total Personal 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 MUST contain ACTUAL Numbers.
Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness 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	X YES NO  If YES, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.
625,710,421 Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)	Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names
(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor MUST be attached)	Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or
County Clerk's Use ONLY	other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020?  YES  If YES, Please attach Trade Name Report.
APA Contact Information	Submission Information
Auditor of Public Accounts State Capitol, Suite 2303 Lincoln, NE 68509	Budget Due by 9-20-2020
<b>Telephone</b> : (402) 471-2111	Submit budget to:
Website: www.auditors.nebraska.gov	Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
Questions - E-Mail: <u>Deann.Haeffner@nebraska.gov</u>	2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		Actual 2018 - 2019 (Column 1)		Actual/Estimated 2019 - 2020 (Column 2)		Adopted Budget 2020 - 2021 (Column 3)
1	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:						
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	\$	535,559.90	\$	781,143.14	\$	889,495.91
3	Investments	\$	615,281.39	\$	622,031.26	\$	630,012.71
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$	1,246.57	\$	3,357.23	\$	1,042.43
5	Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 2 thru 4)	\$	1,152,087.86	\$	1,406,531.63	\$	1,520,551.05
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$	227,191.11	\$	234,754.16	\$	214,704.56
7	Federal Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	583.16	\$	571.36	\$	556.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid	\$	9,642.26	\$	10,776.22	\$	10,500.00
10	State Receipts: Other	\$	318.21	\$	390.21	\$	-
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$	25,387.17	\$	28,623.13		
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$	13,781.70	\$	13,587.78	\$	
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$		\$	-	\$	-
14	Local Receipts: Other	\$	7,376.45	\$	8,805.29	\$	8,700.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees (To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	\$	-	\$	<u>.</u>	\$	-
17	Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 16)	\$	1,436,367.92	\$	1,704,039.78	\$	1,755,011.61
18	Disbursements & Transfers:						
19	Operating Expenses	\$	29,836.29	\$	15,886.73	\$	400,000.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$	-	\$	167,602.00	\$	500,000.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$		\$		\$	-
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-	\$	
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Districts)	\$	<u> </u>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	
25	Debt Service: Other	\$	- 1	\$	<u> </u>	\$	
26	Judgments	\$	- 10 (	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	\$		\$		\$	<u>-</u>
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$	<u>-</u>	\$		\$	
29	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Lines 19 thru 28)	\$	29,836.29	\$	183,488.73	\$	900,000.00
30	Balance Forward/Cash Reserve (Line 17 - Line 29)	\$	1,406,531.63	\$	1,520,551.05	\$	855,011.61
31	Cash Reserve Percentage						214%
	Tax from Line 6 \$					\$	214,704.56
	PROPERTY TAX RECAP  County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6			Line 6	\$	4,294.09	
	Total Property Tax Requirement			\$	218,998.65		

## 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
 \$ 40,000.00

 Sinking Fund
 \$ 178,998.65

 Bond Fund
 \$ 

 Fund
 \*\* \$ 218,998.65

## **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:

Reason:

Transfer From:

Transfer To:

Reason:

625,710,421

## **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** 

City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation

General Fund Tax Rate

0.006393

Township Taxes within City/Village

50% of Township Taxes within City/Village

Projected Township Taxes to be collected

40,000.00

## Cash Reserve Fund

Amount:

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
Sinking Fund	-	685,656.76
Total Special Reserve Funds		685,656.76
Total Cash Reserve	\$	855,011.61
Remaining Cash Reserve	\$	169,354.85
Remaining Cash Reserve %		42%

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

# **CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION**

## **ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS**

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

NAME	Duane Mlady
ADDRESS	88068 536 Ave
CITY & ZIP CODE	Bloomfield, 68718
TELEPHONE	402-373-2565
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Loyal McFarland	Duane Mlady	Joe Hunhoff CPA
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Sec/Treasurer	Joe Hunhoff CPA PC
TELEPHONE	402-373-4884	402-373-2565	402-373-4857
EMAIL ADDRESS			joeh@joehunhoffcpa.com

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

Board Chairperson

Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other

xx 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.

## 2020-2021 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted	l Funds				
Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements			(1)	\$	218,998.65
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate			(2)		556.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments				\$	330.00
Transfers of Surplus Fees			(4)		-
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restrict	ed Funds		(4)	Ψ	-
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2019-2020 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))  LESS: Amount Spent During 2019-2020  LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years  Amount to be included as Restricted Funds (Cannot be a Negative Number)  Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$ \$ \$	-	(5) (6) (7) (8)		_
Trainiplate Capacity Tax			(8a)	\$	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)			(9)	\$	219,554.65
Lid Exceptions					
Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)  LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year (cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)  Agrees to Line (7).  Allowable Capital Improvements  Bonded Indebtedness  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)  Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics (Public Airports Only)  Judgments  Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers  Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster	\$ \$	-	(13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19)	\$	132,614.63
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)			(21)	\$	132,614.63
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				\$	86,940.02

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation & \underline{cannot} \\ Supporting Schedule. \end{tabular} be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule. \end{tabular}$ 

## **Bloomfield Fire Protection District**

Knox County

## LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

PRIOR	R YEAR RESTRICTED FUN		PTION 1 OR OPTIO	N 2	
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2019-2020 Restricted Funds /			tation Form		84,819.53 Option 1 - (1)
		OPTION 2			
Only use if	a vote was taken at a town	hall meeting last yea	ar to exceed Lid for o	ne yea	Ţ
Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Comp	outation Form				
				-	Option 2 - (A)
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	case Exercising the vote ta	mon (Emo () times i	Line (B))	-	Option 2 - (C)
Calculated 2019-2020 Restric	ted Funds Authority (Line	a (A) Plus Lina (C)) -			(c)
	tou i unus Authority (Eine	e (A) i lus Lille (C)) -		-	Option 2 - (1)
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T		ALLOWABLE INCR	REASES		
1 BASE LIMITATION PERCI	ENT INCREASE (2.5%)		2.5	0 %	
П			(2)		
2 ALLOWABLE GROWTH F	PER THE ASSESSOR MIN	US 2.5%	-	%	
1	-	-	% (3)		
2020 Growth	2019 Valuation	Multiply times			
per Assessor		100 To get %			
3 ADDITIONAL ONE PERCE	NT BOARD APPROVED I	NCREASE		%	
	_		% (4)		
# of Board Members	Total # of Members in	Must be at least	_ 70		
voting "Yes" for Increase	Governing Body at	.75 (75%) of the			
	Meeting	Governing Body			
ATTACH A COPY OF THE I			SE.		
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INCREASE				%	
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Allowable Dollar Amount of Inc	rease to Restricted Funds =	= Line (1) x Line (6)		_	2,120.49 (7)
T-1-1 D-10-10-15					
Total Restricted Funds Authorit	y = Line(1) + Line(7)			_	86,940.02
					(8)
Less: Restricted Funds from L	id Supporting Schedule			_	86,940.02
					(9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds	Authority = Line (8) - Line	(9)			-
1 NE (18)					(10)
LINE (10) MUST BE GF	REATER THAN OR EQUAL	L TO ZERO OR YOU	J ARE IN VIOLATIO	N OF T	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	Amount Budgeted

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

\$

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

# Bloomfield Fire Protection District IN Knox 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 8th day of September 2020, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at Bloomfield Fire Hall Bloomfield, NE 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.

## Duane Mlady

	Clerk/Secretary
2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 29,836.29
2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 183,488.73
2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 900,000.00
2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 855,011.61
2020-2021 Total Resources Available	\$ 1,755,011.61
Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 218,998.65
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ <u>-</u>
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 218,998.65
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ <u> </u>

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# REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

# **Bloomfield Fire Protection District**

## **Knox County**

SUBDIVIS	SION NAME	COUNTY	Amount Used as Lid
Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	(Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Exemption for 2020- 2021 (Column 4)
Bloomfield Fire Protection Distr County	rict/Knox   07/01/19 thru 06/30/20   F	Knox County Fire Protection MFO	\$ 132,614.63

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption

\$ 132,614.63

# REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

# Bloomfield Fire Protection District

**Knox County** 

SORDIVISION NAME	COUNTY
List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Name conducted business.	es under which the political subdivision



Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

Rural Fire Board Bloomfield Fire Protection District Bloomfield, Nebraska

Management is responsible for the accompanying budget document of Bloomfield Fire Protection District, Bloomfield, NE, for the year ended June 30, 2020, included in the accompanying prescribed form in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the budget document included in the accompanying prescribed form, nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management, and I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the budget document included in the accompanying prescribed form.

The budget document included in the accompanying prescribed form are presented in accordance with the requirements of State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Bloomfield Fire Protection District and the State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Joe Hunhoff CPA Bloomfield, Nebraska August 21, 2020

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County

Knox

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Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds

Published August 26, 2020 ZNEZ

Carrie Pitzer being first duly sworn, disposed and says she is the <u>publisher</u> of <u>Bloomfield Monitor/Knox County News</u> with <u>Creighton News</u>, a weekly legal newspaper having a bona fide name of publication with a circulation of more than 300 copies printed in whole or in part and published in <u>Bloomfield</u>, <u>Nebraska</u>; and said newspaper has been published for at least 52 consecutive weeks prior to publication of attached notices; that said publication is of general circulation; that attached notice was published time (s) on

(signed)
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this

Aday of Albar (year) 2016

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska ANGELIQUE BOYER My Comm. Exp. February 24, 2024

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## **MINUTES**

OF

## **BUDGET HEARING**

OF

# BLOOMFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

On September 8, 2020, the Bloomfield Fire Protection District held their annual budget hearing at the Bloomfield Fire Hall, Bloomfield, NE for the purpose of setting a budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Prior to the start of the hearing, the Chairperson announced that a copy of the "Open Meetings Act" was available for everyone's review. He also passed out three copies of the proposed budget to the taxpayer's in attendance for their review.

The Chairperson declared the hearing open, with all legal requirements having been met showing the time and place of the meeting as it was published in the Knox County News, August 26, 2020.

The Chairperson explained even with the decrease in tax asking from \$273,469 to \$218,999, the Bloomfield Fire Board will be able to continue to maintain and improve the fire district's equipment and trucks.

The Bloomfield Fire District unanimously passed the budget as prepared.

The governing board also voted unanimously to use the Budget Document as the Audit Waiver and request that the Auditor of Public Accounts waive the audit requirement established by Title 42 of the Rules and Regulations issued by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dated: September 8, 2020

Loyal McFarland
Board Chairperson

Bloomfield Fire Protection District

Knox County, Nebraska

The Bloomfiel Rual Frie Protestin District hell a regular meeting following the budget hearing on Sept 8 2020 at 8:30 pm at the fries have.

The have the meeting Called to order by Chauman Mc Fordal Roll Call Showel board members mackaging. Meady, Hart, Mc Farend gresent Storat absent.

Also present firemen True, Land, and Freemen.

Minutes of grenius meetings were read by Medicin by Mackaging to accept minutes as read. Secondal by Mc Farland motion cained

Matinio by Motaland to set a 1000.00 limit on the amount Treasurer Mealy Can write cheeks for paying monthly bills with the exception of the Insurance bill to the City of Bloomfield for Insurance which will be over the limit. Bill should be around beco. or.

Motion sleoned by mackening. Disjussion followed.

Roll call vote showed McFarland age, Medy age, Houtage, Mackeping age Stewart alvent.

motion Called

mation by Hout to extend melaly's board term for another 4 years to 2014. mation second by macheprain mation Carne Attende term will expres he has clasen not to run again. Replacement will be made in near future. Plans are being made to show apparenting to Dennis Stewart for his 50 years on the Mual Board. The new 2020 tanker has arrived but hasen't keen wa yet new grass rig will be arriving in nept 2 weeks. Boch trucks has been completely payed for. Trucks that how been replaced build be sold at shall lids in near future one 1998 tanker Friemen are going to look into quichosing a new James of Lufe in the future Firemens roll has room for new members. Os for no further items of husiness meeting Quan Mody

## 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.
b) community colleges, and c) school districts}

### TAX YEAR 2020

(certification required on or before August 20th, of each year)

TO:

Bloomfield Rural Fire District Joe Hunhoff 102 W Main Bloomfield, NE 68718

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX COUNTY

Name of

Political Subdivision

Subdivision

Type to Gro

Value attributable Total

to Growth

Taxable Value

BLOOMFIELD FIRE #2

FIRE-DISTRICT

(e.g. city, fire, NRD)

18,623,625 625,710,421/100=

6,257,104.21

X 3.5

218,998.65

~ < 40,000.007 GENERAL

178,998,65 SIN Kng

I Monica J Mc Manigal, Knox 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 count) askes

August 14 2020

CC: County Clerk, Knox County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Knox County

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

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