2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

Upper Elkhorn NRD

This budget is for the Period JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026

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

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

$	1,459,979.24	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
$	-	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	1,459,979.24	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

$ 6,721,859,642.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

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

County Clerk's Use ONLY

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
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Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of JULY 1, 2025

Principal	$ -
Interest	$ -
Total Bonded Indebtedness	$ -

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

☐ YES ☐ NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

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

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**			
2	Net Cash Balance	$ 2,615,899.00	$ 2,716,686.00	$ 3,371,995.00
3	Investments	$ -	$ -	$ -
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 72,717.00	$ 9,014.00	$ 10,399.00
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**$ 2,688,616.00**	**$ 2,725,700.00**	**$ 3,382,394.00**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	$ 849,621.00	$ 1,214,607.00	$ 1,445,524.00
7	Federal Receipts	$ -	$ -	$ -
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	$ 1,770.00	$ 2,492.00	$ 1,600.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid (State Statute Section 77-27,136)	$ -	$ -	
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 64,384.00	$ 169,084.00	$ 240,000.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 96,056.00	$ 192,814.00	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ 31,977.00	$ 54,838.00	$ 25,000.00
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	$ -	$ 96.00	$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 435,294.00	$ 557,276.00	$ 212,135.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	$ -	$ 120,000.00	$ 69,413.00
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**$ 4,167,718.00**	**$ 5,036,907.00**	**$ 5,376,066.00**
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**			
19	Operating Expenses	$ 1,422,029.00	$ 1,369,736.00	$ 3,438,688.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ -	$ -	$ -
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ 19,989.00	$ 164,777.00	$ 167,336.00
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	$ -	$ -	$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	$ -	$ 120,000.00	$ 69,413.00
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**$ 1,442,018.00**	**$ 1,654,513.00**	**$ 3,675,437.00**
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**$ 2,725,700.00**	**$ 3,382,394.00**	**$ 1,700,629.00**
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			49%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 1,445,524.00
County Treasurer's Commission at 1% of Line 6	$ 14,455.24
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,459,979.24

Upper Elkhorn NRD

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 NRD needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:		Property Tax Request
General Fund		$ 1,459,979.24
Bond Fund		$ -
_____	Fund	
_____	Fund	
_____	Fund	
_____	Fund	
Total Tax Request	**	$ 1,459,979.24

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

Cash Reserve Funds

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 funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Equipment Sinking Fund	$ 190,294.00
Building Sinking Fund	$ 42,092.00
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ 232,386.00
Total Cash Reserve	$ 1,700,629.00
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 1,468,243.00
Remaining Cash Reserve %	43%

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Upper Elkhorn NRD**
ADDRESS	**301 North Harrison**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**O'Neill, NE 68763**
TELEPHONE	**402-336-3867**
WEBSITE	**www.uenrd.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Christopher Dierks	Dennis Schueth	Donita Pokorny
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	General Manager	Dana F Cole
TELEPHONE	402-340-0400	402-340-6778	402-336-2030
EMAIL ADDRESS	cdierks1@nntc.net	dschueth@uenrd.org	pokorny@danacole.com

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

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [x] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

Upper Elkhorn NRD

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements		(1)	$ 1,459,979.24
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate		(2)	$ 1,600.00
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 Prior Year Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	$ -	(5)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2024-2025	$ -	(6)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	$ -	(7)	
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds **(Cannot be a Negative Number)**		(8)	$ -
Nameplate Capacity Tax		(8a)	$ 25,000.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)		(9)	**$ 1,486,579.24**

Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	$ -	(10)	
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) above.	$ -	(11)	
Allowable Capital Improvements		(12)	$ -
Bonded Indebtedness		(13)	
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements		(14)	$ 316,008.26
Judgments		(15)	
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers		(16)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster		(17)	
Ground Water Management Activities *(Amount exceeding FY 2003-04)*		(18)	$ 611,938.20
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(19)	**$ 927,946.46**

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 19*	**$ 558,632.78**

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

Upper Elkhorn NRD

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) of last year's Lid Computation Form — 857,445.30 (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)

61,246,012.00 (2025 Growth per Assessor) / 5,563,946,800.00 (2024 Valuation) = 1.10 % (Multiply times 100 To get %)

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

0 (# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase) / 15 (Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting) = - % (Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body)

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION - 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)	21,436.13 (7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	878,881.43 (8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	558,632.78 (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	320,248.65 (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.

Upper Elkhorn NRD

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted

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

Levy Limit Form
Natural Resources Districts

Upper Elkhorn NRD

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Request		$ 1,459,979.24 (1)
Less Personal and Real Property Tax Request for:		
Judgments (not paid by liability insurance coverage)	( ) (A)	
Preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to **July 1, 1998**	( ) (B)	
Bonded Indebtedness	( ) (C)	
Ground Water Management Activities (Exceeding FY 2003-2004)	($ 611,938.30) (D)	
	($ -) (E)	
Interstate Compact (LB 701)	( ) (F)	
Total Exclusions		($ 611,938.30) (2)
Personal and Real Property Tax Request subject to Levy Limit		$ 848,040.94 (3)
Valuation (Per the County Assessor)		$ 6,721,859,642.00 (4)
Calculated Levy for Levy Limit Compliance [Line (3) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.012616 (5)
Calculated Ground Water Management Activities Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 1 Cent)* [Line (D) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.009104 (6)
		0.000000 (7)
Calculated LB 701 Interstate Compact Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 10 Cents)* [Line (F) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.000000 (8)
Total Calculated Levy for Limit Compliance [Line (5) **Plus** Line (6) **Plus** Line (7) **Plus** Line (8)]		0.021720 (9)

Note : **Levy Limit established by State Statute Section 77-3442:**
Natural Resources District (NRD) - 4.5 Cents
PLUS Ground Water Management Activities as allowed by State Statute Section 2-3225. Ground Water Management Activities shall not exceed 1 Cent.
PLUS Interstate Compact as allowed by LB 701, shall not exceed 10 Cents.

Attach supporting documentation if a vote was held to exceed the levy limit.

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Upper Elkhorn NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
Nebraska Assoiation Res Dist. Retirement and Benefits	NA-On Going	Health Benefits and Retirement	$ 196,245.00
Nebraska Assoiation Res Dist. Tree Program	NA-On Going	Purchasing of tree agreement from Halsey Nursery	$ 32,119.00
Lower Niobrara & Middle Niobrara NRCS Field Office Secretaries	NA-On Going	Providing staff assistance for implementing Conservation Programs-Local, State and Fed	$ 59,536.00
USGS-Water Resources Division	NA-On Going	Stream Gauging Station on the Elkhorn River (Ewing) (Trends of river.)	$ 9,855.00
Niobrara River Basin-IMP Coalition (UNWNRD, MNNRD, LNNRD & ULNRD)	41614	Education and Basin Resource Management	$ -
Bazile Mangment Coalition (LENRD, LCNRD & LNRD) and NDEQ	7-1-13; On going	Evaluation of Implementation of BMP in Bazile Management Area	$ 8,253.26
Lower Platte River Basin - IMP, Basin; LPS, LPN, PM, LE, UE & UL NRDs and NEDNR	11-20-07 - On Going	To form a coalition to pursue and discuss the various components that may ultimately comprise a voluntary Water Management	$ 10,000.00
	Plan for the LPRB and which could subsequently be		
NHCC (CPNRD, LENRD, UBBNRD, TPNRD, ULNRD, NPNRD, NEPPD and Central NE PP&ID)	NA-On Going	Evaluating designations of habitat for Endangered Species	$ -
Lower Platte Basin Coalition (LE, LL, PM, CP, LPN, LPS NRDs)	11-20-07On Going	Working together on Protection of Platte River for Endangered Species & Fish Communities	$ -
CP, L&C, LB, LBB, LE, LN, LPN, MN, MR, SPTB, TP, UBB, UE, UNW &UR NRD & NARD		Groundwater Management Coaliton shall provide the authority, resources, services, studies, and facilitilites needed for the representation of the	
		representation of the interests of the NRDs who are parties to this Iterlocal Cooperative Agreement in proceedings before all agencies, etc	

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 316,008.26

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Upper Elkhorn NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

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

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO:

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: ANTELOPE

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
UPPER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	24,649,786	3,659,072,579

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I KELLY MUELLER-OLTJENBRUNS, ANTELOPE 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.

ANTELOPE COUNTY ASSESSOR SEAL NEBRASKA

(signature of county assessor)

8/13/25

(date)

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CC: County Clerk, ANTELOPE 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 (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

176,351,762 Pers Prior
182,835,303 Pers Value

2,793,371,920 Real Prior
3,476,237,276 Real Value

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) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

To: UPPER ELKHORN NRD

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF HOLT COUNTY

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
UPPER ELKHORN NRD	NRD	$34,995,796	$2,356,132,279

* Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (vi) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I , Timothy Wallinger, Holt County 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.

Timothy L. Wallinger

(signature of county assessor)

08/15/2025

(date)

CC: County Clerk, Holt County County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Holt 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 (July 2025)



CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

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TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

UPPER ELKHORN NRD
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TO: 301 N HARRISON
ONEILL NE 68763-0000

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: ROCK

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
U ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	807,627	537,022,722

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I TJ ELLERMEIER, ROCK 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)

8/12/25
(date)

OFFICE OF ROCK NEBRASKA COUNTY COUNTY ASSESSOR

CC: County Clerk, ROCK 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 (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only	14,648,413 Pers Prior	422,019,563 Real Prior
	15,197,682 Pers Value	521,825,040 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

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TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO: UPPER ELKHORN NRD
301 N. HARRISON
O'NEILL, NE 68763

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: WHEELER

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
UPPER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	792,803	169,632,062

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I CARA SNIDER, WHEELER 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.

Cara Snider
(signature of county assessor)

August 13, 2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, WHEELER 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 (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only	4,876,396 Pers Prior	145,189,330 Real Prior
	5,148,805 Pers Value	164,483,257 Real Value

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, Holt County, ss:

James T. Miles being first duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Holt County Independent, a legal newspaper under the Statutes of Nebraska and printed and published weekly in O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, and of general circulation in said county. That the said Holt County Independent at all times herein stated has been printed in the English language and has a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies weekly, and that said newspaper has been published within the County of Holt for more than fifty-two weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed notice, and that said newspaper is printed wholly or in part in an office maintained by said Holt County Independent, at O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska. That the annexed notice was published in said newspaper for 1 successive week in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof, the first publication of said notice being in the issue of the 11th day of September, 2025, the last publication being in the issue of the 11th day of September, 2025.

And further affiant saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 2025.

Notary Public

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GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
JONI ISOM
My Comm. Exp. April 17, 2026

Upper Elkhorn NRD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

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 22 day of September 2025, at 4:00-4:30 o'clock P.M., at Upper Elkhorn District Office 301 North Harrison O'Neill, NE 68763 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.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 1,442,018.00
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 1,654,513.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 3,675,437.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 1,700,629.00
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$ 5,376,066.00
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,459,979.24
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 320,248.65
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,459,979.24
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 22 day of September 2025, at 4:40-5:00 o'clock P.M., at Upper Elkhorn District Office 301 North Harrison O'Neill, NE 68763 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	3,318,162.00	3,675,437.00	11%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,611,479.00	$ 1,459,979.24	-9%
Valuation	5,563,946,800	6,721,859,642	21%
Tax Rate	0.028963	0.021720	-25%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.023974		

NRD FORM WORKSHEET

Line No.	2025-2026 ADOPTED BUDGET	General Fund	Sinking Fund Equipment	Sinking Fund Building	_____ Fund	TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**					
2	Net Cash Balance	$ 3,209,022.00	$ 120,881.00	$ 42,092.00		$ 3,371,995.00
3	Investments					$ -
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 10,399.00				$ 10,399.00
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	$ 3,219,421.00	$ 120,881.00	$ 42,092.00	$ -	$ 3,382,394.00
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes	$ 1,445,524.00				$ 1,445,524.00
7	Federal Receipts	$ -				$ -
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate **(To Lid Supporting Schedule)**	$ 1,600.00				$ 1,600.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid					
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 240,000.00				$ 240,000.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit					
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ 25,000.00				$ 25,000.00
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax **(To Lid Supporting Schedule)**	$ -				$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 212,135.00				$ 212,135.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees **(To Lid Supporting Schedule)**					$ -
16	Transfers In Other Than Surplus Fees		$ 69,413.00	$ -		$ 69,413.00
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	$ 5,143,680.00	$ 190,294.00	$ 42,092.00	$ -	$ 5,376,066.00
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**					
19	Operating Expenses	$ 3,438,688.00				$ 3,438,688.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ -				$ -
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ 167,336.00				$ 167,336.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments					$ -
23	Debt Service: Pymts to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)					
24	Debt Service: Pymts to Retire Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Dist.)					
25	Debt Service: Other					$ -
26	Judgments					$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees					$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees	$ 69,413.00				$ 69,413.00
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	$ 3,675,437.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 3,675,437.00
30	**Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	$ 1,468,243.00	$ 190,294.00	$ 42,092.00	$ -	$ 1,700,629.00

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 1,445,524.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,445,524.00
County Treasurer's Commission at 1 % of Line 6	$ 14,455.24	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 14,455.24
Total Property Tax Requirement (To LC-3 Supporting Schedule)	$ 1,459,979.24	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,459,979.24

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RESOLUTION/MOTION SETTING TAX REQUEST & MILL-LEVY FOR 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

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 Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District (District) passes by a majority vote 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 District that the property tax request for the FY25-26 be lower than the property tax request for FY24-25.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, in the COUNTY of Holt, Nebraska in accordance with State Statute 77-1601-02, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The Property tax request for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 is set at **$1,459,979.24.**

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by **21.00**%

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be a mill levy of .023974 or 2.41 cents per $100.

4. The Upper Elkhorn NRD will adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be .021720 or 2.17 cents per $100.

5. Based on the property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Upper Elkhorn NRD will increase from last year's budget by 10.77 but overall tax asking went down 9%.

6. A copy of this resolution shall be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk prior to October 15, 2025.

7. Motion to adopt FY25-26 Budget Resolution by:

Motion by: Curtis Gotschall **Seconded by:** Marv Fritz

Voting Aye: Bruce Anderson, Matt Beckman, Cody Frank, Curtis Gotschall, Trevor Gotschall, Gene Kelly, Tony Sanderson, Cameron Smith, Art Tanderup and John Vogel

Voting Nay: Kevin Blair

Absent: Chris Dierks Aaron Rice & Allen Schueth

Vote Count: Aye:11 Naye: 1 Absent: 3

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2025

Secretary Treasurer
Thomas E. Kelly
Or other board member of the UENRD

General Manager of UENRD
Dennis Schueth

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September 23rd, 2025

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Included in this mailing are copies of the legal notice for the FY25-26 Budget, Public and Special Hearing Notice that was held on September 22 2025; appropriate budget information, Interlocal Agreement forms and copies of property valuations for Antelope, Holt, Rock and Wheeler County. Also included in this mailing is the resolution adopted at the September 22nd, 2025 UENRD Board Meeting setting the FY25-26 mill-levy and tax asking at:

FY25-26 Mill Levy is .021720 or 2.17 per $100 of valuation and the FY25-26 tax asking is $1,459,974.

The appropriate information is also being sent to each of the County Clerks before October 15th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Sincerely,

Dennis Schueth

Dennis Schueth
General Manager

Cc:
Nebraska Department of Water, Environment and Energy
Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts
Dana F. Cole, O'Neill
Antelope County Clerk
Holt County Clerk
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