

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Budget Hearing at the Unit Office on September 16, 2024 with the following members present when the hearing convened: Machelle Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville were absent.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that this is an open public meeting.

Motion made by Machelle Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to excuse the absences of Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2024 was published in the following newspapers of general circulation in the ESU #11 service area during the week of September 2, 2024: Franklin County Chronicle, Harlan County Journal, Holdrege Citizen, Minden Courier, and Valley Voice. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing and a summary of the proposed budgetary requirements for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, stated that the Public Budget Hearing was being held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relative to the proposed General Fund and to consider amendments relative thereto. Mr. Poppert provided a brief presentation comparing the 2023-24 budget to the proposed 2024-25 budget.

After stating the purpose of the hearing and the presentation, Board Vice President Kronhofman asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. No guests were present; thus, Vice President Kronhofman declared the budget hearing adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SYSTEM
WIDE TAX REQUEST AND PROPERTY TAX RATE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate at the Unit Office on September 16, 2024 with the following members present when the meeting convened: Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville were absent.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and announced that this is an open public meeting.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by George Probasco, to excuse the absences of Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate on September 16, 2024 was published in the following newspapers of general circulation in the ESU #11 service area during the week of September 2, 2024: Franklin County Chronicle, Harlan County Journal, Holdrege Citizen, Minden Courier, and Valley Voice. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Board Vice President Kronhofman stated that the Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate was being held to receive testimony pertaining to the purpose for which the Public Hearing was being held.

After stating the purpose of the hearing, Board Vice President Kronhofman asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the tax request and tax rate proposed by the Board of ESU #11. No patrons were present; thus, Board Vice President Kronhofman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary