NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NORTH BLAINE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 31-1422 Idaho Code, the North Blaine County Fire District will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. The hearing will be held at Sun Valley City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, Sun Valley, Idaho at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 09, 2023. At said hearing, any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why said proposed budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed budget in detail are available for review at Sun Valley City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

ESTIMATED REVENUE

Property & Sales Tax	529,468.00
Plan Check Fees	50,000.00
Earnings on Investments	30,000.00
Housing Fees	82,020.00
Permits	300.00
Inspections	2,000.00
Transfer from Bank Reserves	142,582.00
Total Estimated Revenue	**836,370.00**

EXPENDITURES

Total Personnel	288,398.00
Total Fringe Benefit	109,672.00
Total Operational Expenses	241,450.00
Total Capital	178,200.00
Total General Expenses	11,000.00
Total ICRMP	7,650.00
Total Budget Expenditures	**836,370.00**

I, Rich Bauer, Fire Chief for the North Blaine County Fire District, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate statement of the proposed expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 2024. The proposed expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 2024 were tentatively approved by the North Blaine County Fire District Commission on July 12, 2023. The publication date for the public notice of this public hearing is July 26, 2022, in the Idaho Mountain Express.

Dated this 13th day of July 2022.

North Blaine County Fire District

CODE OF ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year 2024 (FY:24)
October 1, 2023 Through September 30, 2024

Code	Classification	FY 2023 Budgeted	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Requested	Narrative
	Salaries				
10-425-110	Salaries and Wages	$ 187,283	$ 187,283	$ 194,774	
10-425-120	Salaries and Wages - On Call FF	$ 30,518	$ 30,518	$ 30,518	
10-425-122	Overtime Salaries	$ 7,920	$ 7,920	$ 7,920	
10-425-140	Administration	$ 42,120	$ 42,120	$ 48,652	
10-425-150	Salaries - Merit Increases/Adjustments	$ 6,534	$ 6,534	$ 6,534	
	Total Salaries and Wages	**$ 274,375**	**$ 274,375**	**$ 288,398**	
	Fringe Benefits				
10-425-200	Physical Incentive Program	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	
10-425-210	FICA Contribution	$ 20,990	$ 20,990	$ 22,062	
10-425-220	Retirement Contribution	$ 29,945	$ 29,945	$ 34,410	
10-425-240	Workers Comp & Supplmtl Accdt.	$ 5,130	$ 5,130	$ 6,000	
10-425-250	Health Insurance	$ 46,000	$ 46,000	$ 46,000	
	Total Fringe Benefits	**$ 103,265**	**$ 103,265**	**$ 109,672**	
	Operational Expenditures				
10-425-305	Alarm Fees	$ 750	$ 600	$ 750	
10-425-310	Office Supplies	$ 500	$ 276	$ 500	
10-425-315	Janitorial Supplies	$ 400	$ 286	$ 400	
10-425-320	Operating Supplies	$ 3,000	$ 1,391	$ 3,000	
10-425-321	Pump/Hose Testing	$ 4,700	$ 4,075	$ 4,700	
10-425-325	Medical Safety Supplies	$ 1,500	$ -	$ 1,500	
10-425-340	Minor Tools	$ 1,000	$ -	$ 1,000	
10-425-350	Motor Fuels & Lubricants	$ 8,000	$ 7,778	$ 9,000	*Justification
10-425-365	Wildland Fire Expenses				
10-425-370	Postage	$ 300	$ 166	$ 300	
10-425-440	Advertising & Legal Publishing	$ 4,000	$ 178	$ 1,000	*Deflation
10-425-470	Travel/Training & Meetings	$ 5,000	$ 989	$ 5,000	
10-425-480	Dues/Subscriptions/Memberships	$ 1,000	$ 1,044	$ 1,200	*Justification
10-425-510	Telephone	$ 3,200	$ 3,146	$ 3,200	
10-425-555	Rental- Equipment	$ 500	$ 395	$ 500	
10-425-570	Utilities/Gas/Electric	$ 23,500	$ 21,652	$ 25,000	*Justification
10-425-575	Equipment Purchase-Non Capital	$ 20,000	$ 8,990	$ 20,000	
10-425-576	Personal Protection Equipment	$ 7,000	$ 6,402	$ 7,000	
10-425-580	Snow Removal	$ 6,000	$ 12,094	$ 11,000	*Justification
10-425-585	Repair/Maint- Fire Bays	$ 8,000	$ 5,514	$ 8,000	
10-425-586	Repair/Maint - Housing	$ 12,000	$ 10,526	$ 12,000	
10-425-590	Repair/Maint- Grounds	$ 5,000	$ 11,304	$ 6,000	*Justification
10-425-595	Repair/Maint- Equipment	$ 2,500	$ 4,009	$ 2,500	
10-425-600	Repair/ Maint- Automotive	$ 12,000	$ 7,833	$ 12,000	
10-425-615	Repair/Maint- Radio Service	$ 3,000	$ 11	$ 3,000	
10-425-620	Communications/Dispatch/Lease	$ 15,000	$ 14,058	$ 15,000	
10-425-625	Contingency Fund	$ 30,000	$ 7,054	$ 20,000	*Deflation
10-425-633	Greenhorn Housing Annual Appropriation Lease- Principal			$ 38,343	
10-425-634	Greenhorn Housing Annual Appropriation Lease- Interest			$ 29,557	
	Total Operational Expenditures	**$ 177,850**	**$ 129,769**	**$ 241,450**	
	Capital Expenses				
10-425-630	Capital Improvement	$ 95,000	$ 78,167	$ 100,000	
10-425-631	Greenhorn New Housing	$ 300,000	$ 367,899	$ -	
10-425-635	Engine 3 Annual Lease			$ 78,200	
	Total Capital Expenses	**$ 395,000**	**$ 446,066**	**$ 178,200**	
	General Administration Expenses				
10-425-650	Legal Expense	$ 3,000		$ 3,000	
10-425-660	Accounting	$ 1,000	$ 110	$ 1,000	
10-425-670	Consulting Fees	$ 1,000		$ 1,000	
10-425-680	Annual Audit	$ 6,000	$ 5,450	$ 6,000	
	Total General Expenses	**$ 11,000**	**$ 5,560**	**$ 11,000**	
10-425-690	**Insurance ICRIMP**	**$ 6,500**	**$ 6,361**	**$ 7,650**	*Justification
	TOTAL SALARIES AND WAGES	**$ 274,375**	**$ 274,375**	**$ 288,398**	
	TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	**$ 103,265**	**$ 103,265**	**$ 109,672**	
	TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	**$ 177,850**	**$ 129,769**	**$ 241,450**	
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	**$ 395,000**	**$ 446,066**	**$ 178,200**	
	TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	**$ 11,000**	**$ 5,560**	**$ 11,000**	
	TOTAL ICRMP	**$ 6,500**	**$ 6,361**	**$ 7,650**	
	TOTAL BUDGET	**$ 967,990**	**$ 965,396**	**$ 836,370**	

Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing of the North Blaine County Fire District in the Council Chambers – 81 Elkhorn Road, Sun Valley, ID August 09th, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Discussion and possible adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget*.

Chairman Gray opened the hearing at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Gray asked the NBCFD and Sun Valley Fire Chiefs and Jocelin, admin for the NBCFD, if there were any changes made to the budget since the last meeting. Jocelin responded that the only changes were a title change on line 425-630 from 'Greenhorn Paving' to 'Capital Improvement', so that we have flexibility in the use of that line. No numbers were changed in the expenditures budget. Revenue predictions were increased by about $1,500 after processing L-2 paperwork and calculating our new construction rolls.

Commissioners Michael and Engelmann comment that we have gone over the budget thoroughly several times now and are comfortable with it.

MOTION:
Commissioner Michael move to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of $836,370, seconded by Commissioner Earl Engelmann.

AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann
NAYS: None

Chairman Gray thanked the Chiefs and Jocelin, and thinks it was great that we spoke about the budget for more than three meetings before this budget hearing. He would like to follow this same protocol next year.

4. Approval of the August 2023 Claims*.

Commissioner Michael explained that we have some large claims this month, including our annual $78,000 payment for our Engine 3 loan and $223,000 to the City of Sun Valley for our second bi-annual payment for contracted wages as well as our half of the bi-annual for the appropriations lease payment for the Greenhorn Housing Project.

After these payments we will have about $30,000 left in the bank for next month's budget, and do not anticipate exceeding this year's overall budget.

MOTION:
Commissioner Michael moved to approve the August 2023 claims; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann. A roll call vote was taken.
AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann
NAYS: None

5. Approval of the July 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes*.

Commissioner Sarah Michael presented a couple edits that she would like to have made to the minutes, including noting Mat Hall as a firefighter and editing a statement in the previous meeting. With these edits she is comfortable approving the minutes. To her it is more important to spend money on worthwhile projects than having a hefty bank account balance.

MOTION:
Commissioner Engelmann moved to approve the July 12, 2023, amended Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Commissioner Michael. A roll call vote was taken.
AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann
NAYS: None

6. Report: Monthly Update – North Blaine County Fire District Chief, Rich Bauer.

Chief Bauer is fairly certain we will be coming in right on budget at the end of this Fiscal Year. We are expecting some larger expenses next month, with buying new fire hose and paying for this year's hose testing, and repairing Fabrizio's roof to avoid further leaks at his unit this winter. We should not surpass the budget, barring unforeseen expenses.

Chiefs Bauer and Robrahn attended the Wood River Women's Foundation Annual Meeting last week, in which they were recognized with the $20K grant the District received for the Greenhorn Housing Project.

Ambulance District consolidation talks continued with a meeting at the end of last month, and this month's steering committee meeting has been pushed back one month as the consolidation consultants have more work to do. Commissioner Michael asked how Chief Bauer feels it has been going so far. Chief Bauer answered that he likes what they have said in regards to staffing and having a countywide EMS training officer. Ketchum Fire Department and Wood River Fire & Rescue have agreed on an MOU with each other to share staff, and it is unclear if this is in parallel or perpendicular to this process. NBCFD and SVFD have embraced this process with the consultants, and if this can help us to achieve providing a higher level of service to our constituents, that is great. Chairman Gray comments that it sounds like we are still out in the cold, since our Chiefs are the only ones involved in this so far, not our staff. Chief Bauer answered that all department Chiefs have been involved in these conversations for consolidation, and Chiefs Bauer and Robrahn are waiting to hear the recommendations of the consultants, following the laid out plans of this process. As he understands it, they will present a model of Fire/EMS consolidation, as well as one that only focuses on EMS. Commissioner Michael asked why KFD and WRFR have started this MOU, is it because they are both fire and ambulance providers? Chief Bauer is not sure, it might be so they can share personnel and ensure adequate staffing. Commissioner Engelmann commented that we will wait to see how this all turns out. Hopefully KFD and WRFR sharing personnel improves their ability to supply the coverage they need.

7. Report: Monthly Update – Sun Valley Fire Chief, Taan Robrahn.

We have seen increased call volume in the department, currently up 11-12% this year compared to last year.

We are scheduled to have the first four housing units delivered on August 30th. He will let everyone know when we have an estimated time scheduled on delivery day. This will provide a great opportunity for us to reach out to the public and celebrate. Chairman Gray has spoken to a few people that wish to donate, and has suggested they wait to donate when the units arrive. He has had people comment that the foundations look small, and they are surprised when he says the units are 840 SF, with 2bed/2bath. He agrees that this will be a great opportunity to ramp up fundraising again. He asked if the units will be placed on the foundations on delivery day? Chief Robrahn answered yes, everything is being coordinated so they get placed on foundations right away.

Commissioner Michael asked how our staffing is; is anybody leaving? Chief Robrahn answered that we are losing one of our live-ins, Connor Lorhke, to San Jose Fire in TX. It is bittersweet to lose someone who is young, motivated, and well trained, but is great to see him following this opportunity. We also recently lost Theo Rich to Caldwell Fire. It is a trend in the entire fire service that there are less applicants per opening, and we are seeing that here as well. Chairman Gray asked Chief Robrahn why he thinks we are losing staff, is it for more active departments? Chief answered that the ones we are seeing leave are highly motivated and going after that busier department feel with promotional opportunities. They are also going after higher salaries and jobs that when their shifts end, they are off the clock. Chairman Gray asked if we are constantly on the lookout for staff, and Chief Robrahn said that we are recruiting throughout the year for new cadets to go through academy and join as on-call staff. When we are searching for full time staff we cast a net through and outside of Blaine County, and often hire from our paid on-call staff. Commissioner Engelmann says that once the housing is online, we will be able to use that as an appeal for the recruitment process. Chief Robrahn added that we are updating our own full-time staff structure in the department to provide some promotional opportunities and retain staff.

A couple of months ago, Chief Robrahn met with the region 10 Administrator of HUD appointed by President Biden. There was also a state representative at that meeting. They were both very excited to learn about the project.

8. Updates, discussion, and possible action regarding Greenhorn Housing Project*.

Once we get more information on the delivery of the units, Chief Robrahn will update the commissioners. Chairman Gray asked if Jonathon Lunceford thinks this project will be done by the time the units are here. Matt Smithman of Galena-Benchmark has been communicating on this and everything does seem to be going according to plan. There are no indications that the site will not be ready by the time the first units arrive.

Commissioner Michael would like to create a timeline for the press and fundraising, and would consider hiring a fundraising consultant for what we need to do, such as creating new brochures or handouts. We still need to raise $1 million, and Sally Gillespie of the Spur Foundation was great in helping us start this campaign. Chairman Gray suggests we meet with Sally again to update our current materials. Commissioner Michael asked if we have press as they are setting up to deliver the first units? Do we have press on August 30th, and then have a ribbon cutting? She thinks it would be best to get as many press

releases and stories out there as possible. Chief Robrahn agrees that we this would be a good time for fundraising, especially as the end of the year approaches. City of Sun Valley Administrator Jim Keating says that it might be worth sitting down with Sally to go over the materials we have already made and seeing how relevant they are.

Jim highly suggests we do a scrappy and efficient round two of fundraising. First, we should meet with Sally again and see what materials we can get. Second, we get photos out there of the houses once they are on site. Third, we reach out to existing donors, especially the big ones, rather than doing another large mailing project. Chairman Gray would like to be part of a meeting with Sally and have input on the small number of people we reach out to. Jim is well experienced in fundraising, and between him and Sally, Chairman Gray thinks we have good people to help us with this. Commissioner Michael would like have a defined timeline for this. Jim agrees, step one is to engage with Sally next week, and then put in some anchor points, starting with the first four units, and then the next four in December. Jim does not think we need to do a massive party every time, but we still note each milestone to show our progress. We will discuss the most effective way to fund the project in perpetuity with the most efficient use of resources. Chairman asked about the placement of the first four units, and Chief Robrahn answered they are putting in the middle four first. Chairman Gray asked if staff are moving in immediately? Chief Robrahn answered there will be time the units will be open but not occupied yet, as the site will still be an active construction area, and the units will need to be connected to water and power. Units will be open for walkthroughs. We are not currently planning on furnishing or staging the units, the firefighters will be providing their own furnishings.

Commissioner Michael says that Hulen Meadows Home Association is having their annual picnic on August 26th from 4:30 - 7 pm, and Nina Fox from their board has requested that we have a fire engine and some staff go to the picnic. Commissioner Michael thinks it could be a good opportunity for fundraising. Chief Bauer has spoken to Nina as well, and Griffin Butte Live-In firefighter Fabrizio Lizano is probably available to bring an engine to this event. Commissioner Michael suggests that Mat Hall, SV/NBCFD on-call firefighter and Hulen Meadows resident, could attend and hand out fundraising fliers. Chairman Gray says that he is happy to attend this event if he is available and could make a pitch, but first we need to make sure the Hulen Meadows HOA is on board with it. Another local HOA president did not like that Chairman Gray made a pitch last year; he was asked not to do it again this year, and we need to be sensitive about this. Commissioner Michael will talk to the Hulen Meadows board about this and ask what might be allowed at this event. Commissioner Engelmann cautioned against going back to the same funding source too many times, and Commissioner Michael clarified she has not fundraised from the Hulen Meadows community yet. Chief Bauer added that SVFD firefighter Jimmy Bowman has already updated our flier, so this has been done and can be printed for this event. Chief Robrahn is happy to participate in this event however we can, as it is always great to do general community outreach.

9. Discussion: Old Business.

None.

10. Public Comment.

None.

11. Adjournment*.

MOTION
Commissioner Michael moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Engelmann.
A roll call vote was taken.
AYES: Chairman Gray, Commissioner Michael, Commissioner Engelmann.
NAYS: None.

Chairman Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Jed Gray, Chairman

Sarah Micheal, Treasurer