

# 2022 Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference

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**MUNICIPAL TREASURERS:** The State Auditor's Office approved 14 hours of continuing education.

### Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

#### Wednesday, June 15, 2022

**12 pm** Registration for Preconference Seminar

Registration I

**12:30–1:30 pm** Lunch

Diamond 1

**1:30–4:30 pm**

Diamond 5

**PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR – “CREATIVE DISTRICTS”:** Learn how other municipalities are forming creative districts to access funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Arts Council. **In addition, from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, funds from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) only would be available to municipalities partnering with creative districts certified by the Nebraska Arts Council.** The grants shall not be less than \$100,000 or more than \$250,000 regardless of population. After June 30, 2024, grants from the CCCFF will be awarded to municipalities regardless of their partnering with a creative district. Creative districts will help grow the population in Nebraska using the arts as an economic driver, supporting communities in Nebraska in telling their stories and elevating the value of the arts.

*Rachel Morgan, Program Specialist, Nebraska Arts Council*

*Caleb Fjone, Director, Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation*

*Nikki Schwanz, City Administrator, Cozad*

*David Scott, City Manager, Sidney*

*Rick Hoppe, City Administrator, Ralston*

#### Thursday, June 16, 2022

**7:30 am** Registration in Registration I Room

Diamond 6&7

(coffee and rolls available)

**8–9:15 am**

Diamond 4&5

**Budget Update: Budget Forms, Lid Laws, LB 644 (2021) and Related Issues for FY 21-22**

*Jeff Schreier, CPA, Senior Auditor-In-Charge, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts*

*Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM*

**9:15–9:30 am**

Diamond 6&7

**Break:** Visit Display Area

**9:30–10:45 am**

Diamond 4&5

**Update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

**(Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act):** Review compliance requirements and updated FAQs.

*Mike Gleeson, Legislative Manager, Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations, National League of Cities*

*Mike Wallace, Legislative Director, Housing & Community & Economic Development, National League of Cities*

**10:45–11 am**

Diamond 6&7

**Break:** Visit Display Area

**11 am–12:15 pm**

Diamond 4&5

**League Legislative Report**

*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*

**12:15–1:30 pm**

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**Lunch and Welcome**

*Heather Lindsley, Finance Director, Columbus; Chair of the MAFC Committee*



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**1:30–1:45 pm Business Meeting**

Diamond 4&5

**1:45–2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. FEMA/NEMA:** How to maximize your federal reimbursement and receive aid ASAP!  
(Repeated at 3 pm)

**Lexy Hindt**, Recovery Section Manager, NEMA

**Kyle Winchell**, Public Assistance Unit Supervisor, NEMA

**Gayle Hoops**, Attorney Advisor, FEMA

**Roger Smith**, Public Assistance Branch Chief, FEMA

**Kayla West**, Emergency Management Specialist, Public Assistance Branch, FEMA

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(Repeated at 3 pm and Friday at 8:30 am and 9:45 am)

**Dennis Maggart**, Executive Vice-President, McInnes Group, Inc.

**C. Weather Trends:** How and why to budget for future property losses due to the severity of natural disasters. (LARM Sponsored)  
(Repeated at 3 pm)

**Andrew Siffert**, Senior Vice President/Senior Meteorologist, BMS Group

**D. LB 1024 (2022) Economic Recovery Act:** LB 1024, introduced by Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne, appropriates \$335 million in state and federal funds to the Department of Economic Development (DED) to be prioritized toward the economic recovery of communities within qualified census tracts located within Omaha that were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. LB 1024 also directs DED to distribute \$115 million of other federal funds to other eligible projects within Nebraska's three congressional districts.

(Repeated at 3 pm)

**Trevor Fitzgerald**, Legal Counsel, Urban Affairs Committee

**2:45–3 pm**

Diamond 6&7

**3–4 pm**

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Diamond 6&7

4:15-5:15 pm

#### Break: Visit Display Area

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Utilities Issues Update, Including Budgeting Considerations**  
*(Repeated Friday at 11 am)*  
**Lash Chaffin**, Utilities Section Director, LNM
- B. Tax Increment Financing (TIF):** Review statutory requirements and mandate to file a "TIF Report."  
*(Repeated Friday at 11 am)*  
**Christy Abraham**, Legal Counsel, LNM
- C. Municipal Ethics Jeopardy:** Don't miss this great opportunity to review ethical issues and participate in an interactive session of challenging scenarios.  
*(Repeated Friday at 11 am)*  
**Paula Dennison**, City Administrator, Gretna

**Make plans to network, visit the display area and enjoy the many restaurants and activities in Kearney.**

### Friday, June 17, 2022

8 am

Diamond 6&7

8:30–9:30 am

#### Visit Display Area

(coffee and rolls available)

#### Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Preventative Internal Controls Necessary to Safeguard Municipal Assets**  
*(Repeated at 9:45 am)*  
**Craig Kubicek**, CPA, CFE, Deputy Auditor, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
- B. Bond Basics:** Learn more about publicly offered bonds and bank borrowings, including lid and levy implications.  
*(Repeated at 9:45 am)*  
**Mike Rogers**, Bond Counsel, Gilmore Bell
- C. Lead and Copper Rule Revisions:** Be informed about the new regulations coming out.  
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**Jessica Johnson**, Lead and Copper Rule Manager – Monitoring and Compliance Section, Nebraska Dept. of Environment and Energy



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**Adjournment –** Have a safe trip home!

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## Delegate Registration

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

First League Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Through May 25	After May 25
Wednesday Preconference Seminar:	_____ \$95	_____ \$125
Thursday & Friday Conference: (Includes handbook; meals are extra) Per municipal official, League member	_____ \$350	_____ \$380

Conference Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals: (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by **May 25**)

Wednesday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$27

Thursday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$27

Meals Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Information

- ❖ Preregistration deadline is **May 25**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- ❖ Advanced registrations not cancelled by **May 25** or “no shows” will be billed for any meal tickets reserved.
- ❖ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **May 25**.

**Mail registration and payment to:** League of Nebraska Municipalities, 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, or fax 402-476-7052

[Click here to register and pay online.](#)

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## Conference and Hotel Information

- ❖ All conference sessions will be held at the Younes Conference Center South, 416 Talmadge Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68845.
- ❖ To make room reservations, call the Comfort Inn (308-236-3400) or Fairfield Inn & Suites (308-236-4200) and specify you are with the League room block.
- ❖ The room rate at the Comfort Inn is \$96 and at the Fairfield Inn & Suites is \$109.95 for a single/double room.
- ❖ The room block will be released **May 20**. Contact the hotel before that date to secure a reservation.
- ❖ Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check-out time is 12 p.m.
- ❖ If you want a written confirmation number, please request it when making your reservations.
- ❖ Preregistration deadline for delegates is **May 25**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
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- ❖ To meet printing schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **May 25**.
- ❖ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing, or bring a jacket, because heating and cooling conditions may vary.