

**24-1214. Financing proposed projects; methods; resolution as to costs; public hearing; notice, contents; appearances; written statement required; transmittal of written statements to chief engineer; adoption, modification or rejection of general plan or method of financing; official general plan and official method of financing; resubmissions, when.** Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 24-1203a, when the general plan is approved by the chief engineer the board, by resolution, shall propose that the cost to the district of all works contemplated in the plan be paid either by a general levy against all of the taxable tangible property located within the district, that such cost be paid by special assessment against lands within the district to be specially benefited by any of the proposed projects or that such cost be paid by both such general levy and special assessment, stating the portion proposed to be paid by each method. The board shall also set forth in the resolution any proposal to issue improvement bonds of the district to provide for the payment of all or any part of the cost to the district of proposed projects by installments instead of levying the entire tax or special assessment at one time.

The board shall thereupon fix a time and place either within or conveniently near the district for a public hearing upon the general plan and the resolution proposing a method of financing costs of the works contemplated in the plan. A notice of such hearing shall be given by one publication at least 20 days prior to the date fixed for the hearing, setting forth the time and place of hearing upon the plan and resolution, that a copy of the plan and resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the secretary of the district and that any electors or landowners desiring to be heard in the matter must file, in duplicate, with the secretary of the board at the secretary's office, at least five days before the date of the hearing, a written statement of their intent to appear at the hearing and the substance of the views they wish to express. Upon receipt of any such statements the secretary of the board shall immediately transmit one copy of the statements to the chief engineer. The chief engineer or the chief engineer's duly appointed representative may attend the hearing. At the hearing any elector or landowner who has duly filed a written statement shall be heard and may present information in support of the elector's or landowner's position in the matter. After hearing all such statements the board, by resolution, shall adopt as official or reject the general plan and adopt as official or reject the proposed method of financing costs of the works contemplated in the plan or determine that the general plan or the proposed method of financing or both should be modified and notify the chief engineer of the board's action. If it is determined that the general plan should be modified, any proposed changes approved by the board shall be incorporated in a modified general plan which shall be submitted to the chief engineer for further consideration.

The chief engineer shall review the modified plan and shall transmit a supplemental written report of the results of the chief engineer's study and investigation to the board, including the chief engineer's written approval or disapproval of the modified general plan. If the modified general plan is approved by the chief engineer, the board, by resolution, shall adopt the modified plan as the official general plan of the district and notify the chief engineer of the board's action. If it is determined that the proposed method of financing should be modified, the board shall give consideration to the the modified method of financing and, following adoption of the general plan or an approved modification thereof, the board, by further resolution setting forth such modified method of financing, shall adopt it as the official method of the district for financing costs of the works contemplated in the official general plan. If a board is unable to carry out a general plan because of disapproval of a bond issue at an election or because insufficient funds have been provided, they may reconsider the general plan or the method of financing, or both, and by following the procedure hereinbefore set forth, resubmit a general plan or method of financing, or both.

**History:** L. 1953, ch. 477, § 14; L. 1961, ch. 193, § 11; L. 1995, ch. 210, § 9; May 4.