

# League of Nebraska Municipalities Annual Conference

Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott Hotel  
October 2-4, 2024



Shaping the future of our  
Cities and Villages with  
leadership & vision



Deb VanMatre, League President  
Mayor, City of Gibbon



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**MUNICIPAL TREASURERS AND MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS:** The League will let you know as soon as the State Auditor's Office and the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission inform us of the number of hours each will receive.

### Tentative Conference Program (Subject to Change)

#### Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024

- 9-11 am**                    **Smaller and Larger Cities Legislative Committees Meeting**
- 9 am-4 pm**                **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**
- 11 am**                      **Annual Meeting of Members of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)**
- 11:30 am**                **Registration (for Preconference Seminar)**
- 12:30-1:20 pm**        **Delegate Luncheon**
- 1:30-4:30 pm**        **PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR – Cooperative Financing Structures:** In discussing how municipalities can work legally and effectively to finance facilities cooperatively with other entities, this session will explore various concepts including public-private partnerships, interlocal agencies, 63-20 corporations, and nonprofit organizations. General legal topics ranging from constitutional restrictions to arcane statutory powers; projects ranging from governmental buildings to sports complexes; and various types of financings ranging from governmental financings to conduit financings will be discussed.  
*Mike Rogers, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*  
*Colleen Duncan, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*

#### Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024

- 7:30 am**                    **Registration**  
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)
- 8-8:10 am**                **Welcome**  
*League President Deb VanMatre, Mayor, Gibbon*
- 8:10-8:40 am**        **Overview of Voter ID Requirements**  
*Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State, Elections Division, Nebraska Secretary of State's Office*
- 8:40-9:45 am**        **Local Infrastructure Hub:** This important project by the National League of Cities (NLC) teaches municipalities how to successfully compete to win federal infrastructure funding.
- 9:45-10 am**            **Break (Visit Display Area)**
- 10-11 am**                **How to Effectively Communicate with Your State Senator:** Panel of state and local officials.
- 11-11:15 am**        **Break (Visit Display Area)**
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm** **League Legislative Report**  
*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*



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### Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 (con't.)

**12:15-12:30 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)

**12:30-2 pm**            **Delegate Luncheon Honoring League Past Presidents**  
*Remarks by **League President Deb VanMatre**, Mayor, Gibbon*  
***Keynote Speaker: NLC President David M. Sander, Ph.D.**, Mayor of Rancho Cordova, CA*

**2-2:15 pm**            **Break** (Visit Display Area)

**2:15-3:15 pm**        **Concurrent Sessions:**

- A. Building Strong Communities of Welcoming and Belonging in Nebraska:** Hear examples from multiple Nebraska communities working on proactive and creative welcoming and inclusion efforts with long-term and newcomer community members – and building strong, connected communities better able to navigate opportunities and challenges!  
*(Session repeated at 3:30 pm)*
- B. Land Banks from National Experts:** Join us for a panel of national experts on land banks as they discuss best practices, how to collaborate with interested partners, strategies for successful land banks, the importance of long-term planning and sustainable funding sources, the challenges they faced, and the successes they achieved.
- C. ServeNebraska/Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission:** Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the volunteerism initiatives and programs of ServeNebraska, including how the AmeriCorps National Service can help your city or village!  
*(Session repeated at 3:30 pm)*
- D. Trails Transform:** Revitalizing Nebraska communities with biking and walking.  
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- B. Land Banks in Nebraska:** Municipal leaders in Nebraska who have created regional land banks will discuss the process of creating their land banks, the challenges they faced, and the positive impact the land bank has had on addressing blight and dilapidated properties in their communities.
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**4:30-4:45 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)

**4:45-5:45 pm**      **Section Meetings**  
Mayors/Village Board Chairs  
City Managers/Administrators  
Clerks  
Larger Cities  
Smaller Cities  
Utilities

**5-6:30 pm**      **E-Bike Demonstration in Front of the Cornhusker Marriott:** Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about E-bikes and how they can help bring active transportation options to your municipality.

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

### Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

**7:30 am**      **Registration**  
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)

**8-9 am**      **Concurrent Sessions:**

- A. FEMA/NEMA Hazard Mitigation:** Learn about critical concepts, opportunities, and keys to success.  
*(Session repeated at 9:15 am)*
- B. Affordable Housing Toolkit and Update on the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council Framework and Initiatives:** Learn about this important toolkit developed by the Nebraska Strategic Housing Council to supply housing advocates with impactful tools and resources to increase the type of housing your residents need.  
*(Session repeated at 11 am)*
- C. Five Fun Biology Tips for Municipal Officials to Keep Your Parks Beautiful and Your Utilities Safe**  
*(Session repeated at 11 am)*
- D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha.

**9-9:15 am**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)

**9:15-10:15 am**      **Concurrent Sessions:**

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*(Repeat of 8 am session)*
- B. Opportunities for Grants to Transform Your Municipality:** Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCF); Community Development Block Grants (CBDGs); Creative District Grants; and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grants.  
*(Session repeated at 11 am)*



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- 9:15-10:15 am**      **Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)**
- C. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Overview for No Cost Services:**  
Learn how your municipality can partner with CISA (at no cost) to defend against today's threats and collaborate to build a more secure and resilient infrastructure. *(This session is sponsored by LARM.)*  
*(Session repeated at 11 am)*
  
  - D. Annual Members' Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** All conference delegates are welcome to attend LIGHT's Annual Members' Meeting.
- 10:15-10:30 am**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 10:30-10:45 am**      **Annual Business Meeting**
- 10:45-11 am**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 11 am-12 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**
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  - D. Five Fun Biology Tips for Municipal Officials to Keep Your Parks Beautiful and Your Utilities Safe**  
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- 12 pm**      **Adjournment.** Have a safe trip home! Please remember to buckle up!
- 12:15 pm**      **Meeting of the LIGHT Board of Directors**



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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:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for you to receive electronic handbook.)

	Through Sept. 11	After Sept. 11	Recordings Only (prepayment required)
<b>Wednesday Preconference Seminar:</b> (Includes Preconference electronic handbook)	_____ \$110	_____ \$135	_____ \$110
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday Conference:</b> (Includes electronic handbook) Per city/village official	_____ \$395	_____ \$425	_____ \$395
<b>Partial Conference:</b> (Includes electronic handbook)			
Thursday morning only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170	_____ \$150
Thursday afternoon only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170	_____ \$150
Friday morning only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170	_____ \$150

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

**Meals:** (not included in registration fee)

Wednesday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30

Thursday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30

**Meal Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Preregistration deadline is **Sept. 11**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- Advanced registrations not cancelled by **Sept. 11** or "no shows" will be billed for the conference and meals.
- If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Sept. 11**.
- The sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through Dec. 31.

**Send registration and payment to:** League of Nebraska Municipalities, 206 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800, Lincoln, NE 68508; info@lonm.org; or fax to 402-476-7052.

[Click here to register and pay online.](#) \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*





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### Conference Information

- All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- To make room reservations at the Cornhusker, call 1-866-706-7706 or 1-402-474-7474 or [book online](#). When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. The deadline for reserving a room is **Sept. 10**.
- The room rate is \$112 for a single or double room with Government ID card. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
- Check in time is approximately 4 pm; check out time is 11 am.
- Preregistration deadline for delegates is **Sept. 11**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- Advance registrations not cancelled by **Sept. 11** or "no shows" will be billed for the conference, reserved display table, and meals.
- The sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through Nov. 30.
- If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Sept. 11**.
- To meet production schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund, or display table, information must be returned by **Sept. 11**.
- For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.