

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2026
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM OFFICE – OAKLAND, NE

The regular meeting of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee was called to order by Ron Dierking-chairman on Monday, October 12, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on October 8, 2026, and is posted by the entrance door. Rollcall was taken with 5 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Tobin. Absent: Fehrer, Frederick, Kruger and Peterson. Rollcall of the Lower Elkhorn NRD appointed members Present: Gary Loftis and Brian Bruckner, LENRD General Mgr Absent: Roger Gustafson.

Hagerbaumer made the motion and was seconded by Dam to adopt the agenda. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Tobin. Nay: None. Absent: Fehrer, Frederick, Kruger and Peterson. Motion carried.

Public comment: None.

Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on September 14, 2026, and were approved. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Tobin. Nay: None. Absent: Fehrer, Frederick, Kruger and Peterson. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Discussion held. Sixty-six accounts still owe for their August 2026 water bill, 12 accounts of the 66 are 31-60 days past due. All 12 customers were sent disconnect letters and as of meeting time one customer is still past due. Bruckner reminded the Advisory Committee of the \$25,000 that was allocated in FY 2027 for future vehicle purchase. He informed the Advisory Committee that he will be transferring \$25,000 to the existing Logan East Rural Water NPAIT account.

Manager Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of a request for new service at Potadle Farms LLC, Twp 20, R 11, Sec 30, Washington County, 20668 Highway 75, Herman. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Johnson to approve service at this location. Second by Tobin. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Tobin. Nay: None. Absent: Fehrer, Frederick, Kruger and Peterson. Motion carried.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee that Sargent Drilling has installed the new equipment to help with programing the VFD's and blending in the future. Micro-Comm is working on programming. Blahak informed the Advisory Committee that the water system has been working well with all the current updates.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee that the City of Oakland's legal counsel is reviewing the agreement between the City and Logan East Rural Water System for the future expansion project. No additional updates are available currently.

The Advisory Committee began preliminary discussion regarding future costs and potential customer fee adjustments. Discussion was held.
No action was taken at this time.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy. Blahak informed the Advisory Committee that Johansen has spent a considerable amount of time this past month working on the meters and addressing problems. Discussion was held on possible solutions and updates.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

We, the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, recommend that the Lower Elkhorn NRD accept these minutes.

I, Kathy Pearson, the undersigned acting secretary of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings by the Advisory Committee on October 12, 2026.

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Others present: Shawn Blahak and JJ Johansen, LERWS employee.