

**MINUTES OF
THE LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET MEETING
APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET
AND FINAL TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION**

Thursday, September 10, 2026
Lower Elkhorn NRD
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order, upon conclusion of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearing and Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, by Chairman Matt Steffen at 7:20 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Steffen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on September 4, 2026 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Kristie Freudenburg with 14 of 15 Directors present. Present: Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Roger Gustafson, Andrew Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, and Anthony Wisnieski. Absent: Mike Fleer.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Hrabanek *to excuse the absence of Mike Fleer*. Aye: Hrabanek, Korth, Loftis, Temple. Nay: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Klein, Loberg, Reikofski, Wisnieski, Steffen. Absent: Fleer. Motion Failed.

Motion was made by Klein and seconded by Reikofski *to adopt the agenda*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fleer. Motion Carried.

Mark Hall addressed the Board at this time.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Clausen *to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Budget and set the total property tax request at \$4,495,275.71*. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Nay: Aschoff, Reikofski. Absent: Fleer. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Klein *to approve the resolution certifying the Fiscal Year 2027 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District levy at .015706 cent per \$100 actual valuation*. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Nay: Aschoff. Absent: Fleer. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on September 10, 2026, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the

agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Kris Loberg, Secretary