2025-2026 STATE OF NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

This budget is for the Period JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on the Form to be Correct:

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of JULY 1, 2025
Principal \$ 2,425,000.00
Interest \$ 993,662.75
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$ 3,418,662.75
Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements
Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?
X YES NO
If YES, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.
Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names
Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025? X YES NO If YES, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th
Submission Information
Budget Due by 9-30-2025
Submit budget to:
1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026 (Column 3)
1	Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:			
2	Net Cash Balance	\$ 1,339,404.59	\$ 1,511,347.84	\$ 1,276,114.48
3	Investments	\$ 5,808,402.42	\$ 7,067,919.47	\$ 9,091,554.92
4	County Treasurer's Balance	\$ 41,698.62	\$ 75,618.52	\$ 35,540.39
5	Subtotal of Beginning Balances (Lines 2 thru 4)	\$ 7,189,505.63	\$ 8,654,885.83	\$ 10,403,209.79
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes (Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)	\$ 4,215,936.12	\$ 4,048,586.86	\$ 4,529,715.00
7	Federal Receipts	\$ 879,948.73	\$ 1,112,405.54	\$ 2,088,423.00
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	\$ 10,780.29	\$ 10,482.06	\$ 11,000.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid (State Statute Section 77-27,136)	\$ -	\$ -	
10	State Receipts: Other	\$ 348,893.56	\$ 182,104.36	\$ 367,980.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	\$ 449,687.79	\$ 515,447.74	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	\$ 61,361.81	\$ 46,839.73	\$ 47,000.00
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	\$ 1,394.22	\$ 858.60	\$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	\$ 1,711,218.26	\$ 1,792,039.63	\$ 2,522,554.34
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	\$ 1,520,800.00	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 2,862,000.00
17	Total Resources Available (Lines 5 thru 16)	\$ 16,389,526.41	\$ 18,113,650.35	\$ 22,831,882.13
18	Disbursements & Transfers:			
19	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,571,473.87	\$ 5,387,261.23	\$ 9,852,498.75
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	\$ 175,310.00	\$ 52,245.85	\$ 326,000.00
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	\$ 19,194.21	\$ 73,143.95	\$ 198,900.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	\$ 440,662.50	\$ 446,815.00	\$ 457,530.00
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans (Public Airports)			
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments (Fire Districts)			
25	Debt Service: Other	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 974.53	\$ -
26	Judgments	\$ -	\$ -	-
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	\$ 1,520,800.00	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 2,862,000.00
29	Total Disbursements & Transfers (Lines 19 thru 28)	\$ 7,734,640.58	\$ 7,710,440.56	\$ 13,696,928.75
	Balance Forward/Cash Reserve (Line 17 - Line 29)	\$ 8,654,885.83	\$ 10,403,209.79	\$ 9,134,953.38
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			\$ 4,529,715.00
		Tax from Line 6		
	PROPERTY TAX RECAP	County Treasurer's Commis		\$ 45,297.15
		Total Property Tax Require	\$ 4,575,012.15	

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your NRD needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:	Property Tax Request
General Fund	\$ 4,575,012.15
Bond Fund	\$ -
Fund	
Fund	
Fund	
Fund	
Total Tax Request	**_\$ 4,575,012.15

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount	
Battle Creek Flood Control Project	\$	3,766,297.35
West Point Levee Project	\$	1,473,778.25
Willow Creek Project Sinking Fund	\$	1,042,764.25
Flood Mitigation Sinking Fund	\$	1,610,645.57
Total Special Reserve Funds	\$	7,893,485.42
Total Cash Reserve	\$	9,134,953.38
Remaining Cash Reserve	\$	1,241,467.96
Remaining Cash Reserve %		12%

^{**} This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	Lower Elkhorn NRD		
ADDRESS	1508 Square Turn Blvd		
CITY & ZIP CODE	Norfolk 68701		
TELEPHONE	402-371-7313		
WEBSITE	www.lenrd.org		

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Matt Steffen		Brian Bruckner
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson		General Manager
TELEPHONE	402-380-4902		402-371-7313
EMAIL ADDRESS	mattsteffen@hotmail.com		bbruckner@lenrd.org
For Questions on this	form, who should we contact (please $\sqrt{}$	one): Contact will be via email if supplied.	
	Board Chairperson		
	Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Oth	er	
Х	Preparer		

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted	Fun	ds		
Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements			(1)	\$ 4,575,012.15
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate			(2)	\$ 11,000.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments				\$ -
Transfers of Surplus Fees			(4)	\$ -
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Res	tricted	l Funds.		_
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From Prior Year Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	\$	147,000.00	(5)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2024-2025	\$	52,245.85	(6)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	\$	-	(7)	
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds (Cannot be a Negative Number)			(8)	\$ 94,754.15
Nameplate Capacity Tax			(8a)	\$ 18,252.57
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)			(9)	\$ 4,699,018.87
				,
Lid Exceptions				
Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property) LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year (cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.) Agrees to Line (7) above. Allowable Capital Improvements Bonded Indebtedness Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements	\$	326,000.00	(11) (12) (13) (14)	\$ 326,000.00 1,992,256.81
Judgments			(15)	 _
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers			(16)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster			(17)	_
Ground Water Management Activities (Amount exceeding FY 2003-04)			(18)	\$ 1,070,770.74
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)			(19)	\$ 3,389,027.55
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form) To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 19				\$ 1,309,991.32

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation & \underline{cannot} \\ be less than zero. & See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule. \\ \end{tabular}$

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) of last year's Lid Computation Form

4,491,699.42 (1)**CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE** (2.5%) 2.50 % ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5% (3)353,844,791.00 24,388,738,738.00 2025 Growth 2024 Valuation Multiply times 100 To get % per Assessor ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE 1.00 % (4)91.67 % Total # of Members # of Board Members Must be at least voting "Yes" for .75 (75%) of the in Governing Body at Governing Body Increase Meeting ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE. SPECIAL ELECTION - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE % (5)Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5) 3.50 % (6)Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6) 157,209.48 Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) 4,648,908.90 (8)Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule 1,309,991.32 (9)Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) 3,338,917.58 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW. The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted	
Pilger Rec Area Renovations	\$	250,000.00
Willow Creek Rec Area Park Renovations	\$	15,000.00
Maskenthine Rec Area Bike Trail	\$	45,000.00
Maskenthine Campground Hydrants	\$	10,000.00
Maple Creek Water Heater Replacment	\$	6,000.00

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4

\$ 326,000.00

Levy Limit Form Natural Resources Districts

Lower Elkhorn NRD

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Request		\$	4,575,012.15
Less Personal and Real Property Tax Request for:			
Judgments (not paid by liability insurance coverage)	()		
Preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to <u>July 1, 1998</u>	()		
Bonded Indebtedness	()		
Ground Water Management Activities (Exceeding FY 2003-2004)	(_\$ 1,070,770.74_) (_\$) (E)		
Interstate Compact (LB 701)	()		
Total Exclusions		(_\$	1,070,770.74
Personal and Real Property Tax Request subject to Levy L	imit	\$	3,504,241.41
Valuation (Per the County Assessor)		\$ 27,	375,190,820.00
Calculated Levy for Levy Limit Compliance [Line (3) Divided By Line (4) Times 100]			0.012801
Calculated Ground Water Management Activities Levy (Sh [Line (D) Divided By Line (4) Times 100]	all Not Exceed 1 Cent)		0.003911 (6) 0.000000 (7)
Calculated LB 701 Interstate Compact Levy (Shall Not Exc [Line (F) Divided By Line (4) Times 100]	eed 10 Cents)		0.000000
Total Calculated Levy for Limit Compliance [Line (5) Plus Line (6) Plus Line (7) Plus Line (8)]			0.016712
Note: Levy Limit established by State Statute Section 77-3 Natural Resources District (NRD) - 4.5 Cents	3442:		

Attach supporting documentation if a vote was held to exceed the levy limit.

PLUS Ground Water Management Activities as allowed by State Statute Section 2-3225. Ground Water Management Activities shall not exceed <u>1 Cent</u>. **PLUS** Interstate Compact as allowed by LB 701, shall not exceed <u>10 Cents</u>.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 7,734,640.58
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 7,710,440.56
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 13,696,928.75
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 9,134,953.38
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$ 22,831,882.13
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 4,575,012.15
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 3,338,917.58
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 4,575,012.15
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	 2024		2025	Change
Operating Budget	12,823,152.44		13,696,928.75	7%
Property Tax Request	\$ 4,501,887.14	\$	4,575,012.15	2%
Valuation	 24,388,738,738		27,375,190,820	12%
Tax Rate	0.018459		0.016712	-9%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.016445	_		

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Lower Elkhorn NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.
Logan East Rural Water System
Wau-Col Regional Water System

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties. (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO:

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: ANTELOPE

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	242,570	33,391,844

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I KELLY MUELLER-OLTJENBRUNS	ANTELOPE	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true	and accurate tax	able valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
509 and 13-518.		the current year, pursuant to 1400. Nev. Stat. 99 13-
V THE THE PARTY OF		
1 10 20 00		
A COULT SEAL		2/13/25
(signature of county assessor)		(date)
CC: County Clerk, ANTELOPE County		
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if diff	ferent county.	County
•	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Ounty
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	on of Value must be a	attached to the budget document.
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Pro	perty Assessment Divi	sion (July 2025)

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

To: LOWER ELKHORN

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BURT COUNTY, NE

		Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type		
LOWER ELKHORN GENERAL	NRD	\$4,270,160	\$1,217,080,439
(ii) any other improvements to real prope increase in personal property valuation o Redevelopment Law for redevelopment p	orty which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexationer the prior year, and (vi) the accumulated excess valuation or opens within the political subdivision in the year immedial assessor, hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to	ion of real property by the on over the redevelopmentely after the division of ta	rty as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, expolitical subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any not project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community axes for such redevelopment project has ended. The project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community axes for such redevelopment project has ended. The project valuation for the current and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current
	Katie Hart		08/19/2025

(date)

CC: County Clerk, Burt County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Burt County, NE County

Note to Political Subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

(signature of county assessor)

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LOWER ELKHORN NRD

TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD NORFOLK, NE 68701

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CEDAR

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	6,289,265	1,264,088,691

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I JANELLE HEIKES	CEDAR	County Assessor hereby certify that the value	uation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true 509 and 13-518.	and accurate to	axable valuation for the current year, pursuant to	
(signature of county assessor)		8 18 Z5	
CC: County Clerk, CEDAR County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if dif	ferent county,	County	
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	on of Value must b	pe attached to the budget document.	
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Pro	perty Assessment D	Division (July 2025)	

[format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties. (c) cities. (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.]

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LOWER ELKHORN 1508 SQUARE TURN BOULEVARD

TO:

NORFOLK, NE 68701

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: COLFAX

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
LOWER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	11,035,495	1,385,216,098

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I BILL WHITE	COLFAX		ify that the valuation listed herein is, to year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
	, the true and accurate ta.	xable valuation for the editent	car, pursuant to Neo, Nev. Stat. 88 13-
509 and 13-518.			
Vall		AUG 1 8 2025	
(signature of county assessor)		(date)	
	ounty		
CC: County Clerk where district is headque	rter, if different county,	County	
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the C	Certification of Value must be	attached to the budget document.	
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of R	evenue Property Assessment Di	vision (July 2025)	

[formut for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.]

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LOWER ELKHORN NRD

TO: P.O. BOX 1204 NORFOLK, NE 68701

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CUMING

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	15,761,798	3,820,053,471

^{*}Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

CHERIE KREIKEMEIER	CUMING	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true a 509 and 13-518.	nd accurate ta	xable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
Cherie J. Kneibenicier (signature of compy assessor)		8/19/2025 (date)
CC: County Clerk, CUMING County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if differ	ent county	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	of Value must b	e attached to the budget document.
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Prope	rty Assessment D	ivision (July 2025)

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanuary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) schooldistricts and (e) community colleges.)

TAX YEAR 2025

[certification required on or before August 20th, of each year]

TO: LOWER ELKHORN NRD
C/O MIKE SOUSEK
TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD
NORFOLK NE 68701-0000

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: DAKOTA

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	125,600	18,741,481

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings. (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

, DAKOTA	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
rue and accurate tax	xable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
	8/12/2025 (date)
different county, MA	DISONCounty
cation of Value must be	attached to the budget document.
	rue and accurate ta: different county, MA

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sunitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025 {certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LOWER ELKHORN NRD

TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD NORFOLK, NE 68701-0809

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: DIXON

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value	
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value		
LOWER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	11,161,701	830,112,997	

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) amexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

[AMY WATCHORN ,]	DIXON County A	ssessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
	d accurate taxable valuatio	n for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
my Workern	8.	11.25
(signature of con nty assessor)	(date)	
CC: County Clerk, DIXON County		
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if differe	nt county,	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification o	f Value must be attached to the	budget document.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

Allowable Growth

Total Taxable Value

To: NRD ELKHORN

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DODGE COUNTY, NE

		Value	
Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type		
NRD ELKHORN GEN	NRD	\$13,136,916	\$2,217,865,998
 (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase in personal property valuation over the pre- Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects w 	increase the value of such property, (iii) annexati ior year, and (vi) the accumulated excess valuatio ithin the political subdivision in the year immediate	on of real property by to on over the redevelopm ely after the division of	erty as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, he political subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any ent project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community taxes for such redevelopment project has ended. belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year,
oursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509 and § 13-518	! MARSHALL of county assessor)		08/15/2025
(alanatura)	f county apparent)		
(signatuce o	ii county assessor)		(date)

CC: County Clerk, Dodge County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Dodge County, NE County

Note to Political Subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

BRIAN BRUCKNER

TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD NORFOLK NE 68701-9998

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: KNOX

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	4,127,065	389,995,043

*Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I CHRISTA M BECKMANN	KNOX	_County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true 509 and $13-518$.	and accurate taxal	ble valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
(signature of county assessor)	<u>(</u>	August 14, 2025
CC: County Clerk, KNOX County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if diff	erent county,	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	on of Value must be at	tached to the budget document.
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Pro	perty Assessment Divisi	on (July 2025)

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: LOWER ELKHORN

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON COUNTY, NE

		Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type		
LOWER ELKHORN GENERAL	NRD	\$204,553,050	

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (iv) a change in the use of real property, (v) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (vi) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I , Jeff Hackerott, Madison County, NE County Assessor, hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509 and § 13-518.

O8/18/2025
(signature of county assessor)
(date)

CC: County Clerk, Madison County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where district is headquartered, if different county, Madison County, NE County

Note to Political Subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE (formal for all political subdivisions other than (a) saniary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties, (c) clies, (d) school districts and (e) unity colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RES. DIST

BRIAN BRUCKNER
1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD

NORFOLK NE 68701-

TO:

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: PIERCE

2,939,302,035	14,389,004	N.R.D.	LENRD FUND
Total Taxable Value	Allowable Growth Total Taxable Value	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Name of Political Subdivision

and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended. Allowable Gro new construction

the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.
--

JEAN M LUBKE

CC: County Clerk, PIERCE County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county,

County

Assessor's Use Only

143,996,578 Pers Prior 147,990,931 Pers Value

2,526,981,154 Real Prior 2,791,311,104 Real Value

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

(format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.)

TAX YEAR 2025

(certification required on or before August 20th, of each year)

LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

%MIKE SOUSEK

TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD

NORFOLK NE 68701

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: PLATTE

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire. NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	6,981,027	895,321,060

Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings. (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property. (c) amexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I KARI URKOSKI	. PLATTE	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true a 509 and $13-518$.		xable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
Lai S. Wesh. (signdfure of county assessor)		8-14-25 (date)
CC: County Clerk, PLATTE County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if diffe	rent county	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	of Value must be	e attached to the budget document.
Guideline form provided by Nebrasku Dept. of Revenue Prop.	erty Assessment Di	vision (July 2025)

format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges, }

TAX YEAR 2025

NRD

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

LENRD

TO: 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD NORFOLK NE 68701-2292

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: STANTON

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN	N.R.D.	41,893,838	2,399,251,621

^{*} Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I AMBER HAPPOLD	STANTON	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true 509 and 13-518.	and accurate tax	table valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
(signature of county assessor)		<u>0815-2025</u> (date)
CC: County Clerk, STANTON County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if dif	ferent county,	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certificati	on of Value must be	attached to the budget document.

[format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less. (b) counties. (c) cities. (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.]

TAX YEAR 2025

[certification required on or before August 20th, of each year]

LOWER ELKHORN NRD 1508 SQUARE TURN BLVD TO: NORFOLK, NE 68701

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: THURSTON

	Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
_	NRD LOWER ELK	N.R.D.	2,057,543	698,099,882

It of new construction * Allowable Growth of real property by the and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

the best of my knowledge and balief the true and accurate tayable value	tion for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
<u>509</u> and <u>13-518</u> .	
(signature of county assessor) (date)	-13-25
(signature of county assessor) (date)	
CC: County Clerk, THURSTON County	
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county,	County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to t	he budget document.
Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 20	25) Assessor's Lise Only 48 812 880 Pare Prior 5

format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

TO:

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: WAYNE

Name of Political	Subdivision Type	Allowable Growth	Total Taxable Value
Subdivision	(e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value	
LOWER ELKHORN NRD	N.R.D.	17,819,759	3,070,403,763

^{*}Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.

I DAWN DUFFY	WAYNE	County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, the true a 509 and 13-518.	nd accurate ta	exable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-
(signature of county assessor)		8-12-25 (date)
CC: County Clerk, WAYNE County CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county c		County
Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification	of Value must b	ne attached to the budget document.

MINUTES OF THE LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET MEETING APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET, LONG RANGE PLAN, AND FINAL TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION

Thursday, September 11, 2025 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 2026 Budget Hearing and Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, by Chairman Matt Steffen at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025 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 5, 2025 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 11 of 15 Directors present. Present: Jerry Allemann, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Roger Gustafson, Andrew Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, and Melissa Temple. Absent: Jim Aschoff, Mike Fleer, Kris Loberg, and Anthony Wisnieski.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Korth <u>to excuse the absence of Aschoff, Loberg, Fleer and Wisnieski</u>. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple. Nay: None. Absent: Aschoff, Loberg, Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion Carried.

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

Motion was made by Hrabanek and seconded by Loftis to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Budget and set the total property tax request at \$4,575,012.15. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple. Nay: None. Absent: Aschoff, Loberg, Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Gustafson <u>to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Long</u> <u>Range Plan as per the approved budget</u>. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple. Nay: None. Absent: Aschoff, Loberg, Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Klein to approve the resolution certifying the Fiscal Year 2026 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District levy at .016712 cent per \$100 actual valuation. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Reikofski, Steffen, Temple. Nay: None. Absent: Aschoff, Loberg, Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 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 11, 2025, 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

cont. LOWER ELKHORN NRD

Order No: 174992

Lower Elkhorn NRD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is bereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the ...11.day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed bodget. The budget details available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursoments & Transfers	\$	7,734,640,58
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	7,710,440.56
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursoments & Transfers	\$	13,696,928.75
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	S	9,134,953,38
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$	22.831.882.13
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	4,575,012.15
Unused Budget Authoraly Created For Next Year	S	3,338,917.58
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	4,575,012.15
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	S	

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 11 day of September 2025, at 7.00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	*************	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget		12,823,152.44	13,696,928.75	7%
Property Tax Request	S	4,501,887,14	\$ 4,575,012.15	2%
Valuation		24,388,738,738	 27,375,190,820	12%
Tax Rale		0.018459	0.016712	-9%
Tax Rate d Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation		0.016445	· , ·	
ZNEZ				WPN 9-4-25



Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF CUMING

Brandi Mastel, Being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Bookkeeper of the West Point News, a legal weekly newspaper printed and published at West Point, in Cuming County, Nebraska and of general circulation in said County and State: that said newspaper has a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies weekly, in said County: and has been published in said County for more than 52 successive weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice, that the attached notice was published in said newspaper for 1 consecutive week(s) being the issues starting with 9/4/2025 and ending with 9/4/2025

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska TRACY A. PRETTYMAN

My Comm. Exp. Sept. 10, 2025

Brandi Mastel, Bookkeeper

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to before me this date: 9/4/2025

Notary Public

Name

LOWER ELKHORN NRD

Order Number

174992 1

Number Issues First Issue

9/4/2025 9/4/2025

Discount for mins -\$
Prep & Notary fees \$0

TOTAL PRICE \$189.00

West Point News News-Chronide

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEBRASKA WAYNE COUNTY

SS.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, says that he/she is an employee of THE WAYNE HERALD, which is a legal weekly newspaper, wholly printed and published in its office in Wayne, Wayne County, Nebraska, for more than fifty-two consecutive weeks prior to the first publication of the annexed notice and the present time; that said newspaper now has and during all of that time had an actual bona fide circulation of more than three hundred copies weekly within said Wayne County, and that the notice hereto attached has been published weekly in said paper as follows:

09/04/2025

Publication Fee:

Lower Elkhorn NRD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the 11 day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve
2025-2026 Total Resources Available

Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing bo September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, NE 68701 for the purpose of hearing support, oppositions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Operating Budget
Property Tax Request
Valuation

Tax Rat

Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation

2024 2025 12,823,152.44 13,696,928.75 \$ 4,501,887.14 \$ 4,575,012.15 24,388,738,738 27,375,190,820 0.018459 0.016712 0.016445

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of September, 2

Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska

AMBER R. SCHWARTE

My Comm. Exp. May 26, 2027

Norfolk Daily News OWNED BY THE HUSE PUBLISHING COMPANY

OWNED BY THE HUSE PUBLISHING COMPANY NORFOLK, NEBRASKA Federal ID #47-0197190

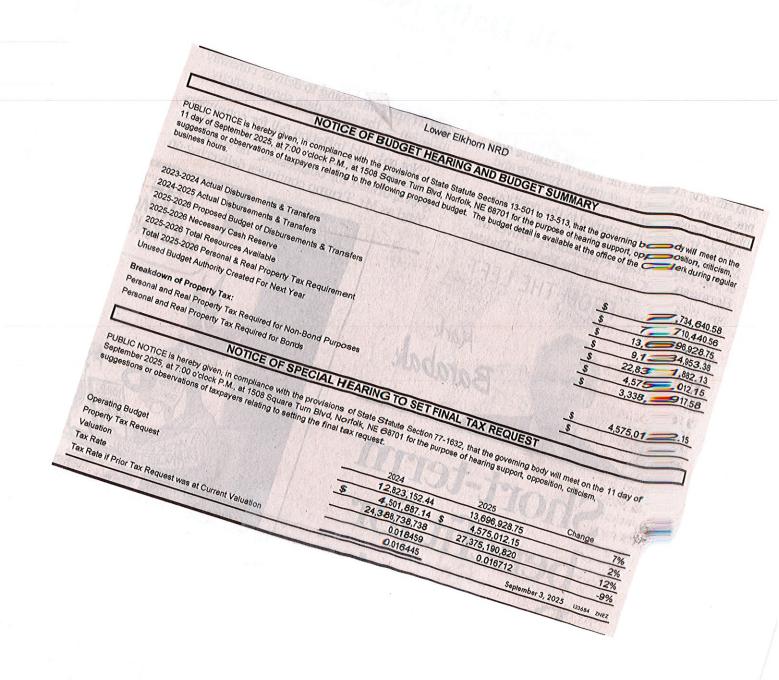
PROOF OF PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA Madison County

Cristina Anderson, being first duly sworn on oath says that she is the Circulation Manager of The Huse Publishing Company, a corporation, publishers of the Norfolk Daily News, a legal daily newspaper published at Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska, and of general circulation in said county; that a notice entitled

Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary; is hereto attached and made a part hereof, was published in the issue of said paper for one time, the publication being September 3, 2025; that said newspaper was published daily in the City of Norfolk within said County for more than 52 consecutive weeks immediately prior to the commencement of the publication of said notice and every week consecutively since that time; and during all of said time said newspaper had a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies daily and was printed wholly in the English language and in whole or in part in an office maintained by the publisher at said place of publication.

			aislina Auberson
Subscribed and sworn	to before me this_	304 day of	Deptember 2005
			Jaga & Milla
3" x 4.5"	\$	97.20	C
Clip Fee	\$		
Proof of Publication	\$		GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
Prepayment	\$		JOYCE E MILLER My Comm. Exp. October 19, 2027
Ralance Due	C	07.20	



MINUTES OF THE LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Lower Elkhorn NRD Office 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska 7:30 p.m. – Thursday, August 28, 2025

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Matt Steffen on Thursday, August 28, 2025 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 August 22, 2025, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 12 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Roger Gustafson, Andy Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Melissa Temple, Anthoney Wisnieski, and Matt Steffen. Scott Clausen, Mike Fleer, and Chad Korth were absent from the meeting

Motion was made by Aschoff and seconded by Hrabanek <u>to excuse the absences of Clausen, Fleer, and Korth.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

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

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Wisnieski <u>to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Jerry Allemann. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Klein to approve income in the amount of \$213,015.61 and expenses in the amount of \$1,303,077.94 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Abstain: Allemann and Loftis. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Hrabanek <u>to approve income in the</u> <u>amount of \$92,011.86 and expenses in the amount of \$60,859.63 for the Logan East Rural Water</u> System Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis,

Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Burenheide <u>to approve income in the amount of \$11,259.88 and expenses in the amount of \$10,868.91 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System</u>. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by General Manager Brian Bruckner. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources District report was given by Gary Loftis. Gary noted upcoming NARD Fall conference.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – The report was given by General Manager Brian Bruckner. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was referenced in Dropbox by General Manager Brian Bruckner as Robin Sutherland was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Loess Hills report was given by Gary Loftis. The Northeast Nebraska RC&D report was given by Melissa Temple. A copy of the Loess Hills report is attached to the official minutes.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area report – No report was presented.

The Administrative Report was given by General Manager Brian Bruckner. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Logan East Rural Water System report was presented by Logan East RWS Manager Shawn Blahak. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson <u>to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Logan East RWS Advisory meeting.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Alleman <u>to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2025 Wau-Col RWS Advisory meeting.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Allemann <u>to accept the Scope of Work</u> <u>and Flow Meter Maintenance Agreement from Derek and Austin Becker which outlines the</u> <u>requirements for the completion of Flow Meter Preventative Maintenance Services within the Lower Elkhorn NRD, and to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf</u>

<u>of the District.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Water Resources Manager Doug Hallum presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Lower Elkhorn NRD Standard Variance process and Quantity Management Subareas. An Ad Hoc Variance Committee has been meeting for several months. Doug presented aspects of the committee's discussions including water depletions, groundwater trends, soil score distributions, and last year's approvals.

At this time, Jim Reeves addressed the Board.

Motion was made by Burenheide and seconded by Loftis <u>to approve an additional 1%</u> <u>increase in Restricted Funds Authority for Fiscal Year 2026.</u> Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Wisnieski, and Steffen. Nay: Temple. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Burenheide and seconded by Hrabanek <u>to advertise and present the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Long-Range Plan at a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Elkhorn NRD boardroom, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska.</u>

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Aschoff to amend the presented proposed budget amount to be advertised by reducing the total expenditures by \$250,000.

Vote on original motion with reduced proposed expenditures - Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Gustafson, Klein, Loberg, Reikofski, Wisnieski, Steffen. Nay: Burenheide, Hrabanek, Loftis, Temple. Absent: Clausen, Fleer, Korth. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 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 August 28, 2025 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	g, Secretary	

LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, resolves that:

- 1. The 2025 2026 property tax request be set at \$4,575,012.15.
- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.25%.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.016445 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.016712 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, that total operating budget of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District will increase from last years by 6.81%.
- 6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Chairman Matt Steffen

Date: September 11, 2025

Secretary Kris Loberg

Date: September 11, 2025

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

LOWER ELKHORN NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME		COUNTY	
Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
Other Natural Resources Districts	12-19-74 to Continuously	Creation of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts & Other NRD's	7-25-96 to Continuosly	Employee Benefits Plan	
Burt County, Nebraska and Burt County Mutual Aid	12-8-98 to Continuously	Emergency Radio Antenna	
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Various NRD and Public Power & Irrigation Districts	9-23-99 to Continuously	Pallid Sturgeon & Sturgeon Chub Study of Lower Platte River	
Lewis & Clark NRD, Hartington	7-27-01 to Continuously	Shared Personnel Services	
Lower Platte South NRD, Lincoln; Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo and Papio- Missouri River NRD, Omaha	6-11-02 to Continuously	Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance GIS	
Various NRD's, Public Power, Irrigation Districts, etc.	1-23-02 to Continuous	Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition	
Village of Belden, Belden	1-25-07 to Continously	Wellhead Protection Area Plan	
Other NRD's	7-1-22 to 6-30-27	Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment	
Other Natural Resources Districts	7-1-07 to Continuously	Intergovernmental Risk Management Pool	
Other NRD's and Public Power Districts	11-20-07 to Completion	Lower Platte Basin Coalition	
City of Norfolk, Norfolk	7-24-08 to Continously	Wellhead Protection Area Plan	
NE Department of Roads	12-22-08 to Continously	Operation & Maintenance of Norfolk Northeast Trail	
NE Game & Parks Commission	7-1-13 to 6-30-38	Willow Creek Recreation Area Management	
City of Oakland, Oakland	2-7-11 to Continously	Assistant Operator for City of Oakland Wastewater Treatment Facility	
Village of McLean, McLean	11-8-12 to Continously	Wau-Col Regional Water System Meter Reading	
Platte County Nebraska	2-28-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	
Colfax County Nebraska	2-28-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	

Pierce County Nebraska	2-28-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	
Cuming County Nebraska	3-7-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	
Dodge County Nebraska	4-11-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	
Stanton County Nebraska	4-17-13 to Continously	Public Data Sharing	
Upper Elkhorn NRD, Lewis & Clark NRD, NE Dept of Environmental Quality	7-1-13 to Completion	Bazile Groundwater Management Plan 319 Grant	
City of West Point	7-1-20 to 6-30-25	West Point Flood Control Levee Accreditation	
City of Randolph	3-1-2018 to Completion	Randolph Section 205 Feasibility Study	
NE Association of Resources Districts & Other NRD's	10-1-24 to 9-30-27	Obtaining Seedling Trees & Shrubs	
Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo	12/29/16 to Continuously	District Boundary Certification	
City of Scribner	1-1-17 to Continously	Maintenance Bank Stablization Project	
City of Norfolk	9-19-22 to Continuously	Lease Agreement Telemetry System	
Village of Winslow	3/25/21 to completion or 5 years (3/25/26)	Winslow Demolition Projects	\$110,000.00
Village of Pender	3-25-2021 to completion	Flood Prevention	\$264,000.00
Nebraska Game & Parks	7/1/20 to Continuous	Employees Fund	\$10,000.00
Cedar & Dixon counties; LCNRD	12/14/21 to completion	Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	
City of Wayne	8/7/24 to continuously	Prairie Park Project	\$50,000.00
NE Dept of Environment & Energy	5/1/25 to 9/30/27	Public Beach Monitoring Program	
City of Norfolk	4/8/25 to continuous	Household Hazardous Waste Facility	\$5,000.00
Nebraska Forest Service	7/1/24 to 6/30/27	Office Lease	
University of Nebraska, Lewis & Clark NRD, Upper Elkhorn NRD	5/1/24 to 6/30/26	Bazile Extension Intern & Extension Educator	
NE Dept of Environment & Energy	12/20/24 to 10/30/27	Willow Creek Watershed Improvement Project	

City of West Point	7/1/25 to 6/30/28	West Point Flood Control Levee Accreditation	\$1,273,000.00
Stanton County	Fy 23 to FY 25	Recreation Area Development	\$19,849.50
City of West Point	Fy 23 to FY 25	Recreation Area Development	
Village of Wausa	Fy 23 to FY 25	Recreation Area Development	\$30,000.00
Village of Emerson	Fy 23 to FY 25	Recreation Area Development	\$12,189.50
Village of Emerson	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	\$12,810.50
Scribner-Snyder Community School	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	
City of Wakefield	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	
City of Lyons	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	\$25,000.00
City of Wisner	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	
City of Pierce	FY 24 to FY 26	Recreation Area Development	\$25,000.00
City of Lyons	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
Village of Pender	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
Village of Pilger	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
City of West Point	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
Pender Public Schools	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
City of Clarkson	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
City of Randolph	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$2,101.03
Logan View Public Schools	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
Norfolk Public Schools	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	
Village of Emerson	FY 24 to FY 25	Community Forestry Incentive Program	

City of Wakefield	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$5,000.00
Village of Pilger	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$1,181.29
City of Norfolk	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$3,295.88
Northeast Community College	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$3,067.50
Village of Leigh	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$1,000.00
City of Lyons	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$4,000.00
City of Wisner	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$5,000.00
City of West Point	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$3,841.21
Village of Wausa	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$3,200.00
Pender Public Schools	FY 25 to FY 26	Community Forestry Incentive Program	\$4,987.50
City of Lyons	FY 25 to FY 27	Urban Conservation Program	\$25,000.00
Norfolk Public Schools	FY 25 to FY 27	Recreation Area Development	\$25,000.00
Village of Belden	FY 25 to FY 27	Recreation Area Development	\$10,000.00
Village of Carroll	FY 25 to FY 27	Recreation Area Development	\$11,437.50
Village of Hoskins	FY 25 to FY 27	Recreation Area Development	\$29,840.00
Village of Pender	FY 25 to FY 27	Recreation Area Development	\$17,455.40
		TOTAL	\$1,992,256.81