

**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, September 25, 2025

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Matt Steffen on Thursday, September 25, 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 19, 2025, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Patty Martens with 13 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Roger Gustafson, Andy Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Melissa Temple, and Matt Steffen. Anthony Wisnieski and Mike Fleer were absent from the meeting.

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

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

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Hrabanek *to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting and September 11, 2025 Board of Directors Budget Meeting*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Jerry Allemann. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Hrabanek *to approve income in the amount of \$944,237.90 and expenses in the amount of \$336,087.64 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District*. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fleer, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Klein *to approve income in the amount of \$87,521.55 and expenses in the amount of \$63,641.93 for the Logan East Rural Water*

System Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fler, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Burenheide to approve income in the amount of \$5,704.37 and expenses in the amount of \$10,729.31 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fler, Wisnieski. 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.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – General Manager Brian Bruckner referenced the upcoming meeting agenda. The draft agenda 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 was given by Groundwater Management Area Specialist Connor Baldwin.

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 given by Director Gary Loftis as Logan East RWS Manager Shawn Blahak was not in attendance. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Gustafson to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Logan East RWS Advisory meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fler, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System report was given by Director Jay Reikofski.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Alleman to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Wau-Col RWS Advisory meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fler, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Aschoff to approve the recommendation by the Wau-Col RWS Advisory Committee to accept the bid from Micro-Comm Inc. at a cost of \$106,855.00 to replace the communication equipment on the west and east sides of the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Fler, Wisnieski. Motion carried.

LENRD Standard Variances for New Groundwater Irrigated Acres – No action was taken at this time. A Special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Others present and speaking: Wayne Rasmussen, Mark Hall

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 25, 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.

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Kris Loberg, Secretary