

**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 Fleeer, Kris Loberg, and Anthony Wisnieski.

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

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

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