

**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, October 23, 2025

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jay Reikofski on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Vice-Chairman Reikofski informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on October 17, 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, Scott Clausen, Mike Fler, Andy Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Melissa Temple, and Anthony Wisnieski. Roger Gustafson, Chad Korth and Matt Steffen were absent from the meeting.

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

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

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Motion was made by Klein and seconded by Allemann to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 board of directors meeting and October 9, 2025 special board of directors meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. 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 \$437,210.42 and expenses in the amount of \$336,406.05 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Reikofski, Temple. Nay: None. Abstain: Burenheide, Loftis, Wisnieski. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$84,727.32 and expenses in the amount of \$70,665.36 for the Logan East Rural Water

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

Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Wisnieski to approve income in the amount of \$5,501.37 and expenses in the amount of \$6,405.41 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant General Manager Curt Becker. 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 – Chris Dierks, who is a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and represents the Elkhorn River Basin, introduced himself to the board and provided details of the September 30, 2025 meeting. The draft minutes are attached to the official minutes.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service – No report was available.

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 Project – No report available.

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 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 Aschoff to approve the recommendation for an increase to the water rates by 5% as of the January 2026 billing for residential customers, and an increase of 5% as of the March 2026 billing for the villages of Herman, Uehling, and Winslow. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hrabanek to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025 Logan East RWS Advisory meeting. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Klein to accept the terms of the agreement between the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District and Sand Creek Post and Beam, d/b/a Timberlyne, to facilitate the donation of materials and resources for a pavilion to be constructed at the Pilger Recreation Area, and to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the District. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Reikofski and seconded by Klein to accept the bid from Mel's Small Engine for the purchase of a 2025 Grasshopper 725 DT mower in the amount of \$13,860. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Hrabanek, Klein, Loberg, Loftis, Reikofski, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Gustafson, Korth, and Steffen. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 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 October 23, 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