

**Minutes of the
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District
Committee of the Whole
Thursday, October 9, 2025**
Following the 7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting
Lower Elkhorn NRD
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

1. Chairman Matt Steffen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on October 1, 2025, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Directors in attendance were Jerry Alleman, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Mike Fleer, Roger Gustafson, Andrew Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, and Melissa Temple. Anthony Wisnieski was absent from the meeting.

2. Public Comment – There were no public comments at this time.

3. Water Resources

- a. 2024 Management Area Reporting Summary - Groundwater Management Area Specialist Connor Baldwin presented a PowerPoint presentation on the reporting results of the 2024 Phase 2 area in Madison and Pierce counties and 2024 Phase 3 area in Pierce county.
- b. Updates on Water Resources Projects, Programs, and Field Activities - Water Resources Manager Doug Hallum provided an update on water sampling projects, grant projects, variance process, meter maintenance, management area reports, and monitoring wells. Assistant General Manager Curt Becker provided information on various aspects of the new Producer Connect program.

4. Projects and Programs

- a. Battle Creek Watershed Plan Discussion - Assistant General Manager Curt Becker provided the board with answers and a portion of the questions received from both board members and the public. Becker presented a breakdown of costs including construction, engineering, property rights, permitting, and project management.

5. Administrative

- a. Consideration of Bids for Mower at Maskenthine Recreation Area – Recreation Area Superintendent Tyler Warren presented bids from three companies for a new mower at Maskenthine Recreation Area.

- b. General Manager Evaluation – Chairman Steffen received the general manager evaluation forms from staff and directors. Steffen noted that the evaluation results were very positive. The executive board approved Bruckner’s October wage increase.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Others present and speaking: Jim Kaufman.