

**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, December 18, 2025

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by General Manager Brian Bruckner on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Bruckner informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on December 10, 2025, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Programs Coordinator Kristie Freudenburg with 11 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Mike Fler, Roger Gustafson, Andy Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Gary Loftis, Melissa Temple, and Anthony Wisnieski. Jerry Allemann, Kris Loberg, Jay Reikofski, and Matt Steffen were absent from the meeting.

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

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

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Loftis to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 board of directors meeting. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Burenheide to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit as prepared by Dana F. Cole & Company. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Director Anthony Wisnieski. Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Klein to approve income in the amount of \$169,973.23 and expenses in the amount of \$309,635.02 for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fler, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$72,119.02 and expenses in the amount of \$77,215.84 for the Logan East Rural Water System. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wisnieski and seconded by Clausen to approve income in the amount of \$7,206.04 and expenses in the amount of \$5,251.51 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Curt Becker. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources District - General Manager Brian Bruckner noted the authorization of an expanded scope with Longitude 103.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – No report available.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service - No report available.

The Nebraska Loess Hills and Northeast Nebraska RC&Ds – Loftis noted that the Loess Hills RC&D recycling grant applications were approved for next year. There was nothing to report for the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project – Marcus Blunck has been hired for the new Project Coordinator. Marcus will begin the role on January 5th.

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

Motion was made by Korth and seconded by Classen to set the 2026 allocation amounts for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Quantity Management Subareas at: 18 inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood systems, 13 inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 14 inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Eastern Madison County Quantity Management Subarea; and 17 inches per irrigated acre for gravity/flood irrigation systems, 12 inches per irrigated acre for subsurface drip irrigation systems, and 13 inches per irrigated acre for all other irrigation systems in the Wayne County Quantity Management Subarea. Aye:

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

Motion was made by Klein and seconded by Hrabanek to accept the bid from Hamernik Plumbing and Well Drilling of Leigh, Nebraska for the purchase of 2 hot water heaters in the amount of \$6,161.42 for the Maple Creek Recreation Area shower house. Aye: Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loftis, Temple, and Wisnieski. Nay: None. Absent: Allemann, Loberg, Reikofski, and Steffen. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 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 December 18, 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