

**Minutes of the
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District
Committee of the Whole**

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

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 April 30, 2025 and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall. Directors in attendance were Jerry Allemann, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Andrew Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, and Anthony Wisnieski. Jim Aschoff, Roger Gustafson, Mike Fleer, and Jay Reikofski were absent from the meeting.

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

3. Projects and Programs

a. West Point Levee Interlocal Agreement Renewal – The interlocal agreement for the West Point Levee will be expiring in June 2025. Assistant Manager Curt Becker provided an update on this project and reviewed the current interlocal agreement for potential renewal.

Recommended Motion: To approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of West Point for their levee project and authorize the General Manager to sign.

b. Pender Rattlesnake Creek Project Update - An interlocal agreement was executed for this project in 2021. Becker updated the board on the status of the project.

c. Discussion on Winslow Buyout and Demolition Project Request and Interlocal Agreement – An interlocal agreement was executed for this project in 2021. Winslow is requesting funds to help finance the project that is different from the original interlocal agreement. The original agreement stated that the LENRD would pay one-half of the local costs up to a maximum of \$109,562.50. Winslow is now asking for additional financing for the demolition of the last six structures and seeding after the demolition. More discussion on the agreement will take place at a future meeting.

d. Maple Creek WFPO Update and Discussion – The Maple Creek WFPO Watershed Plan has been approved by NRCS National Headquarters. Becker presented the options for the next steps for this project, including costs.

e. Long Range Plan Pages - Assistant Manager Curt Becker presented the following Fiscal Year 2026 Long Range Plan pages: Flood Control and Prevention, LENRD Recreation Areas, Conservation Cost-Share, and Lands for Conservation Programs.

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Agenda subject to change 24 hours prior to meeting.

4. Water Resources

- a. LENRD Observation Well Network - Spring 2025 Report – Water Resources Technician Dallas Dorey provided a report on the groundwater elevation data that has recently been collected.
- b. Management Area Report – Groundwater Management Area Specialist Connor Baldwin reported that 100% of this fiscal year's annual reports have been turned in. In addition, all producers have been nitrogen certified.
- c. Long Range Plan Pages – Becker presented the following Fiscal Year 2026 Long Range Plan pages: Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program, Logan East Rural Water System and Wau-Col Regional Water System, Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations (Phase 2 and 3 Areas), Flow Meter, Wellhead Protection Program, Public Water Supply Test Well Cost Share Program, Vadose Zone Monitoring Program, Hydrogeologic Study Program, and Water Resources Planning.

5. Administrative

- a. 2025 Senior Scholarship Awards – Communications Specialist Liz Lienemann shared information on the scholarship award recipients and qualifications required. The LENRD received 36 applications of which 10 students were chosen for the \$500 award.
- b. Dana F. Cole Fiscal Year 2025 Auditing Agreement – The Auditing Agreement is expected to be presented to the Board during the May 22, 2025 LENRD Board of Director meeting.

Recommended Motion: To approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Auditing Agreement with Dana F. Cole & Company.

The meeting concluded at 8:44 p.m.