

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

Thursday, September 11, 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 September 5, 2025 and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

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

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

3. Water Resources

- a. Nebraska Environmental Trust Project – Water Resources Manager Doug Hallum provided the budget as proposed in the LENRD grant application.
- b. Water Resources Summer 2025 Field Activities Update – Staff provided an update on summer field activities and programs which include domestic sampling, Groundwater for Public Health Project sampling, Willow Creek stream sampling, flow meter maintenance, and telemetry monitoring of wells.

4. Projects and Programs

- a. City of West Point Levee Rehabilitation Project – Assistant Manager Curt Becker provided previous approved costs, funds paid out, and a historical timeline of the levee project.
- b. Battle Creek WFPO – Assistant Manager Curt Becker informed the Board on the past and future process of the project. Becker noted the larger than normal response of questions and comments that were submitted during the public review period. The responses will be shared with the Board at a later date and, as part of the process, the plan would be presented to the Board for approval.
- c. North Fork Elkhorn River WFPO – Curt Becker updated the Board on the public information meetings which will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at the Osmond City Auditorium from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and the Pierce Pavilion from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

5. Administrative

Protecting Lives – Protecting Property – Protecting the Future

- a. 2025 Great Plains Water Conference – The conference will be hosted in Omaha on September 18th and 19th by the Nebraska Water Center. This multi-state conference will provide updates from the Great Plains states on water supply and water quality. Staff from the LENRD and the Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project have been invited.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Others present and speaking: John Dittrich