

**Agenda**  
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District  
Committee of the Whole  
Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.  
Lower Elkhorn NRD  
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

1. Statement of Public Notice of Meeting and Posted Nebraska Open Meetings Act Information  
- Chairman Matt Steffen
2. Public Comment
3. Projects and Programs
  - a. Community Forestry Program and Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities Applications for Fiscal Year 2027
  - b. City of Pierce Levee System Accreditation Preliminary Design Funding Request – The City of Pierce will be working on the preliminary design and US Army Corps of Engineers 408 approval to modify the Pierce Levee System. The city is requesting funding assistance for the portions of the preliminary design that are not covered by the WFPO program.
4. Water Resources
  - a. Discussion Regarding the Development of a Process and Policy to Address Requests for New Uses of Groundwater that would be Classified as “Large Water Uses” - Staff will periodically receive inquiries about the local policies that govern new uses of groundwater – specifically for industrial and/or commercial use. This discussion will provide an update on a recent inquiry and will also provide guidance on the development of a local policy.
  - b. Status Update on Submittal of Phase 2 and 3 Management Area Reports (which are now due January 15th of each year) – Connor Baldwin will provide the Board with an update.
  - c. Status Update on Compliance with Submittal of Season Ending Flow Meter Reports (due December 1st of each year)
  - d. Nitrogen Certification – Connor Baldwin will update the Board regarding the status of Nitrogen Certifications.
  - e. Report on the Groundwater Management Districts Association conference held in Roswell, NM from March 2-5 – Doug Hallum will provide the board with a summary of the event.
5. Administrative
  - a. Discussion on Purchase of Truck for Water Resources (previously authorized in November 2025)

***Protecting Lives – Protecting Property – Protecting the Future***  
*Agenda subject to change 24 hours prior to meeting.*