

**MINUTES OF
LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Certification of Acres Hearing

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2026
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Board Chairman Matt Steffen on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 1508 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska. Steffen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on July 17, 2026, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Kristie Freudenburg with 14 of 15 Directors present. Members present were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Mike Fleer, Roger Gustafson, Andy Hrabanek, Lee Klein, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, and Anthony Wisnieski. Gary Loftis was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Steffen gave a brief description of the District's hearing rules for the public, staff and Board: the complete hearing rules were posted on the District website and a copy of those rules was available near the entryway to the room; any member of the public would be given the opportunity to appear in person or through their agent and could present any supporting witnesses, evidence, or statements in support of their position; the Chairman would allow the property owner 10 minutes to testify, followed by 5 minutes for each member of the public, followed by testimony from the District staff, concluded with 5 minutes for rebuttal testimony; once an individual hearing had been closed, neither the public nor the staff could present additional information unless requested by the Board; discourteous conduct, disorderly conduct, as well as highly repetitious testimony would not be allowed in the hearings; and anyone wishing to contest the staff's preliminary determination of the number of certified irrigated acres for a parcel must indicate their desire to do so by writing the unique parcel ID number for the land they wish to contest on the sign-up sheet.

Motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Allemann at 7:34 p.m. to open the Certification of Acres Public Hearing as listed on the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Abstain: Aschoff. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis. Motion carried

Chairman Steffen accepted into the record Exhibit number 1, the District's Hearing Rules of Procedure; Exhibit number 2, the District's Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations; Exhibit number 3, the Public Hearing Notice; and Exhibit number 4, the Unique ID spreadsheet.

Chairman Steffen asked the staff if there were any matters continued from prior public hearings. GIS Specialist Mike Murphy answered that there were none.

Chairman Steffen asked the staff if any requests for continuance were received. Murphy answered that there were none.

Chairman Steffen asked the staff if there were any contested hearings received. Murphy indicated there were none.

Chairman Steffen stated the District would now consider District Board members who have a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest means that either the Board member, a member of their immediate family or a business that they have an interest in or has a financial interest in the property to be certified by the District. The properties were identified on the screen.

Chairman Steffen asked Aschoff if he wished to offer testimony for the property listed. He did not.

Chairman Steffen asked if anyone from the public wished to testify regarding the property for this public hearing. They did not.

Chairman Steffen asked staff if the District wished to testify regarding the property for this public hearing. They did not.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

Chairman Steffen asked for a motion and motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Hrabanek to make a final determination and approve the preliminary determinations on the list (the list of properties is attached to these minutes). Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Abstain: Aschoff, Reikofski. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis. Motion carried.

The remaining properties to be certified were presented.

Chairman Steffen asked if anyone from the public wished to testify regarding the properties for this public hearing. They did not.

Chairman Steffen asked staff if they wished to testify regarding the properties for this public hearing. They did not.

Chairman Steffen asked for discussion. There was none.

A motion was made by Clausen and seconded by Klein to make a final determination and approve the preliminary determinations for the properties on the list (the list of properties is attached to these minutes). Aye: Allemann, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Abstain: Aschoff, Reikofski. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Aschoff and seconded by Fleer at 7:39 p.m. to close the Public Hearing. Aye: Allemann, Aschoff, Burenheide, Clausen, Fleer, Gustafson, Hrabanek, Klein, Korth, Loberg, Reikofski, Temple, Wisnieski, Steffen. Nay: None. Absent: Loftis. Motion carried

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 July 23, 2026 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

BOARD MEMBERS CONFLICT OF INTEREST PARCELS						
				SOURCE		
OWNER NAME	UNIQUE ID	PID (PARCEL)	CERTIFICATION ID	GROUNDWATER	SURFACEWATER	WASTEWATER
ASCHOFF/JAMES G & TONDA A	652609	700031493	2603W11-003	108.50	0.00	0.00

REMAINDER OF FIELDS TO CERTIFY						
OWNER NAME	UNIQUE ID	PID (PARCEL)	CERTIFICATION ID	SOURCE		
				GROUNDWATER	SURFACEWATER	WASTEWATER
DARLING/JONATHAN S	206549	0002338.00	2505E05-001	62.78	0.00	0.00
DEUEL FAMILY FARMS LLC	653076	590149598	2402W04-005	6.85	0.00	0.00
DEUEL FAMILY FARMS LLC	653077	590299573	2402W04-004	124.79	0.00	0.00
DEUEL/JAMES A & NANCY M	653079	590149601	2402W04-003	68.79	0.00	0.00
EKBERG/DENNIS H & PAMELA K	652663	0001775.00	2703E30-001	136.08	0.00	0.00
EVANS/BRIAN F & MELINDA A	649233	700023037	2704W25-003	66.29	0.00	0.00
FOLTZ/TERRENCE E & BRENDA S ETAL % TIMOTHY FOLTZ	21209	710066493	2002W27-001	71.30	0.00	0.00
FOLTZ/TERRENCE E & BRENDA S ETAL % TIMOTHY FOLTZ	21210	710066500	2002W27-002	70.75	0.00	0.00
FOLTZ/TIMOTHY J & CONNIE M ETAL	652601	710066479	2002W27-007	122.84	0.00	0.00
KNAPP/RUTH LIVING TRUST	639020	710063315	2001W21-005	215.90	0.00	0.00
KRUSEMARK/DALE SCOTT	6505	0001899.00	2504E16-002	139.02	0.00	0.00
OWENS/GREGORY J & WENDY M, CO-TRUSTEES OF GREGORY & WENDY OWENS REVOCABLE TRUST	200459	0000510.01	2701E23-002	134.63	0.00	0.00
RECKMEYER, DANIEL ARTHUR/SHAUNA FAE CO-TRUSTEES OF DASH REVOCABLE TRUST	557334	0001133.00	2702E29-001	134.06	0.00	0.00
ROBERTS/TERRY L & LAURIE L	335807	0001149.00	2702E32-001	121.80	0.00	0.00