

MINUTES OF REGULAR  
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
**7:30 p.m. July 14, 2025 Monday**  
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM OFFICE – OAKLAND, NE

The regular meeting of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee was called to order by Ron Dierking-chairman on Monday July 14, 2025, The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Oakland Independent on July 10, 2025, and is posted by the entrance door.

Rollcall was taken with 8 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson, Tobin. Absent: none, 1 vacancy remains on the committee. Rollcall of the Lower Elkhorn NRD appointed members Present: Gary Loftis and Brian Bruckner, LENRD general Mgr. Absent: Gustafson

Fehrer made the motion and was seconded by Dam to adopt the agenda. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: none

Laurie Schold read the Minutes of June 9, 2025 meeting and was approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public comment: Doug Hallum, Lower Elkhorn NRD Water Resources Manager, spoke on his work with the system.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. 15 people still owe May 2025 water, 1 disconnect will be made.

The Scribner tower -Shawn reported it appears to be only rainwater in the base pit that was left open. The new 8” line that was installed in February going to the tower failed on June 26, 2025. Water was rerouted through the old line, enacting a *voluntary boil* drinking/cooking water notice to customers getting their water from the Scribner tower. Samples were sent to the state lab and an all clear was given July 3, 2025. Rutjens Construction was called in to do the repairs under warranty and water samples were taken. Water was restored into the new line.

Brian Bruckner reported on meetings sharing the proposed costs for LERWS hookups with the City of Oakland and the Village of Craig.

Bruckner, Blahak, & Dierking attended a special meeting with the Village of Craig officials. Cost estimates for Craig to hook on the LERWS line to purchase water were explained.

Bruckner & Ruckman/Bartlett & West Engineer & LERWS staff held a teleconference with Stave McNulty of the State of Nebraska concerning possible funding options for the Oakland & Craig projects. Bruckner will continue to work hard on this project.

JJ showed the committee updated costs for replacing the scada system including Fontanelle and Scribner sites, along with Oakland tower and wells #1 & #2 with funding options. Dam made the motion and was seconded by Hagerbaumer to recommend to the LENRD Updating the Scada system at a total cost of \$78,569.00, over 5 years. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson, and Tobin. Nay: none Absent: none. **MOTION CARRIED** (see attached proposal)

Kathy Pearson of Oakland will be the Administrative Assistant for Logan East Rural Water System. Beginning July 28, 2025.

Blahak gave the manager’s report. See attached copy.

The next meeting will be on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.

Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

We, the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, recommend that the Lower Elkhorn NRD accept these minutes.

I, Laurie Schold the undersigned acting secretary of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings by the Advisory Committee on July 14, 2025

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Others present: Shawn Blahak, JJ Johansen LERWS employees, Doug Hallum LENRD employee.

**Logan East Rural Water System**  
**Manager's Report**  
 Activities during June 2025  
 Reported at July 14, 2025 meeting.

Gallons pumped	17,442,000	Scribner booster pumped	431,800 line
Gallons sold	15,463,000	Fontanelle booster pumped	3,222,900
	1,979,000 = 11% loss	Nitrate sample <b>9.4</b>	sent to state May 19, 2025

**2025**

June 3	Shawn-checked Jim Neilsen for no water,	JJ-fixed meters
June 4	Shawn-Samples for Nitrate	JJ-fixed meters
June 5	Shawn-Fill Scribner tower	JJ-checked sites
June 6	Shawn-locates	
June 9	Shawn-Sample Scribner tower & locates	JJ-fixed meters
June 10	Shawn-samples to Lincoln	JJ-fixed meters
June 11	Shawn-to collect Ryckman	JJ-mowed sites
June 12	Shawn-Hamel install & check sites	
June 13	Shawn-Locates	JJ-mowed sites
June 16	Shawn-Samples      Both-Scribner sites back online	JJ-Locates
June 17	Both-Rick & Nora Eriksen install	
June 18	Shawn-locates	JJ-check sites
June 20	Both-locates	
June 23	Shawn-check for line exposed CR 19 & A	JJ-read meters
June 24	Shawn-Locates	JJ-read meters
June 25	Both-worked on Craig Cattle meter & pressure	
June 26	Shawn-locates    Both-line break CR C new line	JJ-checked sites & service call 581 CR 18
June 27	Shawn-locates & Chuck Carlson meter	
June 30	Shawn-samples for boil notice	JJ-fixed meters
July 1	Shawn-samples for boil notice    Both-with Rutjens for line repair	JJ-took samples to Lincoln
July 2	Both-Leak dig at Summit Lake camp sites	
July 3	Shawn-calls to suspend Boil Notice	JJ-checked sites
July 7		JJ-Service call 2600 CR F & locates