

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 p.m. May 12, 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 Gary Kruger Vic-chairman on Monday May 12 2025. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Oakland Independent on May 8, 2025, and is posted by the entrance door. Rollcall was taken with 6 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson, and Tobin. Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer. Member Larry Wulf passed away April 14, 2025 after serving 22 years on the LERWS Advisory Committee, he will be greatly missed. A replacement will be named at a future meeting. 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 Tobin to adopt the agenda. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer.

Mark Peterson read the Minutes of April 14 2025 and approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public comment: No visitors present

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent Dierking & Hagerbaumer.
32 people still owe March 2025 water, 4 disconnect letters have been sent.

After discussion on water pressure & volume Blahak assured the committee, a new service would be violable
Dam made the motion and was seconded by Fehrer to ratify a new water service to Markus Hamel 2287 County Road E Craig NE Twp: 20 Rg: 9 Sec: 1 Aye: Dam, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Tobin and Peterson Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer **MOTION CARRIED**

Fehrer made the motion and was seconded by Johnson to ratify a new water service for Rick & Nora Eriksen 2590 CR H Tekamah NE Twp: 20 Rg: 10 Sec: 17 Aye: Dam, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Tobin and Peterson Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer **MOTION CARRIED**

An update on the Scribner tower: no leaks have been found yet. Maguire Iron has done the tank inspection but did not do any work on the area around the raiser pipe where the leak is suspected. 5-6 feet of dirt will need to be dug out. Brian Bruckner will contact Rutjens Construction-Tilden to see if they could do this work.

The solar panels for battery back up of Scada boxes have been received from the LENRD used surplus. No installation has been done yet,

JJ reported on the issues with signal loss at the Fontanelle tower and booster pumps. Micro Com has made a service call and sent additional parts, but nothing has resolved the problem. Dam made the motion and was seconded by Fehrer to update the Scada box at the Fontanelle tower at an approximate cost of \$1,000. Aye: Dam, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Tobin and Peterson Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer **MOTION CARRIED**

Blahak reported on a current water line along the river that has been buried under sand from the flood. Digging has been done twice with no results. There is a possibility of 10 feet of cover over the line. It serves 2 current customers and a new service for Tyler Brummond that was ratified in April 2024 but never installed. Blahak

estimated 2000 feet would need to be replaced if the current line is abandoned. Johnson made the motion and seconded by Dam to replace the 3" line at a cost of \$15,000. Aye: Dam, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Tobin and Peterson Nay: none Absent: Dierking & Hagerbaumer **MOTION CARRIED**

The City of Oakland has sent a proposed plan for Logan East to consider for the purchase of water. LERWS engineer John Ruckman of Bartlett & West has reviewed. Bruckner will attend a meeting on May 14, 2025 with the city. See attached copy of the proposed agreement.

Blahak gave the water manager's report. April had a 15% water loss.

The next meeting will be on June 9, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland
Having no further business, Kruger adjourned the meeting.

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

I, Mark Peterson the undersigned 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 May 12, 2025.

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Others present: Shawn Blahak, JJ Johansen LERWS employee

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Manager's Report
 Activities during April 2025
 Reported at May 12, 2025 meeting.

Gallons pumped	9,883,000	Scribner booster pumped
Gallons sold	8,361,000	Fontanelle booster pumped

1,522,000 gallons lost=15 % - Due to bypass & overflow for loss of signal at Fontanelle sites

April 8	Shawn -locates	JJ-fixed meters
April 9		JJ-locates
April 10	Shaen-locates	JJ-check sites
April 11	Shawn-locates	JJ-cleaned out back of office
April 14	Both-at wells with Mark Peterson for dirt work	
April 15	Shawn-locates	
April 16	Shawn-locates work on chlorinator	JJ-fixed meters
April 17	Shawn-locates	JJ-checked sites
April 18	Shawn-locates	
April 21	Shawn-sample & deliver to Lincoln	JJ-read meters
April 22	Shawn-leak dig CR AB & Brummond install	JJ-read meters
April 23	Both-font sites for loss of signal	
April 24	Shawn-Locates	JJ-checked sites
April 25	Shawn-locates	JJ-worked at Fontanelle sites
April 27		JJ-issues with Fontanelle sites
April 28	Shawn-p/u to Blair for repairs	JJ-locates & Font sites
April 29	Both-loss of signal at Font sites & began draining Scribner tower	
April 30	Both-Scribner tower to drain & Maguire Iron on site	
May 1	Both-loss of signal issues at Fontanelle sites	
May 2	Shawn-service calls Don Timm & St. Paul Church, locates & checked on Maguire Iron at Scrib tower	

May 5	Shawn-Scribner tower & locates	JJ-worked at wells & office
May 6	Both-at Fontanelle tower with Micro-Comm	
April 7	Both-leak dig A-Z tools-Tekamah bottom, worked at Font sites b/c loss of signal	