

MINUTES OF REGULAR  
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
**8:00 p.m. June 9, 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 June 9, 2025, The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Oakland Independent on June 5, 2025, and is posted by the entrance door.

Rollcall was taken with 7 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Absent: Peterson, 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 Hagerbaumer to adopt the agenda. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Peterson.

Laurie Schold read the Minutes of May 12, 2025 & special meeting May 29, 2025 and were approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Peterson. **MOTION CARRIED**

Public comment: Jim Olson spoke during the Managers report.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent Peterson.

28 people still owe April 2025 water, 3 disconnect letters have been sent.

Rate increase options were handed out. No action was taken at this meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2025 budget spending & income was handed out to the committee. 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget was included.

Fehrer made the motion and was seconded by Tobin to ratify a new water service to David Eriksen ,County Road F Craig NE Twp: 21 Rg: 9 Sec: 25 Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, & Tobin Nay: none Absent: Peterson **MOTION CARRIED**

The Scribner tower: was dug near the riser pipe by the Pump Shop, with no leaks found. The tower was filled and chlorinated, and samples will be taken and sent to the state lab before it is put back online. Dierking said to close the hole, it was good to have the tower inspected. Kruger asked if an access point could be possible, they do not think so.

Ruckman of Bartlett & West Engineering has sent updated figures on the cost of LERWS hooking up to Oakland & the costs of Craig hooking onto LERWS. Brian Bruckner asked Craig to hold a special meeting with JEO Craigs engineer to go over cost estimates. The Logan East Rural Water Advisory Committee asked that Bruckner continue to move forward on preliminary costs and conversations with Steve McNulty from the State of Nebraska on possible funding opportunities.

JJ asked the committee to look at the costs of replacing/updating the scada system including Fontanelle and Scibner sites, along with Oakland tower and wells #1 & #2(see attached proposal) and funding options. Fehrer asked the committee to table any action until the July 2025 meeting.

Agenda item # 7 was a discussion on the LERWS meetings time. The meetings will continue in the evenings at 7:00 p.m, with flexible times in May & October.

Jim Olson, Source Water Protection Specialist, was present and explained that he will be working with producers in the LENRD and will focus on the LERWS well-head protection area.

Laurie Schold will be retiring from the Logan East Rural Water System. Advertising to fill the position will start.

Blahak gave the manager's report. He has done some testing for nitrates at the tower sites.

The next meeting will be on July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland  
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 10 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 June 9, 2025.

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Others present: Shawn Blahak, JJ Johansen LERWS employees, Jim Olson LENRD employee.

**Logan East Rural Water System**  
**Manager's Report**  
 Activities during May 2025  
 Reported at June 9, 2025 meeting.

Gallons pumped	14,674,000	Scribner booster pumped	5,300 off line
Gallons sold	13,040,000	Fontanelle booster pumped	2,986.800
	1,634,000 = 11% loss	Nitrate sample 9.4 sent to state	May 19, 2025

**2025**

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn-locates	JJ-check sites
May 9	Shawn-locates	JJ-fixed meters
May 12	Shawn-check Scribner tower & locates	JJ-fixed meters
May 13		JJ-fixed meters
May 14	Both-meeting with City of Oakland Shawn-checked Greef pressure	JJ-fixed meters
May 15	Shawn-locates	JJ-checked sites
May 16	Shawn-Loss of Signal & pump failure Font sites	
May 19	Shawn-samples & locates	JJ-worked at Font sites
May 20	Shawn-locates	JJ-read meters
May 21	Shawn-locates & fixed Don Timm MXU	JJ-read meters
May 22	Both-dig at Scribner tower & put in new Micro Comm equipment at Font tower	
May 23	Both-put in new transducer at Font tower	
May 27	Both-worked on chlorinator at wells	
May 28		JJ-looked at Scribner tower with Meguire Iron & mowed
May 29	Both-meeting Shawn-locates	JJ-mowed
May 30	Shawn-checked sites	JJ-mowed
June 2	Both-transducer in Scribner tower Shawn-locates	JJ-fixed meters