

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. September 8, 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 September 8, 2025. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on September 4, 2025, and is posted by the entrance door.

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

Fehrer made the motion and was seconded by Tobin to adopt the agenda. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Peterson.

Kathy Pearson read the Minutes of August 11, 2025, meeting and was approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Peterson. Motion carried.

Public comment: Mark Morton was introduced.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. 48 people still owe July 2025 water, 14 accounts of the 48 are 60 plus days or more past due. 14 disconnects will be made.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of service being installed at 3310 County Road F, Tekamah, for JoAnne Hawk. He informed the committee of the financial situation regarding this installation.

Brian Bruckner updated the Committee on the project with the City of Oakland and Village of Craig. Bruckner informed the Committee about needing to update the Preliminary Engineering Report to advance this project and the costs associated with this. Johansen updated the Committee on the progress by the City of Oakland on the new water treatment plant being built in Oakland. Discussion was held. Dam made a motion to direct staff to work with legal counsel to draft water service agreements between the Logan East Rural Water System and the City of Oakland, and the Logan East Rural Water System and the Village of Craig and approval of the motion will also authorize the expenditure of funds, not to exceed \$3,500, to allow for the update of the Preliminary Engineering Report by Bartlett and West. Second by Fehrer. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Kruger and Tobin. Nay: none Absent: Hagerbaumer, Johnson and Peterson.

A discussion was held regarding a possible increase in water rates beginning January 1, 2026, for the Logan East Rural Water System. The Committee tabled this agenda item and decided to have Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association attend the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy. During the Manager's Report Bruckner informed the Committee he is still working with legal counsel regarding the easement around the Oakland Water tower. Blahak introduced Mark Morton as a possible candidate for the Advisory Committee vacancy. Morton asked for one month to consider the position.

The next meeting will be on October 13, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland. Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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

I, Kathy Pearson 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 September 8, 2025

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Others present: Shawn Blahak and JJ Johansen, LERWS employees.