

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
8:00 p.m. October 13, 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, October 13, 2025. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on October 9, 2025, and is posted by the entrance door. Rollcall was taken with 6 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Peterson, and Tobin. Absent: Fehrer and Kruger. 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.

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

Kathy Pearson read the Minutes of September 8, 2025, meeting and was approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Fehrer and Kruger. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. 58 people still owe for their August 2025 water bill, 10 accounts of the 58 are 60 plus days or more past due. 10 disconnect letters were mailed but all have either paid in full or are making payments. Pearson also informed the Advisory Committee about a large outstanding bill from Cody Moseman.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of the new service line being installed at 4624 County Road KL in Burt County for Tyler Brummond.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of the water line break on September 12, 2025, near 860 County Road 27 Craig, Nebraska. A main water line was damaged when James Kelly dug in this area without calling Nebraska Diggers Hotline. Discussion was held regarding the easement of the system for this property and the research done by Bruckner and the lawyers. Discussion was also held about repayment of the bill incurred by Logan East Rural Water System. Tobin moved to charge James Kelly the full bill incurred by Logan East Rural Water System from Leo's Pump Shop Inc minus a \$500.00 credit for backhoe work done by the customer James Kelly during this water line break. Hagerbaumer seconded. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Peterson, and Tobin. Nay: none Absent: Fehrer and Kruger. A brief discussion was also held regarding the easement around the Logan East Rural Water tower located near Oakland, Nebraska.

Bruckner updated the Advisory Committee on the process with updates for the SCADA system.

Information was presented by Dierking regarding the October 9, 2025, meeting with Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association. Discussion was held regarding a possible rate increase for the system. Johnson moved the Logan East Rural Water System to increase the current water rates by 5% effective with the January 2026 billing card for residential customers and the Villages of Herman, Uehling, and Winslow have a 5% increase effective with the March 2026 billing card allowing for the 120-day contact requirement with villages. Second by Tobin. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Peterson, and Tobin. Nay: none Absent: Fehrer and Kruger.

Bruckner presented the first draft of the contracts with the Village of Craig and City of Oakland regarding the upcoming water project. Discussion was held. Bruckner will ask lawyers to add verbiage regarding the different items that were discussed and follow up regarding questions that were presented by the Committee.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy. During the Manager's Report Dierking informed the Committee about the problems Blahak has been having with the 2019 Chevy pickup owned by Logan East Rural Water System. Discussion was held and Blahak and Jorgensen were asked to get quotes for a new vehicle. During this time Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee that Mark Morton declined the offer to fill the vacancy for the ninth member of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee. Bruckner asked the Committee to keep thinking of another patron of the system to fill the vacancy.

The next meeting will be on November 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland. Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 9:54 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 October 13, 2025

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