

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

Rollcall was taken with 5 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Absent: Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, and 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: Roger Gustafson.

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

Kathy Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on November 10, 2025, and the minutes of Telephone Conference Call on November 20, 2025. Both were approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. 55 people still owe for their October 2025 water bill, 12 accounts of the 55 are 60 plus days or more past due. All 12 customers were sent disconnect letters. As of meeting time, 31 customers are still owing for their October 2025 water bill, and three of the disconnect customers have not paid or responded to the letter. Discussion was held on various expenses during the past month.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee that the contract with Roy Miller for the rental of the test well site at \$500 per year is up for renewal. Discussion was held. Tobin made a motion to renew the contract with Roy Miller for the rental of test well site for \$500.00 for 2026. Dam second. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Nay: none. Absent: Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson. Motion carried.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee that things are progressing with the updates to the SCADA system. Blahak has been in contact with Sargent Drilling and MicroComm about possible solutions for monitoring the water nitrate levels of the system. Bruckner and Blahak informed the Committee that an Emergency Plan needs to be set up and ready if the system would have to change pumping method temporarily due to higher-than-normal nitrate levels. Discussion held. Bruckner asked Blahak to contact Sargent Drilling to develop a preliminary plan and cost estimate on nitrate blending program costs.

Bruckner updated the Advisory Committee on the progress of the contracts with the Village of Craig and City of Oakland. He informed the Committee it was suggested by legal counsel to charge the Village of Craig a base rate of \$175.00 per month with \$3.00/1,000 gallons for water usage. Bruckner reminded the Advisory Committee that Logan East Rural Water System will be paying the City of Oakland a base rate of \$500.00 per month with \$3.00/1,000 gallons for water usage when the new system begins. Discussion was held.

Bruckner reminded the Advisory Committee that he and Blahak will be gathering information and working with John Ruckman, of Bartlett & West to submit the System Needs Survey on time.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy.

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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 December 8, 2025

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