

**MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2026**

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, January 12, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on January 8, 2026, and is posted by the entrance door. Rollcall was taken with 8 of the 9 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson and Tobin. Absent: none. 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.

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

Kruger made the recommendation for the Lower Elkhorn NRD board to approve Roger Fehrer and Don Johnson to each serve a 3-year term on the LERWS Advisory Committee. Hagerbaumer second. Aye: All. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Fehrer made the motion to recommend the LENRD board approve Ron Dierking to serve as Chairman of the LERWS Advisory Committee for 2026. Tobin second. Aye: All. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Dam made the motion to recommend the LENRD board approve Gary Kruger to serve as Vice Chairman of the LERWS Advisory Committee for 2026. Fehrer second. Aye: All. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Fehrer made the motion to recommend the LENRD board approve Mark Peterson to serve as Secretary of the LERWS Advisory Committee for 2026. Tobin second. Aye: All. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Public comment: None

Kathy Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on December 8, 2025, and was approved. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: none. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Forty people still owe for their November 2025 water bill, 10 accounts of the 40 are 60 plus days or more past due. All 10 customers were sent disconnect letters. As of meeting time, 17 customers are still owing for their November 2025 water bill, and one of the disconnect customers has not paid or responded to the disconnect letter. Discussion was held on the one disconnect customer (Cody Moseman) who has not responded and possibly placing a lien on his property. Fehrer made the motion to have a lien placed on Cody Moseman's property for the unpaid October, November & December 2025 water bill at Logan East Rural Water. Johnson second. Roll call vote was taken. Aye: Dierking, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson and Tobin. Nay: none. Abstaining: Dam & Hagerbaumer. Absent: none. Motion passed. Bruckner will speak with legal counsel regarding this matter.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee about recent problems regarding communication with the Fontanelle tower. He updated the Advisory Committee about the recent visit by Malacki DeHann of MicroComm. Blahak also informed the Advisory Committee about a telephone conference call he had with DeHann of MicroComm and Sargent Drilling regarding the blending of water in the system. Other items discussed by Blahak of the two

companies were installing temperature sensors in the well vaults. Discussion was held. Blahak will keep in contact with the two companies about the addition of the temperature sensors and the cost associated with those items being added. Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee he will be keeping a close watch on the completion of various steps of the project and how MicroComm bills LERWS. Blahak hopes installation will begin in February or March of 2025.

Bruckner updated the Advisory Committee on the recent Engineering Report by Bartlett & West regarding the condition of the system and proposed connection to the City of Oakland and Village of Craig. Bruckner brought to their attention certain items and future projects to consider. Discussion was held. Bruckner Also updated the Advisory Committee regarding the funding of the system & its future needs. He submitted the Needs Survey to the State on behalf of the system. Bruckner also highlighted a few items regarding the contracts with the City of Oakland and Village of Craig.

Jim Olson of the Lower Elkhorn NRD presented information regarding the Well Head Protection program in the State of Nebraska for this area. Discussion held.

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

Johansen updated the Advisory Committee regarding the construction of the water treatment plant by the City of Oakland.

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2026, at 7:00 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 December 8, 2025

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

