

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, February 9, 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, February 9, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on February 5, 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, Roger Gustafson and Brian Bruckner, LENRD general Mgr. Absent: none.

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

Public comment: Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee that a possible replacement for the vacancy was going to attend the monthly meeting but due to a family emergency he will be unable to attend the night's meeting.

Kathy Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on January 12, 2026, and was approved with two date corrections. Aye: All Nay: none Absent: none. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Lofits questioned the equity figure on the Statement of Cash Report. Pearson will call Laurie Schold to help research this amount. Thirty-three accounts still owe for their December 2025 water bill, 10 accounts of the 33 are 60 plus days or more past due. All 10 customers were sent disconnect letters. As of meeting time, 23 customers are still owing for their December 2025 water bill, and three of the disconnect customers have not paid or responded to the disconnect letter.

A brief review of the billing procedure was given to the Advisory Committee. Discussion was held on the procedure of sending Disconnect Letters to past due customers. Pearson will call RVS Customer Service regarding the format of the Past Due Report.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee, he has been speaking with an attorney in regards to filing a lien against Cody Moseman for nonpayment of past due water service bills. Bruckner also informed the Advisory Committee that the current User Agreement and the Rules and Regulations Handbook both need updating and this should be done soon.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee that MicroComm will be installing a portion of the new SCADA system at the Scribner tower. This new equipment should help with the signal problems at the Fontanelle sites. Blahak presented two bids for temperature sensors to be installed at the well sites. One bid was from MicroComm and the other from Sargent Drilling. These bids were tabled for next month's meeting.

Discussion was held on the agreement between Logan East Rural Water and Keith Anderson regarding the use of his tractor as a backup in case of a power outage at well #3. Fehrer made the motion to renew the agreement between Logan East Rural Water and Keith Anderson for the use of his tractor(s) for \$300.00 plus the sum of \$50.00 per hour while such tractor(s) are in use at the well for the 2026 year. Tobin second. Roll call vote was taken. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger, Peterson and Tobin. Nay: none. Abstaining: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee he submitted the final paperwork to the State on behalf of Logan East Rural Water System regarding the funding grants for the City of Oakland and Village of Craig projects. He invited the Advisory Committee to a 10 a.m. meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Rosen Room located in the Oakland City Auditorium in the City of Oakland. The main topic of discussion during this meeting will be finalizing the water service agreement between Logan East Rural Water and the City of Oakland. Johansen updated the Advisory Committee on the construction of the water treatment plant in the City of Oakland.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy. He informed the Advisory Committee he will be attending the 2026 Nebraska Rural Water Association conference in Kearney on March 9-11. He suggested the date of the March meeting be changed.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland. Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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 February 9, 2026

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