

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on March 12, 2026, and is posted by the entrance door. Rollcall was taken with 6 of the 9 committee members present and one visitor, Weston Frederick. Present: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, and Kruger. Absent: Peterson and Tobin. 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 Hagerbaumer to adopt the agenda. Aye: All Nay: None Absent: Peterson and Tobin.

Public comment: Weston Frederick was introduced.

Kathy Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2026, and was approved. Aye: All Nay: None Absent: Peterson and Tobin. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Bruckner commented on the balance of the NPAIT account to the Advisory Committee. Discussion held. More information will be given to the Advisory Committee at the next regular meeting regarding the account. Forty-five accounts still owe for their January 2026 water bill, 17 accounts of the 45 are 60 plus days or more past due. All 17 customers were sent disconnect letters. As of meeting time, 16 customers are still owing their January 2026 water bill, and one of the disconnect customers has not paid or responded to the disconnect letter.

Manager Shawn Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of the situation regarding the service at Norman Wallerstedt's property and the problem with an ongoing leak at this property. A new meter has been requested to be installed at 1350 County Road K which will provide service to the property north of the existing meter at address . Discuss was held. Motion was made by Fehrer to approve service at this location. Second by Johnson. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, and Kruger. Nay: None. Absent: Peterson and Tobin. Motion carried.

Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of the condition of the existing mower and trimmer and the need to replace those items after many years of use and repair. Discussion was held. Bruckner asked Blahak and Johansen to acquire three bids for the purchase of a new mower and trimmer and present those bids at the next Advisory Committee meeting for discussion.

Blahak presented the results of the yearly well and pump efficiency tests performed by Sargent Drilling. He was pleased with the results and will reevaluate the wells after next year's testing.

Blahak updated the Advisory Committee on the progress of the new SCADA system and the equipment being installed at the Scribner tower. He informed the Advisory Committee of the continuing problem of the radio signal at the Fontanelle tower after the recent snow/ice storm. MicroComm was contacted about researching the problem and finding possible solutions. Discussion was held.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee about a recent telephone conference he took part in regarding the project with the City of Oakland and Village of Craig and possible funding of this project. Johansen updated

the Advisory Committee about the progress of the construction of the new water treatment plant in the City of Oakland. Discussion was held.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy. He informed the Advisory Committee he attended the 2026 Nebraska Rural Water Association conference in Kearney on March 9-11. Blahak also informed the Advisory Committee of the scholarship he applied for and received from the NeRWA to attend the Spring conference.

In other new business, the vacancy of the Advisory Committee was discussed. Weston Frederick was asked to consider the position. After a brief discussion, Frederick agreed to be considered to serve on the Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Fehrer to appoint Frederick to fill the current Advisory Committee vacancy. Second by Hagerbaumer. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, and Kruger. Nay: None. Absent: Peterson and Tobin.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:32 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 March 16, 2026

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