

MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, June 8, 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, June 8, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on June 4, 2026, and is posted by the entrance door.

Rollcall was taken with 6 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Absent: Frederick, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson. Rollcall of the Lower Elkhorn NRD appointed members Present: Brian Bruckner, LENRD General Manager Absent: Roger Gustafson and Gary Loftis.

Fehrer made the motion and was seconded by Tobin to adopt the agenda. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Nay: None Absent: Frederick, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson.

Public comment: None.

Kathy Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on May 11, 2026, and was approved. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Nay: None Absent: Frederick, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Discussion held. Sixty-one accounts still owe for their April 2026 water bill, 17 accounts of the 61 are 60 plus days or more past due. All 17 customers were sent disconnect letters. As of meeting time, 23 customers are still owing their April 2026 water bill, and all but four customers who were sent a Disconnect Letter have paid.

Brian Bruckner updated the Advisory Committee of the conversation he has had with Dennis Collins of Jewell & Collins Law Firm regarding the outstanding bill of Laura Poole account #1119 and possible legal action Logan East Rural Water System should pursue. Dennis Collins has recommended a special assessment be filed against the property in case it is sold to a new owner. Discussion was held on whether to cease the ongoing monthly charges of the account or leave as is. Fehrer made the motion to cease all future monthly charges for Laura Poole account #1119 and was second by Johnson. Before action was taken, Dam moved to table the motion to allow time for gathering additional information and for the Logan East Rural Water System employees to contact Laura Poole one last chance regarding the outstanding balance of her account. Second by Tobin. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Fehrer, Johnson, Kruger, and Tobin. Nay: None Absent: Frederick, Hagerbaumer, and Peterson. Motion to table passed. The original motion was tabled until the next regular monthly meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Manager Shawn Blahak informed the Advisory Committee of his conversation with Malacki DeHann of MicroComm. DeHann stated the updates will probably happen in mid-July and be installed by mid-August.

LENRD General Manager Brian Bruckner updated the Advisory Committee regarding the project between Logan East Rural Water System and the City of Oakland and Village of Craig. He was informed the City of Oakland did approve the amended agreements and things are moving forward. Bruckner will forward any financial figures to the Advisory Committee as soon as they are made available to him.

Discussion was held on the Logan East Rural Water System's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. Blahak explained the purpose of this plan and his proposed plan of action to complete the project by the November 1,

2027, deadline. Bruckner asked about the “as is” plan of the initial building of the water system and mentioned this will be helpful to have when speaking with Jessica Johnson of the State of Nebraska.

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

In other new business, Pearson informed the Advisory Committee of the question she has regarding the rate code for W Inc account #446. She explained the situation with the account. Discussion was held. After some research by Blahak of the Logan East Rural Water System Rules & Regulations pamphlet it was decided the rate code should be changed and the account charged the appropriate fees. Pearson was instructed to call W Inc and inform Dennis Westergaard of the rate code change and that it will take effect with the next month’s bill.

The next meeting will be July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:18 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 June 8, 2026

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