

1. Chair Tod Voss called the meeting of the Wau-Col Advisory Committee to order on January 15, 2026, at 7:02 PM at the Belden Library in Belden, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Law was available for review and proper notifications were made.
2. Roll call of the committee present were Jeremy Bruning, Jim Cautrell, Dan Kollars, Angie Ohlrich, Rod Patent, Harold Reynolds, Jay Reikofski, Ken Bloomquist and Tod Voss.
3. Chair Voss asked for consideration on adopting the agenda. **Motion by R. Patent and seconded by D. Kollars to accept the agenda with the addition of item 9A. to consider a connection to the system. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
4. Chair Voss opened the floor to public comments. There were no comments.
5. Chair Voss asked for any additions or corrections to the November 06, 2025, meeting minutes. **Motion by H. Reynolds and seconded by J. Reikofski to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**
6. The Financial report was given by K. Bloomquist and LENRD Manager Bruckner, and discussion was held. **Motion by K. Bloomquist and seconded by R. Patent to recommend approval of the financial statements for October 24, 2025 through November 25, 2025 and November 26, 2025 through December 18, 2025. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.**
7. Wau-Col Advisory Committee Appointments. **Motion by J. Cautrell and seconded by R. Patent to appoint Ken Bloomquist, Wausa; Tod Voss, McLean; and Harold Reynolds, At-Large; to three-year terms on the Wau-Col Committee ending in 2029. Roll call vote: Aye: Ohlrich, Bruning, Cautrell, Kollars, Patent, Reikofski. Abstain: Bloomquist, Voss, Reynolds. Motion Carried.**
8. Election of Officers: Chair: T. Voss opened the floor to nominations for chair and secretary. **Tod Voss was nominated for chair and Ken Bloomquist was nominated for secretary. R. Patent moved and J. Reikofski seconded that nominations cease and asked for a roll-call vote. Aye: Ohlrich, Bruning, Cautrell, Kollars, Patent, Reikofski, Reynolds. Abstain: Bloomquist, Voss. Motion Carried.**
9. Water Rates: Following review of rate survey completed by Nebraska Rural Water Association, future needs, and rate increases that become effective in January 2026 from Coleridge and Wausa, **J. Reikofski moved and D. Kollars seconded increasing rates and the minimum by 7.5% effective April 1, 2026. All Ayes. Motion carried.** The board indicated rate review is needed every January to ensure sufficient funding for management of the system.

9A. Connection Application ½ mile north of McLean for Doug Whelen. Following discussion **H. Reynolds moved and R. Patent seconded to accept the application to install a new connection to the system for Doug Whelen north of McLean. All Ayes. Motion carried.**

10. Change Order to Micro-Comm contract: Secretary Bloomquist and LENRD Manager Bruckner reviewed an omission in the quote contract with Micro-Comm that excluded required equipment in Belden. **Motion by D. Kollars and seconded by J. Bruning to approve the Change Order to include equipment at the Belden location for the additional amount of \$11,408. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
11. The Manager's report was given by K. Bloomquist who covered the water usage for the previous 2 months and indicated that variation in water loss is likely due to meters slowing down and he plans to replace two of them.

The next meeting will be held March 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Belden Library.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm. **Motion by A. Ohlrich and seconded by H. Reynolds to adjourn. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**

Attendees:

Kenneth Bloomquist	Tod Voss	Jeremy Bruning	Jim Cautrell	Jay Reikofski
Angie Ohlrich	Rod Patent	Dan Kollars	Harold Reynolds	

Guests: Brian Bruckner, Annette Sudbeck

Minutes by: Kenneth Bloomquist