

1. Chair Tod Voss called the meeting of the Wau-Col Advisory Committee to order on September 3, 2026, at 7:00 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 Ken Bloomquist, Jeremy Bruning, Dan Kollars, Jay Reikofski, Harold Reynolds, and Tod Voss.
3. Chair Voss asked for consideration on adopting the agenda. **Motion by J. Bruning and seconded by D. Kollars to accept the agenda. 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 August 3, 2026, meeting minutes. **Motion by J. Reikofski and seconded by J. Bruning 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 D. Kollars and seconded by H. Reynolds to recommend approval of the financial statements for July 24, 2026 through August 27, 2026. Roll call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.**
7. Status update on activities related to contract with Micro-Comm Inc. – **K. Bloomquist reported on damage to the communication antenna that was mounted at the top of the Wau Col RWS water tower. The storm occurred in the early morning hours of August 12, 2026, and the insurance provider has been notified of the damages. B. Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee on his efforts to secure a contractor to engage in the removal and replacement of the antenna and coaxial cables on both the Wau Col RWS and Coleridge towers. Given the storm damage, the need to complete the retrofit becomes even more important. Bruckner will locate a firm and obtain cost estimates which will be shared with the Advisory Committee before hiring a contractor.**
8. Other new business. **B. Bruckner reviewed the Agreement that was entered into between the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District and the Village of Wausa in June of 2011. The initial term of the agreement is for a 25-year term, and is renewed thereafter for an additional period of not less than 15 years. A discussion was held about the financial terms associated with the Agreement and the possibility of revisiting the amount budgeted each year to cover the cost of maintenance for the water storage tank. Bruckner also informed the Advisory Committee that Roger Protzman, with JEO, inquired about the possibility of including a connection to the Wau Col Regional Water System into a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the City of Laurel. The City is still discussing alternative solutions to an Administrative Order issued by the Department of Water, Energy and Environment (DWEE). Bruckner approved the inclusion of Wau Col RWS, but reminded Protzman that it would require a feasibility analysis to verify the technical requirements of a connection.**
9. The Manager's report was given by K. Bloomquist who covered water usage for each of the Villages, along with the performance of the flow meter at McLean, which had recently been replaced.

10. Adjourn, with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. **Motion by K. Bloomquist and seconded by D. Kollars to adjourn. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**

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

Attendees:

Kenneth Bloomquist	Tod Voss	Jeremy Bruning
Harold Reynolds	Jay Reikofski	Dan Kollars

Guests: Brian Bruckner

Minutes by: Kenneth Bloomquist