

**Minutes of  
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
Lower Elkhorn NRD - 1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska**

Chairman Roger Gustafson informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on October 6, 2023, and of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted on the wall.

Directors in attendance were Jerry Allemann, Jim Aschoff, Mark Burenheide, Scott Clausen, Mike Fleeer, Roger Gustafson, Mark Hall, Chad Korth, Kris Loberg, Gary Loftis, Jay Reikofski, Matt Steffen, Melissa Temple, Anthony Wisnieski, Rod Zohner. There were no Directors absent.

1. Projects and Programs

- a. Maskenthine Recreation Area Camper Pad Electrical Upgrade Project – Recreation Area Superintendent Tyler Warren presented a bid packet and answered questions from the Board of Directors. Bids are due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff will bring the bids to the November Board meeting for consideration.
- b. Willow Creek Reservoir Relief Well Project – Projects Manager Curt Becker updated the Board of Directors on the status of the Willow Creek Reservoir Relief Well Discharge Pipe Project. Staff is working with an engineer, Nebraska DNR, and a contractor to implement a discharge pipe system. It appears the flowable fill bedding material will be needed and the pipe size, manhole and layout of the system are being discussed.

2. Water Resources

- a. LENRD Phase 2 and 3 Management Area – Groundwater Management Area Specialist Connor Baldwin provided a report and presentation on the management report data from the LENRD Phase 2 and 3 Areas for the 2022 reporting period.
- b. Standard Variance Process for New Groundwater Irrigated Acres – General Manager Brian Bruckner provided a summary of the topics discussed by the Ad Hoc Variance Committee which met prior to the Committee meeting. The discussion centered around the areas that would be deemed geographically eligible for a proposed Standard Variance sign-up period. Being sensitive of the need to protect portions of the District with limited groundwater aquifers, the committee reviewed several new variations of eligibility maps that had been produced by LRE Water, at the Committee’s request. Other concepts

discussed included establishment of a minimum soil score, revised score sheets, and amendments to the Conditions for Approval policy, just to name a few. Final recommendations will be brought forward at the Special Board meeting, which is scheduled to occur immediately following the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole.

### 3. Administrative

- a. Consideration of Bids for Purchase of Dump Trailer – Recreation Area Superintendent Tyler Warren presented bids from three trailer suppliers and answered Director questions in regards to the bids.

***Recommended Motion: To authorize staff to purchase a 14' dump trailer from DB Trailer Sales of Norfolk, NE in the amount of \$11,700 for use in the Lower Elkhorn NRD Recreation Areas.***