

Amended Agenda
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District
Committee of the Whole

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Lower Elkhorn NRD

1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

1. Statement of Public Notice of Meeting and Posted Nebraska Open Meetings Act Information
- Chairman Roger Gustafson

2. Projects and Programs
 - a. Update on Current Grants and Grant Opportunities – Grant Coordinator Julie Wragge

 - b. Discussion on Possible Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Grant Partnership/Proposal – The District is considering the preparation of a proposal, in partnership with the McCrometer Company, that would provide funding to equip flow meters with remote-read telemetry. A resolution approved by the Board is required to apply for this grant.

3. Water Resources
 - a. LENRD Policy for Orphaned Irrigated Acres – The District has been presented a situation where a landowner has acquired property that currently has certified irrigated acres and they would like to use an existing irrigation well on an adjacent property as a source of irrigation water. District staff would like to discuss this scenario to obtain guidance from the Board of Directors on the matter.

 - b. LENRD Quantity Management Subareas - Report and Discussion Regarding the Determination of Groundwater Allocations for the Quantity Management Subareas for the 2024 Growing Season

 - c. Update and Inventory of the Standard Variance Applications Received during the November 1st through December 1st, 2023 sign-up period – Water Resources Coordinator Josh Schnitzler

 - d. Update and Inventory of Flow Meter Readings Submitted by the December 1st deadline, and report on follow-up correspondence that has been mailed to those who have failed to submit their season-ending readings.

4. Administrative
 - a. NARD 414 (h) Contribution Levels – The NARD is proposing raising the employee and NRD contribution levels for the NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan and would like feedback from each Nebraska Natural Resources District.

b. NARD Flexible Benefits Plan – The NARD Risk Pool Board of Directors has recently approved Omnify for administration of the NRDs Flexible Spending Account (FSA) plan. The Lower Elkhorn NRD has administered the FSA Plan in-house in the past, but would prefer participating in the NARD plan using Omnify as the administrator. Employee participation would begin January 1, 2024.

c. NRD Directors Per Diem – District staff will be discussing the development of possible guidelines to assist in defining eligible activities to be used when processing claims for directors per diem.

d. Fiscal Year 2023 Audit

e. 2024 Meetings Calendar

5. Executive Board

a. GMDA Conference

b. Legislative Conference