

**Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District
Committee of the Whole**

Thursday, November 9, 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. Community Forestry Program and Forestry Incentive for Public Facilities Applications for Fiscal Year 2025
 - b. Maskenthine Recreation Area Campground Electrical Upgrade Bids – The bid opening for this project was held on November 2nd. Staff will present bids that were received.
 - c. Maskenthine Hydrant Replacement – Staff will present bids received for this project.
 - d. North Fork Elkhorn River Watershed Plan / Environmental Assessment Update – Staff will give an update on the recent open house public meetings.

3. Water Resources
 - a. 2023 Fall Static Water Levels – District staff have collected static water level measurements from the LENRD Observation Well Network. Dallas Dorey will provide a summary report.
 - b. LENRD Domestic Well Testing Program – In the fall of 2022, the LENRD allocated resources to establish a program that provides assistance to owners of registered domestic wells for evaluating water quality. Julia Polt, LENRD Water Resources Technician, will provide the Board with information on the program.
 - c. Update on LENRD Standard Variance sign-up period which opened November 1, 2023

4. Administrative
 - a. Financial Policy Change – The District is proposing a modification to Section 5 of the

Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Expenditure of Funds Financial Operating Policy. A change to the District's fuel credit card provider is being explored. The new provider would require the District to pay its monthly statement using an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Current policy limits ACH / EFT disbursements to federal or state payments, or for payments of utilities and telephone claims.