

AMENDED AGENDA
LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Lower Elkhorn NRD Office
1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska
7:30 p.m. – Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Finance Subcommittee

1. Statement of Public Notice of Meeting and Posted Nebraska Open Meetings Act Information
- Chairman Roger Gustafson
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Directors and Excused Absences
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Reading and/or Action on Minutes of December 28, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
– Secretary Jay Reikofski
6. Finance Subcommittee – Anthony Wisnieski
 - a. Income and Expenses
 - b. Conservation Cost Share Update
7. Monthly Reports
 - a. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Mark Hall
 - b. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – Garry Anderson
 - c. Natural Resources Conservation Services – Robin Sutherland
 - d. RC&D Reports – Gary Loftis and Mark Hall
 - e. Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project – Lisa Lauver
 - f. Administrative Report – Brian Bruckner
8. Information, Planning, Programs, Projects, Equipment & Legislation Committee of the Whole Report
 - a. Discussion and/or Action on Applications for Standard Variances to Expand Groundwater Irrigated Acres in the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District
 - b. Lower Elkhorn NRD Rules and Regulations for the Management of Groundwater - Discussion and/or Action on Amendment Updates and Scheduling of Public Hearing
 - c. Status Update on Submittal of Annual Water Use Reports – Discussion and/or Action on Future Compliance Actions
 - d. Status Update on Review of Data and Compliance with Lower Elkhorn NRD Annual

Protecting Lives – Protecting Property – Protecting the Future
Agenda subject to change 24 hours prior to meeting.

Groundwater Allocations

- e. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Grant Partnership/Proposal – The LENRD will have a follow up discussion and responses to questions received during the December 28, 2023 board meeting.
- f. NRCS Source Water Protection Specialist – The U.S. Farm Bill allocates a portion of EQIP funds to incentivize conservation practices on lands located in public water supply well recharge areas. The Lower Elkhorn NRD is exploring options for partnerships to create a shared position to engage in outreach and assistance with farm operators and landowners as part of this program.
- g. Maple Creek Shoreline Protection Bids

9. Administrative

- a. Wau-Col Regional Water System – Discussion and/or Action Regarding a request from the Village of McLean to allow for the connection of a new water service on a property located outside the village boundary
- b. NARD Washington, D.C. Conference – The event is scheduled to be held in March of 2024 and those interested in attending will need authorization to participate.
- c. 2024 Nebraska Unicameral Legislative Session – There will be an update on legislation of interest.
- d. Election of Treasurer

Dates to Remember

February 10 – Lower Elkhorn NRD Subcommittee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February 12 – Logan East RWS Meeting – Oakland, 7:00 p.m.

February 22 – Lower Elkhorn NRD Board of Director’s Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Protecting Lives – Protecting Property – Protecting the Future
Agenda subject to change 24 hours prior to meeting.