

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

Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Lower Elkhorn NRD

1508 Square Turn Blvd, Norfolk, Nebraska

6:30 PM – Budget Workshop

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

2. Administrative
 - a. NPAIT Treasury Note for the West Point Levee Sinking Fund - A treasury note that is currently invested with NPAIT matured at the end of May and a discussion will be held regarding options for reinvesting in new treasury notes or leaving the funds in the Daily fund account.

3. Projects and Programs
 - a. Battle Creek WFPO – District staff have consulted with JEO and NRCS regarding the Board’s intent to recommend the Battle Creek WFPO, and a status update will be provided.
 - b. Willow Creek Repair Bids – A storm caused a tree to fall onto the restroom near the north picnic shelter at the Willow Creek Recreation Area near Pierce. Damage occurred to the structure, which is covered by insurance. District staff are working to obtain repair estimates which will be made available for consideration and discussion.

4. Water Resources
 - a. LENRD 2023 Summer Field Activities Report – District staff will update the Board on planned water sampling, flow meter, and chemigation inspection activities.
 - b. LENRD Drought Management Allocation – Some portions of the LENRD have been designated as D2 on the U.S. Drought Monitor for the required 14 day timeframe and District staff will provide insight on efforts to inform well owners/operators on this change, along with other activities associated with this allocation requirement.
 - c. LENRD Variance Process for New Irrigated Acres – As requested, District staff will provide insight and information related to the LENRD Standard Variance process, which is used to evaluate requests for new groundwater irrigated acres. There are numerous other topics that are directly related to this topic and some of those other requested topics include:

- i. Conditions for Approval Policy for New Wells (9 acre inch allocation)
- ii. Geographic Eligibility for Standard Variances
- iii. LENRD Quantity Management Subareas
- iv. Transfers of Certified Irrigated Acres

d. Long Range Planning Pages