

MINUTES

LOWER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 25, 2026

Ord, Nebraska

The June meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District was held at the Headquarters Office, 2620 Airport Drive, Ord, Nebraska, on June 25, 2026. Chairman Thoene called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors in attendance:

Rollie D. Amsberry, Treasurer
Robert L. Bauer
James Eschliman
Randy Kauk
Gary A. Kruse
Chad J. Podolak
Gerald Smith
Henry J. Thoene, Chairman

Timothy E. Bartak
Colton R. DeBower
Jeremy Eschliman
Thomas L. Knutson
Alan Petersen
John Shadle
Clifford Sterner
Rick Vlach, Vice Chairman

Directors absent:

Justin W. King
Todd Nitsch

Larry Mohrman, Secretary
Alexander L. Vlach

Staff in attendance:

Russell G. Callan, General Manager
Kim A. Lyons, Administrative Assistant
Alan Bartels, I & E Coordinator
Dell Harris, Water Resources Specialist
Ann Freeman, Water Programs Secretary
Abigail Lyons, Agronomist

Tyler Naprstek, Assistant General Manager
Irene Kreifels, Financial Assistant
Brant Bechtold, I & E Specialist
Kevin Gustafson, District Engineer
Aron Lewis, District Conservation Forester

Guests in attendance:

Bryce Bauer, NRCS, DC West
Joe Franssen, Broken Bow
David Schmidt, City Admin., Broken Bow

Mike Evans, Broken Bow
Stuart Fox, Broken Bow
Jacob Holcomb, Broken Bow

VERIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Thoene asked for verification of the meeting notice. General Manager Russ Callan stated that the agenda was current, and that the meeting notices were properly published in all newspapers, posted at the NRD Headquarters office in Ord, on the NRD website, and in the eight field office locations.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Thoene stated that Directors King and A. Vlach had asked to be excused.

Smith motioned, seconded by James Eschliman, to excuse absent Directors King and A. Vlach. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Amsberry, Bartak, Bauer, DeBower, James Eschliman, Kauk, Knutson, Kruse, Petersen, Podolak, Shadle, Smith, Sterner, Thoene, R. Vlach. Director not present for vote: Jeremy Eschliman. Directors absent: King, Nitsch, Mohrman, A. Vlach.

Jeremy Eschliman arrived at 5:02 p.m.

MINUTES

Thoene asked for corrections and/or additions to the May 28, 2026, Board meeting minutes. None being heard, Thoene announced that the minutes will stand approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Russell Callan, General Manager, highlighted expenditures of \$16,235.00 to Transit Works for GPS System updates; \$41,563.07 to NARD for seedling stock; \$24,635.30 to WISH Nebraska, and \$38,108.49 to Number 9 Welding & Repair, LLC, for telemetry work related to the meters and telemetry for the vadose zone study; \$15,766.78 to EA Engineering, Science & Tech Corp. for the Fullerton Dam removal design; \$318.16 and \$465.50 to BASYS and Firefly Reservations, respectively, for campground reservation system operations. Callan also highlighted additional expenditures of \$10,148.36 to Esri for ArcGIS subscription; and \$38,400.00 to Longitude 103, Inc. for the set-up fee for the producer dashboard, adding that there will be additional subscription and annual fees for the program.

Kruse motioned, seconded by Knutson, to approve the June 25, 2026, Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

The Treasurer's Report Approval Policy states that the approved expenditures are to be published and each director who has per diem and/or reimbursement of expenses included in such financial reports abstains from voting for the approval of his or her own per diem and/or expense reimbursement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thoene asked for public comments, none were heard.

FORESTER'S REPORT

Aron Lewis, District Conservation Forester, reported that he will be working on the \$10 million grant received in Rock County for fuel projects and one in Burwell.

Lewis stated that the Nebraska Forest Service had their summer staff meeting in Scottsbluff, adding that meetings were held one day and the next they were in the field looking at forestry projects.

Lewis also reported that interviews were held for the new forester position and that it has been decided to repost, citing that there were not any strong candidates in the group.

Petersen asked where the project is in Burwell. Lewis stated its on Peg Prickett's property, adding that there are a lot of pine trees that died from hail so there is worry of fire going through.

NRCS REPORT

Bryce Bauer, NRCS, DC West, reported that they have finished 26 FSA HEL and Wetland Compliance checks and that they are about 95% done with EQIP contracts. He stated there are about 46 contracts for \$5 million including 3,500 acres of brush management and cutting cedars; 5,000 acres burning; 1,600 acres no-till; 6,000 acres cover crops; 4,500 acres irrigation water management and some coupled with 4,300 acres nutrient management; 17,000 feet of livestock pipelines; and 14,000 acres for grazing management.

Bauer reported that the summer interns are doing well. He stated that the Spalding and Broken Bow offices are down to one employee each, and they have not been able to hire for the last couple of years. He added that JaCee Howe from Fullerton has been helping as an active RC in Spalding.

Jeremy Eschliman stated that the White House budget is hard on NRCS and asked his thoughts and about the relocation of USDA in Kansas City. Bauer replied that National employees were to be moved throughout the U.S., and that they are relocating out of DC. He added that as far as the budget, he thinks it has been reduced; however, there are different pots of money, and they have reduced the general funds pot and replaced more program money. He added that he does not know about the overall funding and number of employees, but thinks the budget has gone to Congress for the mandatory 30-day comment period. Once that is over, we should hopefully know more.

Bauer stated that he received an email from Congressman Don Bacon that the RCPP program is opened back up. It was added that the NRD will begin working with NRCS to put the request back together and will submit it for best management and conservation practice funding.

Kruse asked how much is available in funding. Naprstek replied that there is a total of \$310 million.

Amsberry said that Senator Deb Fischer stated that the application period has been extended until August for wildfire damages and may possibly be able to be used for virtual fencing. Bauer stated that EQIP offers funds for virtual fencing, but that possibly the wildfire funds could, at least temporarily, be used to replace cross-fences. Amsberry added that it was reported that a little over one million acres have been burned in Nebraska.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOWER LOUP NRD RECREATION AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Thoene stated that the purpose of this public hearing was to hear testimony on the Lower Loup NRD proposed changes to the Recreation Area Rules and Regulations, originally adopted on July 22, 1993, and amended by public hearing on September 25, 2014. It will directly affect the recreational areas under the jurisdiction of the Lower Loup NRD.

Thoene opened the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Thoene asked for exhibits from the Lower Loup Natural Resources District and all written testimony that was received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 24, 2026.

Naprstek presented affidavits of publication and newspaper clippings and proof that it was posted on the District website as Exhibit #1, and a draft copy of the LLNRD Recreation Area Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of District Recreation Areas as Exhibit #2. Naprstek reported that no written testimony was received by the required deadline.

Thoene asked for comments from the Lower Loup NRD Board of Directors. None were heard.

Thoene asked for comments from the general public. None were heard.

Thoene asked if there was anyone else who would like to offer public comments. None were heard.

Thoene closed the hearing at 5:22 p.m.

Shadle motioned, seconded by Petersen, to approve the changes to the Lower Loup NRD Recreation Area Rules and Regulations as presented, effective January 1, 2027. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Broken Bow Flood Risk Reduction Plan

Jacob Holcomb, zoning administrator and floodplain administrator from Broken Bow, was present and addressed the Board regarding the ongoing flood mitigation project in Broken Bow. A brief history was given of the project and maps of the old and new floodplain were shown. Holcomb stated that there were safety concerns, as well as financial concerns, for both private property and business properties when another 100-year flood event would happen.

Holcomb added that JEO has been hired to look at the flood mitigation scoping project, trying to identify flood mitigation projects from a cost-benefit analysis that would provide protection for the city. The city would like to see if it's possible that this floodplain and floodway be constrained to existing channel that was built by the Army Corps of Engineers, designed for a 50-year flood. He stated that with the new mapping, the entire downtown area is in a floodplain. It was added that the study will cost close to \$240,000 and they are requesting funds from the NRD to help with the project.

Kruse asked what the timeline was for the scoping project. Holcomb replied that it will take 8-12 months to complete.

Kruse motioned, seconded by James Eschliman, to approve contribution of 20% to the study of the Broken Bow Flood Risk Reduction Plan, not to exceed \$47,840. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

Fullerton Dam Removal

Kruse reported that the first payment was being made to EA Engineering for work done on the Fullerton Powerhouse Dam Removal design. He added that survey work is completed and that design is ongoing, stating that the work in Fullerton is done and the rest will be done in office. Kruse also stated that the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Kevin Gustafson, District Engineer, added that only the design will be done by the end of the year. He also stated that the estimated depth is 12 feet on one end and 5 feet on the other and that the remnants of two buttresses have been discovered because there used to be 3 more gates.

Columbus Flood Reduction Study

Kruse stated that Columbus is looking at the Loup River for a structure. He stated that they have received a grant for \$190,000 for the study with \$47,500 for the local share. Kruse also added that they are requesting a 20% contribution of \$9,500 from the NRD for the study and that the Committee feels it is important to be involved.

R. Vlach motioned, seconded by Podolak, to participate in the Columbus Flood Reduction Study with a 20% contribution not to exceed \$9,500.

Bartak asked if we need to participate more. Callan stated that they can request more later if needed.

Vote was held. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

St. Edward Flood Mitigation Request

Kruse stated that St. Edward was hit hard in the 2019 flooding and have been planning on what can be done. He stated that the recent consultant that was hired did not work out and they are now using JEO but will have to start over.

Gustafson added that they are asking for us to be lead sponsors on the project to identify grant opportunities and offer technical guidance. He added that he and Callan will begin conversations with them to determine exactly what they expect out.

Kruse added that no action was taken at this time.

Podolak asked if we were involved with the last consultant. Kruse stated that we were not.

Bauer added that they did not approach them but are coming back now, so it sounds like they need some guidance. Callan added that Brian Kolar, Projects Technician, has been minimally involved.

Loup City Dewatering Well Discussions

Kruse stated that there is no update.

Mud Creek WFPO

Kruse reported that JEO is preparing survey and geotech investigation field work.

Gustafson added that Kolar has been contacting owners for the permission required and that JEO should be able start surveying soon.

Mira Creek WFPO

Kruse reported that Senator Deb Fischer is submitting for Congressional funding, adding that it is one of seven projects selected for ag appropriations consideration.

Gustafson clarified that Senator Fischer has forwarded it on for review.

Kruse added that there is a \$14.5 million project on the line.

Pibel Wetland 319 Grant

Gustafson stated he met with Nebraska Game and Parks and the Fish and Wildlife Service and surveyed for the prairie fringed orchid, adding that nothing was found. Callan stated that he does not see that anything will be done this summer and added the Niewohners will be renting the land again this year.

Podolak asked what would happen if they had found the orchids. Gustafson stated that they typically are not found where land is heavily grazed, but we probably would have had to avoid them.

Monroe Area Recharge Project

Kruse stated that staff is researching a Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant for the project cost. A map was shown of the project area.

Gustafson stated that the ground that was for sale was not the land that we were interested in.

Kruse stated that Gustafson mentioned Lost Creek and Cherry Creek. Gustafson added that they are not identified with this but are looking at channel work on them and if water from the canal can be used.

Sargent Flood

It was reported that the flood design work is done and has been submitted to FEMA. Gustafson is working on a BRIC grant application that NEMA recommended we complete.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sargent Flood

Kevin Gustafson, District Engineer, reported that JEO has submitted design for a box culvert that will go under Highway 183 and will be using the State right-of-way on the east side of Highway 183 by Trotter's. He added that the box culvert design has been sent into Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and has been approved; however, we will need an agreement with NDOT to have anything installed in their right-of-way. He said that the agreement states that the NRD would be responsible for O&M on the right-of-way for approximately four-tenths of a mile and O&M on the box culvert. There will be contracting requirements that we include with any construction contractor that we utilize.

The following resolution was presented that authorizes the General Manager to sign an agreement with NDOT:

Resolution Number FY2026-005

***RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES***

WHEREAS, the Lower Loup Natural Resources District's Board of Directors has statutory authority to construct flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Loup Natural Resources District desires to enter into an Agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation to construct flood mitigation measures on and adjacent to Nebraska D.O.T. right-of-way along Highway 183 near Sargent, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lower Loup Natural Resources District's Board of Directors that the Agreement for the above-described Project is, hereby, approved, and that the General Manager is hereby authorized to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Lower Loup NRD.

Jeremy Eschliman asked if there are alternatives we should consider other than taking on O&M. Callan stated it is all part of it, and we are still in discussions with Sargent about who will do what. Gustafson added that we have an agreement with Sargent for mowing, etc. but it is all up for debate.

**Knutson motioned, seconded by Kauk, to approve the Resolution as presented.
Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

INFORMATION & EDUCATION REPORT

ACE Camp

Alan Bartels, I&E Coordinator, reported that ACE Camp was hosted at Kamp Kaleo this week and that 23 kids from nine different NRDs were in attendance, ten being from Lower Loup NRD. He added that presenters were from the DWEE, NRCS, NARD, University of Nebraska, National Park Service, PlantNebraska, and 5 NRDs. Pictures were shown of campers doing the different activities the camp had to offer, including, the wild edible plant session, fishing, archery, outdoor first aid, live animals, soil sampling, a water quality session, and water rockets. Bartels added that there is a video on YouTube from the camp.

Fall Directors Tour

Bartels stated that the Fall Directors Tour will take place September 14-15 and will begin in Ord with stops in Ansley, Broken Bow, Merna, Sargent, and Arnold. He added that supper will be at the Aagaard Farm and lodging will be at Cobblestone Inn in Ord. He stated the second day will consist of visiting Pibel Lake and the new Habitat Management area on Clear Creek, then

continue to the Columbus Recharge Project and the Fullerton, Monroe, and St. Edward areas. He stated that details are still being put together and that a sign-up sheet is available.

It was added that the tour will replace the September Committee meetings.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Flow Meter Cost-Share – Required Meters

Tylr Naprstek, Assistant General Manager, discussed telemetry on vadose sites. He stated that we want to know what irrigation water is doing and how it is moving soil nitrates. He added that meetings have been held with different entities on McCrometer, Seametrics, and Vandwater, Inc., adding that he has been looking at different brands; all are not created equal.

Recreation Areas

Naprstek reported that Davis Creek has been at full capacity for a couple of weeks now and stated that the lagoon system is keeping up and did well during the drought due to the solar well.

Naprstek reported that he spoke with Nebraska Game and Parks about the overgrowth of curly leaf pondweed at Pibel Lake, adding that it was bad for awhile, but dying back now.

Chemigation Inspections

Naprstek reported that 276 inspections have been completed so far and that the interlock systems have been causing problems this year. He added that there have been a few fails, but most of them were fixed quickly. He also stated that all new sites are inspected and if they are late, they become new permits and must be reinspected. He reported that 3,588 permits are in the Lower Loup NRD system.

Drought Status

Naprstek showed a map of the overall drought and stated that most are in “Watch” status and some areas are in “Moderate” in the south end of the District and in Custer County. He showed the difference from last month to current and stated that the drought status has been lowered but we will keep an eye on things. He showed the new drought map and showed the surface water flow status. He added that from the end of February to the end of May there was less than half of the flows required for the instream flow rights.

He stated that there are no local issues being reported at this time.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Groundwater Management Plan - Stakeholders Meeting

Naprstek reported that the third stakeholders meeting was held Tuesday night. He added that 21 volunteers were present. He felt like it was a good meeting. Drought and water quantity were topics of discussion.

Kruse said that there was good participation and representation from the producer and business rep side, adding that people attended from Loup Public Power and other entities. He said there were good solid comments.

Thoene stated it was good to hear the comments.

Smith added that the Olsson representatives did a good job of keeping everything moving.

Podolak stated that we want to be strategic and feels we should have good policies in place to prepare for extreme drought and asked how we could get more industries involved in discussions.

Kruse agreed that it would be good to get industries involved because they pump year-round and farmers only pump so many days in the growing season.

Participants were impressed with the amount of pertinent data that was available.

Naprstek stated that there will be one more meeting in late October to mid-November, after harvest, and a functional draft plan should be available in the spring or summer of 2027.

Irrigation District Recharge Project

Naprstek reported that he and Gustafson had met with NGPC, State of Nebraska, DWEE, and couple other entities about potential recharge and retiming projects. One area to specifically target is downstream from Davis Creek and one area to avoid is Mira Valley, as Mira Valley has a surplus of water.

Large Water User Rule

It was reported that a meeting will be held with ADM to go over the draft of the rule and that proposals will be brought to the Committee later. Naprstek stated that the stakeholders group is interested in the rule.

City of Fullerton - Well Decommissioning Project

Naprstek reported that Sargent Irrigation has decommissioned three city wells and five citizen wells. It was added that they are almost done with the source water grant and that they have not seen water quality reports of the selenium yet.

Vadose Sampling Update

It was reported that Jason Moudry, Water Programs Specialist, and crew have been applying bromide to Wheeler County and Custer County vadose sites. Also, Moudry and Abigail Lyons, Agronomist, have been attending field days and viewing fields.

Other

Callan reported that he, Pat O'Brien, and other managers have been discussing with DWEE about taking over the chemigation program. He stated that when the program began, Department of Environmental Quality staff were more hands-on and part of the process, but they are not anymore. He stated that \$2 for renewals and \$5 for new permits is given to the State.

He stated that the way things are now, if we find a spill, we contact the State Patrol, and they go to DWEE and come up with a plan on how to clean it up. Callan added that the proposal is to have the NRDs handle everything, and a report will still be given to the State. He stated that right now there is a contract with UNL to do the education side of the chemigation program and the NRDs would run the rest. He stated that O'Brien would be the sponsor for the resolution and we would probably second them on it. He stated that DWEE is reviewing the redline version on changes and so are some of the NRD managers.

Sterner asked if it would have to go through Legislature. Callan stated that it would, and the Association would put together a resolution to bring before all of the NRDs across the state. If the resolution passes, we would draft legislation.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE

Thoene reported that the Haumont request had been withdrawn.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Strategies

No update.

Litigation

Callan stated there was no current litigation update; however, he would like to have an Executive session.

New Hires

Callan reported that Kim Lyons is moving to the Administrative Assistant position, Irene Kreifels is going part-time, and Joanne Wells has been hired full-time for the Financial Secretary position and will start July 6th.

Non-action Reports

Callan asked if anyone wanted to talk about the Republican tour.

Shadle stated there was an interesting number of fallow acres in the area due to limited moisture and, according to the extension agency, it is hard to farm. He stated there is a lack of water due to the Republican Compact. He also stated that it was a great tour and very interesting.

Callan stated that he has a place south of Curtis and they were going to replace damaged posts, but they cannot even dig a post hole right now. He added that a lot of acres were put into set-aside programs, so they've stopped irrigating. He has noticed that the co-op is ratcheting down on the number of employees due to land not being farmed anymore.

NARD 457 Roth Amendment

James Eschliman reported on the deferred compensation plan and stated that the amendment will allow in-plan ROTH rollover contributions and in-plan ROTH rollover transfers.

Eschliman presented the NARD resolution, NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN IN-PLAN ROTH AMENDMENT. (Resolution can be viewed in its entirety at the office of the Lower Loup NRD during regular business hours)

James Eschliman motioned, seconded by Podolak, to approve the amendment to the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

Callan stated that this is the all-employee plan, adding that the District does not put any money into this, and that the District participates in the normal one. He clarified that this is separate, we only have some small administrative items to take care of.

Vote held. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

FY 2027 BUDGET WORK SESSION #2

Callan went over the following budget codes and the suggested amounts for budget, excluding Code 438, which Naprstek discussed.

Code 475 – Buffer Strip Program - \$150,000
Code 462 – Arboretum Budget - \$15,000
Code 438 – Special Projects – \$2,364,500
Code 473 & 301 – Water Quality Fund - \$185,000
Code 301&303 – State and Federal Grant Funds - \$4,000,000
Code 422 – Scrap Tire Collection - \$45,000
Code 471 – Water Well Decommissioning Fund - \$30,000
Code 470 & 440 – Land Treatment - \$600,000
Code 441 – Project Construction - \$8,000,000
Code 443 – Project Land Rights - \$900,000
Code 445 – Project Legal Costs - \$70,000
Code 446 – Columbus Area Recharge Project O&M - \$50,000
Code 447 – Assessment Projects - \$2,500 (Duncan East IPA)
Code 448 – Assessment Projects - \$300 (Lost Creek IPA)
Code 449 & 309 – Stock and Stock Purchases - \$160,000
Code 165 – Machinery & Equipment - \$100,000
Code 476 – Community Forestry Program - \$35,000
Code 477 – Prescribed Burn Program - \$30,000
Code 441.01 – Park and Recreation Financial Assistance Program - \$12,000
Code 163 & 161 – Capital Improvements & Land - \$1,000,000

Callan stated that there will not be much Budget discussion in July and hearings will be in September. He added that on August 20th the assessments will come in. He also added that with the levy limit, we have a lid we must stay under and stated that we have a lot of room.

He stated that the August meeting will be held in September to meet advertising requirements.

Podolak stated that it feels like we set the bar for some things that our staff does, including modeling and water quality. He wonders about projects, noticing that other NRDs spend a lot more on projects than we do. He asked if we are on the right track for projects.

Callan stated that we have relied a lot on grants to get projects done so we put effort into getting grants instead of using local tax money. This can change the project time frame, waiting on grant funds. He added that it does put us back on some projects because of funding, and that there are some NRDs that utilize tax funding if grants do not come in. He reiterated that we do not generally use tax money for those things.

Smith motioned, seconded by Amsberry, to tentatively approve FY27 Budget Workshop #2. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

NARD REPORT

James Eschliman reported that there was a large group that went on the Basin Tour and pictures were shown of attendees on a hill over Jeffrey Lake, south of Brady, Nebraska.

Kauk added that it was a good tour. He discussed the canal that is being talked about in Perkins County and stated that you can still see parts of the old one. He said that it was interesting that there is 42 feet per second coming in the South Platte River and there is supposed to be 120. He added that water in Nebraska comes in and gets used several times going through the state.

NRC REPORT

Amsberry reported that a meeting will be held in July for scoring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Shadle motioned, seconded by Jeremy Eschliman, to enter Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Amsberry, Bartak, Bauer, James Eschliman, Jeremy Eschliman, Kauk, Knutson, Kruse, Petersen, Podolak, Shadle, Smith, Sterner, Thoene, R. Vlach. Director not present for vote: DeBower. Directors absent: King, Nitsch, Mohrman, A. Vlach.

Kruse motioned, seconded by Knutson, to exit Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Amsberry, Bartak, Bauer, DeBower, James Eschliman, Jeremy Eschliman, Kauk, Knutson, Kruse, Petersen, Podolak, Shadle, Smith, Thoene, R. Vlach. Director not present for vote: Sterner. Directors absent: King, Nitsch, Mohrman, A. Vlach.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Thoene declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Roster for attendance of this meeting and tally of votes cast on motions at this meeting are being filed with the official minutes of this meeting at the Lower Loup Natural Resources District's Headquarters Office, 2620 Airport Drive, Ord, Nebraska. Publication notification of this meeting was made in the Grand Island Independent. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held July 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Headquarters Office in Ord, Nebraska.

Larry Mohrman
Secretary