



League of Nebraska Municipalities

**2026** Utilities/Public Works Section  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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# 2026 UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS SECTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE JANUARY 7-9, 2026 Embassy Suites, Lincoln



## Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

### Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026

**11:30 am**            **Registration** at Embassy Suites for Preconference Seminar.

**Noon-5 pm**            **Preconference Seminar: Maintenance, Maintenance, and More Maintenance!** Ignoring regular maintenance can quickly become an almost insurmountable financial nightmare.

*This seminar is designed for 5 water credit hours and 5 backflow credit hours. This is a "stand-alone" session. Preconference Seminar attendees do not have to register for the entire conference. (See registration form.)*

### Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026

*(Water, wastewater, and engineering contact hours are available for many sessions.)  
(Coffee and rolls available until 10 am)*

**8:30 am**            **Registration**  
Visit Display Area

**8:55-9 am**            **Welcome**  
**Lash Chaffin**, Utilities Section Director, LNM

**9-10 am**            **General Session:**  
• **Failure to Train Your Employees. What Can Happen?**

**10-11 am**            **General Session:**  
• **Asset Management Plans that Actually Make Sense**

**11 am-12 pm**            **General Session:**  
• **Lead Line Replacement Inventory and Replacement Update**

**12-1 pm**            **Lunch**

**1-1:15 pm**            **Utilities Section Annual Business Meeting**

**1:15-1:30 pm**            **Break**

**1:30-2:30 pm**            **Track Sessions:**  
• **The Devastating Effects of Rechargeable Batteries on Solid Waste, Drinking Water, and Wastewater Systems**  
  
• **The Sustainability of Your Municipality is Directly Related to Your Utility Maintenance**

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- 2:30-3:30 pm      **Track Sessions:**
- Funding For Dead and Dying Trees
  - PFAs in your Water, Wastewater, and Landfill
- 3:30-4:30 pm      **Track Sessions:**
- The Importance of Bicycle Transportation to Your Municipality
  - Data Centers and Bitcoin Mining: How to Integrate Into Your Municipal Electric Load
- 4:30-5:30 pm      **Track Sessions:**
- Hey! Someone is Messing With the Meter. What Can I Do?
  - Enhanced Health Care Options For Municipal Employees

Dinner on your own. Enjoy Lincoln's many fine restaurants.

Friday, Jan. 9, 2026

- 8-10:30 am      **Coffee and Rolls Available** – Visit Display Area
- 8:30-9:30 am      **General Session:**
- Abandoned Buildings and Your Utility
- 9:30-10:30 am      **General Session:**
- Colossal Workplace Accidents That Can Be Avoided
- 10:30 am-12 pm      **General Session:**
- Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Act Updates
- 12-12:30 pm      **General Session:**
- **Municipal Utility and Public Works Legislative and Regulatory Update:** Whether you have a water, wastewater, electric, natural gas, street, recreation or other department, the Nebraska Legislature has a tremendous effect on how you do business. Do not miss the latest information on legislative and regulatory activities.
- 12:30 pm      **Adjournment**  
Please drive safely.
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## Conference Information

- ❑ Conference sessions will be held at the Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.
  - ❑ To make room reservations, call 1-402-474-1111 or [book online](#).
  - ❑ The room rate is \$149 for a single/double.
  - ❑ Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check-out time is Noon.
  - ❑ The room block will be released **December 16**. Contact the hotel before that date to secure a reservation.
  - ❑ Preregistration deadline is **December 19**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
  - ❑ The League office needs to receive sponsor fund and display forms by **December 19** to meet printing deadlines.
  - ❑ Advance delegate registrations not cancelled by **December 19**, or “no-shows” will be billed for any meal tickets reserved.
  - ❑ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **December 19**.
  - ❑ Water, wastewater, and engineering credit hours will be available. Contact Lash Chaffin for details.
  - ❑ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.
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## Delegate Registration

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Water (1-4) Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Backflow Grade 6 License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Wastewater Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

First League Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Through December 19	After December 19
<b>Wednesday Preconference Seminar attendance:</b>	_____ \$110	_____ \$135
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday Conference attendance:</b> (Preconference and meal are not included) Per city/village official, League/Utilities Section Member	_____ \$395	_____ \$425
<b>Conference Total:</b>	\$ _____	
<b>Meal:</b> (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed)		
Thursday Luncheon	_____ \$29	
<b>Meal Total:</b>	\$ _____	
<b>Grand Total:</b>	\$ _____	

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**Mail registration and payment to:** Utilities Section, 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

**Fax:** 402-476-7052

**Email:** info@lonm.org

[Click Here to Register and Pay Online](#) \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*