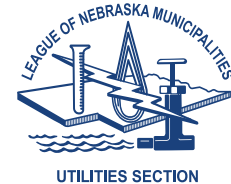


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Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026

11:30 am	Registration at Embassy Suites for Preconference Seminar
Noon-5 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Preconference Seminar: Maintenance, Maintenance, and More Maintenance! Ignoring regular maintenance can quickly become an almost insurmountable financial nightmare. Monte Dakan , Sales Manager, Johnson Service Company Jake Dugger , Water Tank Expert, Maguire Iron

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 <i>Regents DEF</i>	Welcome Lash Chaffin , Utilities Section Director, LNM
9-10 am <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Failure to Train Your Employees. What Can Happen? Lash Chaffin , Utilities Section Director, LNM
10-11 am <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Asset Management Plans that Actually Make Sense John Colclazier , Program Manager, Environmental Finance Center, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University
11 am-12 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Lead Line Replacement Inventory and Replacement Update Taylor Benzel , Drinking Water Program Specialist, NDWEE

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Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 (con't.)

12-1 pm <i>Atrium</i>	Lunch
1-1:15 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Utilities Section Annual Business Meeting
1-15-1:30 pm	Break – Visit Display Area
1:30-2:30 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Track Sessions: The Sustainability of Your Municipality is Directly Related to Your Utility Maintenance John Colclazier, Program Manager, Environmental Finance Center, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University The Devastating Effects of Rechargeable Batteries on Solid Waste, Drinking Water, and Wastewater Systems Kent Holm, Director, Douglas County Environmental Services
<i>Regents C</i>	
2:30-3:30 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Track Sessions: Understanding an NPDES Permit Mark Pomajzl, Senior Environmental Specialist, JEO Consulting Group Enhanced Health Care Options For Municipal Employees Dennis Maggart, Executive Vice-President of McInnes Group, Inc., LIGHT
<i>Regents C</i>	
3:30-4:30 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Track Sessions: Cybersecurity As Asset Management John Colclazier, Program Manager, Environmental Finance Center, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University Data Centers and Bitcoin Mining: How to Integrate Into Your Municipal Electric Load Andrew Brittenham, City Admin./Utilities Supt., City of Superior
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4:30-5:30 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	Track Sessions: Hey! Someone is Messing With the Meter. What Can I Do? Jackson Sash, Utilities Field Representative/Training Coordinator, LNM The Importance of Bicycle Transportation to Your Municipality Julie Harris, Executive Director, Bike Walk Nebraska Cait Dumas-Hein, Associate Director, Bike Walk Nebraska
<i>Regents C</i>	

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 <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Making a Road Out of Trash. Can it be done? Baylor Bestgen , Project Engineer, JEO Consulting Group
9:30-10:30 am <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Colossal Workplace Accidents That Can Be Avoided James Kelley , Loss Control Specialist, League Association of Risk Management (LARM) John Hobbs , Loss Control Specialist, League Association of Risk Management (LARM)
10:30 am-Noon <i>Regents DEF</i>	General Session: Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act Update Matt Manning , Chief Water Officer, NDWEE

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Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 (con't.)

Noon-12:30 pm <i>Regents DEF</i>	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. Christy Abraham , Legal Counsel, LNM Lash Chaffin , Utilities Section Director, LNM
12:30 pm	Adjournment Please drive safely.

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