



Southwest Water

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2nd Wed. each month

9:00 a.m. - District office

Radio Spot:

"SW WATER"

KBUF—1030 AM

Each Friday - 8:10 am—8:20 am

<http://www.gmd3.org>

Overview: 2007 Legislative Retreat and Reception

We held our Annual Legislative Retreat and Reception at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka on February 8, 2007. It was a very informational and productive event that we are very proud to be able to host. The day started out with taking the Board members around to different agencies and the State House. We were privileged enough to be invited to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Division of Water Resources with



Dave Brenn, Pete York, Tom Bogner, Mike O'Brate, Mike McNiece

Chief Engineer David Pope and his staff at their office. Then onto our monthly Board Meeting. Attending Board members included **Tom Bogner, Dave Brenn, Mike McNiece, Mike O'Brate and Pete York** and via teleconference were **Kirk Maddux, Brant Peterson and Steve Stone**. Our Board meeting included some very key speakers.



Lieutenant Governor Mark Parkinson, Joanne Lohmann

The first to speak was **Lieutenant Governor Mark Parkinson**. He gave a very informative talk over the future of energy in Kansas and how Kansas has the potential to become a very key exporter of energy pending the development of transmission lines. Next, **Lee Rolfs**, a Special Assistant AG with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, gave a historical presentation of Lake McKinney, located in Kearney County, Kansas. The presentation prompted a lot of discussion about some of the old "marketing" ads from the early 1900. It was very interesting to hear about the name changes, the discrepancies in the amount of acre feet in the lake and the contrariety of it being in Finney or Kearny County.

The Weather Modification Program with the Kansas Water Office, was the next topic and it was presented by **Mr. Ken Grotewiel**, Assistant Director for KWO. His presentation included an overview of hail suppression, the planes that they use, funding, insurance company views and how the program is administered elsewhere. It was very informational.

And last, but definitely not least, our **Lobbyist Chris Wilson** with Association Resources & Communication Inc., gave a summary of what is going on this Legislative session and explained where bills, pertinent to GMD No. 3 were on the floor. We owe Chris and her assistant **Shawn Miller** a big thank you for all of their help in making the retreat a success!



Mark Rude, Jason Norquest, Lee Rolfs

Then, the reception! We had a very well attended Prime Rib buffet and Soiree that included numerous dignitaries. This was a very conducive setting for "talking water!" Also, thank you to Sharolyn for keeping the office at home under control while we were gone!

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Reminder

32nd Annual Meeting

March 14, 2007

4-H Building, Cimarron KS

10 a.m. with Board Meeting following at 1 p.m.

Ag. Secretary Adrian Polansky will not be able to speak, but his information on water & Ethanol will be presented

Door Prizes

Guest Speakers



Mr. Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, speaking. Mike Hayden, Dir. KDWP, Rep. Pat George, Tom Bogner, GMD3 Board, Kent Askren, KFB



Attorney General Paul Morrison and GMD 3 Executive Director Mark Rude



Chief Engineer, Mr. David Pope, speaking. Pete York, GMD 3 Board, Kent Askren, KFB, Exc. Dir. Mark Rude, Rep. Bill Light.



Rep. Sharon Swartz, Attorney General Paul Morrison, Mike Kopf, KDHE Epi., Exc. Dir. Mark Rude



Mr. Greg Foley, Exe. Dir. SCC, speaking. Rep. Forrest Knox, Ms. Carole Jordan, KLA.



GMD 3 Board members, Mike O'Brate & Mike McNiece, Rep. Carl Holmes, Dave Brenn, Exc. Dir. GMD 1 and GMD 3 Board Member, Greg Foley, SCC, Rep. Pat George, Tracy Streeter, KWO, Mark Rude, Ken Askren, KFB



GMD 3 Board President, Mr. Mike McNiece, speaking.

Water Use Reports

are due

to the Kansas Water Office

MARCH 1, 2007

If you need any help filling them out, please don't hesitate to call us!

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