

WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (GMD3)
A GOVERNING BODY CONTROLLED BY LOCAL PEOPLE

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MEETINGS:

2ND WED. EACH MONTH

9:00 A.M. - DISTRICT OFFICE

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<http://www.gmd3.org>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNS

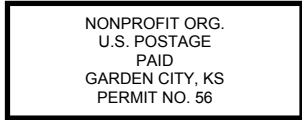
Executive Director Hank Hansen submitted his resignation on December 8, 2004. During his tenure with the District, Mr. Hansen served in many capacities. He began working for the District in 1992 and has been the Executive Director since 2001. Among Mr. Hansen's many accomplishments, he was instrumental in producing a Revised Management Program which was accepted by the Chief Engineer on June 4, 2004 and adopted by the Board during the November 10, 2004 meeting. The new Program will be considered for ratification during the 2005 Annual Meeting. Mr. Hansen also started the Meter Contractor's Inspection Program as well as refined the Water Quality Program. Assistant Manager Jan King has been appointed Interim Director until the position can be filled.

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

The 30th Annual Meeting will be held on February 23, 2005 at the Civic Center in Ulysses, KS. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. CST and should end by noon. Elections will be conducted for 5 positions on the Board of Directors. Qualified nominees desiring to be placed on the voting ballot must notify the GMD3 office by **5:00 p.m., January 24, 2005** using the Director nomination form (Form 1 on back). Nominations are being accepted for the following Director positions: Stanton, Haskell, Grant, and Hamilton County, as well as Municipal (At Large). Eligible voters who have not registered to vote in a previous District election must submit a completed registration form (Form 2 or 3 on back as applies) to the GMD 3 office by **5 p.m., February 18, 2005**. Director nomination forms and Voter Registration forms can also be found on the District's web-site: <http://www.gmd3.org>. Proxy voting is not allowed.

IS YOUR FLOW METER READY FOR THE 2005 SEASON?

The 2004 irrigation season is once again coming to a close. As you know, now is the time to start preparing for the 2005 season. One important item to check is your flow meter. During the off season, while the well is not pumping, is an excellent opportunity to give the flow meter a thorough inspection and perform any needed repairs and maintenance. Here are a few questions to ask. (1) Does the propeller turn freely? You should be able to easily spin the propeller by hand. (2) Is the propeller free from excess play? Hold the shaft in one hand and with the other see if the propeller can be moved from side to side and then up and down. There should not be a lot of play in the propeller. (3) Is the propeller free from damages or nicks? Pay close attention to the back edge of the propeller since this is where your accuracy is located. (4) Can you easily read the meter face? There should not be any moisture inside the lens of the meter. Did you answer no to any of these questions? If you did, it would be a good idea to have the meter checked out by someone that is qualified to repair flow meters. Problems with any of these issues can cause the flow meter to read inaccurately or fail to register properly. Since the well is not pumping during this time of the year, it is an excellent time to have the needed repairs made and avoid problems during the irrigation season. If you do send the meter in for repairs, make sure you write down the meter reading from the totalizer. This way you will be able to fill out your annual water use report in case the meter is not back in time. You also need to make sure to fill out the District's "Water Meter Repair/Replacement Form". This form can be obtained from the District office or from the web site. If no repairs are needed, take proper measures to make sure the flow meter stays in proper working order during the off-season. Most manufacturers recommend that a person take the meter off and store it in a safe place. If you do leave the flow meter in the field, make sure rodents, cattle and other animals are unable to damage it. Taking these measures now will lead to less trouble once the new irrigation season begins.



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Form 1	SOUTHWEST KANSAS GMD #3 2005 ANNUAL MEETING DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM
<p>Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1027, _____, is a qualified voter of the District, and is hereby nominated as an eligible candidate for election to the Board of Directors for the position of:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Stanton County Director <input type="checkbox"/> Grant County Director <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal (At-large) <input type="checkbox"/> Haskell County Director <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton County Director </p> <p>MUST BE RETURNED TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY 5 P.M., JANUARY 24, 2005</p>	

Form 2	SW KS GMD #3 — VOTER ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION
<p>DIRECTIONS: Complete one (1) form for each vote represented</p> <p>Name _____ (Please Print) MUST BE RETURNED TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY 5 P.M. FEBRUARY 18, 2005</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1021 (e), I certify that I am an eligible vote for the annual meeting of the District on February 23, 2005 by being the age of Eighteen (18) or upward and qualify by means of one of the following criterion:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> I am a natural person who is a landowner who owns, of record, any land, or any interest in land, comprising forty (40) or more contiguous acres (not excluded from assessment) located within the boundaries of the district and not within the corporate limits of any municipality. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a natural person who withdraws or uses groundwater (not excluded from assessment) from within the boundaries of the district in an amount of one acre-foot or more per year. </p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>	

Form 3	SW KS GMD #3—CORPORATE DELEGATE APPLICATION												
<p>Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1021 (e), the following person: _____ MUST BE RETURNED TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY 5 P.M. FEBRUARY 18, 2005</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Print Name)</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> is authorized to represent an estate, trust, municipality, public or private corporation which is a landowner who owns of record any land, or any interest in land, comprised of forty (40) or more contiguous acres (not excluded from assessment) located within the boundaries of the district and not within the corporation limits of any municipality. (Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize proxy voting.) <input type="checkbox"/> is authorized to represent an estate, trust, municipality, public or private corporation that withdraws or uses groundwater (not excluded from assessment) from within the boundaries of the district in an amount of one acre-foot or more per year. (Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize proxy voting.) </p> <p>The estate, trust, municipality, public or private corporation being represented at the Annual Meeting of the District on February 23, 2005 is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ (Print name of estate, trust, municipality, public or private corporation)</p> <p>Signature & title of EACH person duly authorized to act in a representative capacity (officer, partner, trustee, etc.) for the estate, trust municipality, or public or private corporation being represented: (attach additional signature sheets, if needed)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Signature</th> <th style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Title</th> <th style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Signature	Title	Date	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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