

# WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**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**

**409 CAMPUS DR., SUITE 106**

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## METER CONTRACTORS SELECTED

Four contractors have been selected for the 2002 Meter Inspection Program. They are Ron Grauberger, Deerfield, David Rust, Garden City, Ronnie Schmidt, Copeland, and Bob Landon, Deerfield. 2000 meters are to be inspected starting June 15th and ending on September 31, 2002.

## DIRECTORS ELECTED DURING 27TH ANNUAL MEETING

5 District Director positions were voted on during the 27th Annual Meeting held on Feb. 27, 2002 at the Grant County Civic Center in Ulysses, KS. Nominations included Clay Scott and Dale Stevenson for Grant County, Jay Houtsma for Hamilton County, Peter York and Jay Garetson for Haskell County, Brant Peterson and Ed R. Parks for Stanton County, and Alan Thomas and Alan Schweitzer for the Municipal (At Large) position. Elected were: **Clay Scott for Grant Co., Jay Houtsma (incumbent) for Hamilton Co., Peter York for Haskell Co., Brant Peterson (incumbent) for Stanton Co. and Alan Schweitzer for the Municipal (At Large).** Their terms will expire in 2005.

## 2003 BUDGET DECREASE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Proposed 2003 Budget showed a decrease in revenue and expenditures. For the last couple of years the budget has been increased in order to rebuild the annual budget carryover. This was successfully achieved last year and is no longer required at this time. District goals have actually been elevated, rather than decreased simply to cut taxes. The District has undergone staffing reductions and other process changes which will enable more to be accomplished without increasing revenue.

## ELECTION OF GMD3 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

During the March 13, 2002 meeting, the GMD3 Board of Directors elected the following officers: **Brant Peterson as Pres., Kent Dunn as Vice Pres., Tom Miller as Secr., and Mike O'Brate as Treas.** Pres. Peterson made the following Committee Assignments: **Executive**—Chairman Brant Peterson, Kent Dunn, Mike O'Brate, Tom Miller; **Policy**—Chairman Kent Dunn, Clay Scott, Marlin Heger, David Light; **Finance**—Chairman Mike O'Brate, Jay Houtsma, Steve Stone, Alan Schweitzer; **Annual Meeting**—Chairman Tom Miller, Arlen Eaton, Kirk Maddux; **Research & Development**—Chairman Warren Fox, Dave Brenn, and Peter York.

## "UNAUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE" PROJECT

Field inspections for possible "Unauthorized Place of Use" were completed on Feb. 22, 2002. Of the original 153, 70 were determined not to need action at this time. Following title searches, 83 notice letters involving 81 parcels of land were sent out by certified mail on March 8, 2002. Of these, 13 were easily resolved due to errors on the state's database, water sources being determined not to be groundwater, or the owners agreed to cease irrigation. 12 responses are pending being resolved as the owners have an application currently filed that is not approved or they are currently filing the change in place of use.

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

- Chris Haas has been hired to fill the Clerk position. She has lived in Garden City for 14 years and is originally from the Hays area. She and her husband Pat have a 13 year old daughter.
- The hearing for the 2003 Budget will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 10, 2002.
- Dana Woodbury is the new Coordinator for the Ogallala Aquifer Institute (OAI), located at the Finnup Center for Conservation Education, 312 E Finnup Dr., Garden City, KS. The District's Executive Director, Hank Hansen, is on the OAI Steering Committee.
- The GMD3 Board approved contracting with Servi-Tech (Dodge City) to do water quality sampling and analysis for the District's 2002 Water Quality Monitoring Network. Approval was also given to contract with a licensed geologist on water quality issues.
- \$10,000 was pledged by the GMD3 Board in support of the K-State Dept. of Civil Engineering's grant proposal to create a Center for Research on Groundwater Based Economies.
- The District is currently seeking a full time employee to help with the clerical work and other general office duties. Letters of interest and resumes are being accepted until 04-26-02.

**UNAUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE PROJECT**

Of the 84 certified letters that were sent out on March 8, 2002, citing possible unauthorized place of use for irrigation, 10 were resolved as DWR data errors, 5 as being irrigated with waste effluent, and 5 stopped irrigating. The majority of the ones remaining are being solved with water right changes. There are only 10 parcels (9 owners) that did not respond to the certified mailing. They are currently being contacted.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude are extended to our "retiring" Directors **Floyd Frank, Donnie Young, and Wayne West**, for their years of dedicated voluntary service. Mr. Frank has served as the Haskell County representative since 2-24-93, Mr. Young has served as the Grant County representative since 2-28-96, and Mr. West has served as the Municipal (At-Large) representative since 5-8-91.

Also, the District would like to thank the following sponsors for helping make the 27th Annual Meeting a big success: **First National Bank of Elkhart, Syracuse, & Liberal; Crop Quest of Dodge City; American Irrigation of Garden City; Ford County Equipment Co. of Dodge City; Unruh-Foster Inc. of Montzuma; Dodge City Cooperative Exchange of Dodge City; Kennedy & Coe of Dodge City; T-L Irrigation Co. of Dodge City; Fidelity State Bank & Trust Co. of Dodge City; Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas of Garden City; American Implement of Garden City; Ingalls Aerial Sprayers of Ingalls; Commerce Bank of Garden City; Golden Harvest Seeds—Mike Konda of Spearville; Southwest Irrigation of Ulysses, Johnson, Hugoton, & Sublette; and Frank's Auction Service—Floyd Frank of Copeland.**