

# WATER DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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**SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (GMD3)**  
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## MEETINGS:

2ND WED. EACH MONTH

9:00 A.M. - DISTRICT OFFICE

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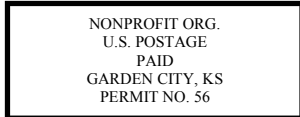
## GMD3 BYLAW CHANGE

During a special Board of Directors' meeting held just prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, the Board voted to approve Resolution 2003-2 Bylaw Change which broadens Board member position descriptions and reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District is a body politic and was incorporated on March 23, 1976 under the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-1028 Groundwater Management District Act and therefore shall have the power to: (n) adopt, amend, promulgate, and enforce by suitable action, administrative or otherwise, reasonable standards and policies relating to the conservation and management of groundwater within the district which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Groundwater Management District Act or article 7 of chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; and **WHEREAS**, Article VIII of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Bylaw Amendments states that such Bylaws may be amended or repealed, by first providing written notice to the Executive Committee at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which a relevant action will be considered and new bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting by providing written notice; and **WHEREAS**, a written notice was provided to the Executive Committee on January 8, 2003 which was 30 days prior to the February 26, 2003 meeting scheduled for the vote on the proposed changes of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management Bylaws; and **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Board of Directors to provide reasonable and adequate constituent representation; then **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by this Board of Directors of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District that the following Bylaw changes be made: **BYLAW ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS B. Membership** Three (3) director positions will be elected at-large from the 12-county area to represent the classifications of: 1. Industrial - Representative must be an owner, or an authorized agent of an industrial water right owner within the District. Stock water users may qualify as industrial users. ~~Industrial representatives must not have direct interests in other water use classifications other than domestic.~~ 2. Municipal - Representative must be an authorized agent of an incorporated municipality within the District. ~~Municipal representatives must not have direct interests in other water use classifications other than domestic.~~ **BYLAW ARTICLE V ELECTION OF DIRECTORS B. Qualifications and Eligible Voters** Nominees for county Director's positions must reside in the county to be represented., and within the District boundaries. Nominees must further meet the eligibility requirement of K.S.A. 82a-1021. Definitions., which provides:(e) "eligible voter" means any person who is a landowner or a water user as defined in this act except as hereafter qualified. Every natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or upward shall be an eligible voter of a district under this act if (1) he or she is a landowner who owns, of record, any land, or any interest in land, comprising forty (40) or more contiguous acres located within the boundaries of the district and not within the corporate limits of any municipality, or (2) he or she withdraws or uses groundwater from within the boundaries of the district in an amount of one acre-foot or more per year. **BYLAW ARTICLE VI CONDUCT / DISQUALIFICATION / REVOCATION B. Disqualification.** At its discretion, the Board of Directors may determine that a disqualification of a Director exists under the following circumstances (non-exclusive): 1) he/she ceases to maintain the conditions which qualify an individual as an eligible voter in the District, or ceases to maintain a residency status within the District and within the county to be represented, or ceases to qualify as a representative of the elected water-use classification, if representing a municipal, industrial, or dryland classification.

**SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3**

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**RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL TOPEKA RETREAT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Topeka Retreat was held on February 12, 2003 in the Hayden Office Building in Topeka, Kansas. Guests included Chief Engineer David Pope, Kansas Water Authority Chair Kent Lamb, Kansas Water Office Director Clark Duffy, Margaret Fast, Kansas Water Office, Sylvan Coles, Mark Rude, DWR Water Commissioner, Chris Wilson, Ag Resources, Kirk Heger and Larry Kepley, both of the SW KS Irrigation Association. Members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committees and members of the House Agriculture and Environment Committees were invited to attend as well as area legislators. Legislators attending included Senator Steve Morris, Representative Ward Loyd, Representative Dan Johnson, Representative Larry Powell, Representative Bill Light, Representative Mary Compton, Representative Lee Tafenelli, Senator Tim Huelskamp, and Representative Carl Holmes. Executive Director Hank Hansen gave a review of GMD3's aquifer sub-unit protocol progress. Discussion items included the 2004 Water Plan Management of Aquifer Sub-units and GMD3's program to curtail water right over-pumping.

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING IS A SUCCESS**

The Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District's (GMD3) 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on February 26, 2003 at the Ag Building in Liberal, Kansas. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. Among those were the Manager and Board Members of the North Plains Ground Water Conservation District (NPGC) from Dumas, Texas, who are considering implementing a flow meter program like ours and attended this meeting with the prospect of gathering related testimony. During the Annual Meeting, the Proposed 2004 Budget in the amount of \$1,120,042 was reviewed and accepted. A formal budget hearing will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. during the regular monthly Board meeting at the District office. Also during the Annual Meeting, five Board of Director positions were voted on. Those elected to serve on the Board include: Incumbent **Warren Fox**, Meade County, **Wayne Breeding**, Morton County (Incumbent David Light declined to run), Incumbent **Kent Dunn**, Seward County, **Shannon Crawford**, Stevens County (Incumbent Marlin Heger declined to run), and **Thomas Ford**, Industrial At-large (Incumbent Mike O'Brate declined to run as he has been appointed to serve as the Gray County representative following Thomas O. Miller's resignation from the Board on February 12, 2003). Executive Director, Hank Hansen presented an overview of the previous year's programs and accomplishments and also reported on proposed goals for 2003.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude are extended to our "retiring" Directors **Marlin Heger**, **David Light** and **Thomas Miller**, for their years of dedicated voluntary service. Mr. Heger has served as the Stevens County representative since February 24, 1993, Mr. Light has served as the Morton County representative since February 26, 1997, and Mr. Miller has served as the Gray County representative since February 25, 1998.

Also, the District would like to extend a great big special thanks to everyone who helped make our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting such a success. Please extend our sincerest thank you, gratitude and appreciation to each of the following sponsors who generously provided door prizes:

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