

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February, 9th, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The February 9th, 2017 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Kirk Heger at 11:23 a.m. The meeting was held at Ramada Convention Center in Topeka, KS.

**Directors Present (in person or by phone)**

Kirk Heger, President, Stevens County Representative  
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative  
Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative  
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative  
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative  
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative {phone}  
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative {phone}  
Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative

**Directors Absent with Notice**

Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative  
Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative  
Bret Rooney, Vice President, Haskell County Representative  
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative  
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative  
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative  
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative

**District Staff Present**

Mark Rude, Executive Director  
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager  
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator  
Chris Law, Director, Field Services

**Others in Attendance**

Diane Knowles, DWR  
Richard Rockel, Kansas Department of Agriculture

**APPROVE AGENDA**

President Heger asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Randy Hayzlett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kent Dunn seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Heger drew the attention of the Board to consider January 11th, 2017 draft minutes. Kent Dunn moved to approve the January 11th, 2017 minutes, as presented. Fred Claassen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

Mark spoke about the audit, being completed and very successful. A presentation of the audit will be provided by Lewis, Hooper and Dick at the annual meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Ulysses, KS.

President Heger next drew the attention of the Board to review the January, 2017 financial report documents.

Kent Dunn made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the months of January as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Fred Claassen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Heger signed and submitted the financial documents.

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**Committee Reports**

Treasurer, Mike O'Brate stated that the Finance Committee met and developed a draft 2018 budget. A copy of the proposed 2018 budget was handed out for review.

President Heger asked for acceptance of the 2018 draft budget and move to present at the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 annual meeting. Randy Hayzlett so moved. Fred Claassen seconded.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to take off the table.

**New Business**

There was no new business brought to the table.

**Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business**

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and activity of the advisory committee. After some discussion of the Board, Randy Hayzlett moved to accept the January 2017 financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Mike O'Brate seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement, Phase I**

Mark Rude brought to the table a project application Finney County Water User Association. The application is for Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement – Phase 1. The project will encompass removal of the existing headgates and design of a new structures. The new structures will allow for better control of the headgates and maintenance. Phase 1 will develop the final scope of the project by developing preliminary plans and site investigations of the current headgate. The estimated cost of the civil design service is \$68,500.00 from KAW Valley Engineering, Inc.

The project was presented to the Western Water Conservation Projects advisory Committee. The committee approved the project and moved to present it to the GMD3 Board for their acceptance. Hal Scheuerman moved to accept the Finney County Water User Association – Phase 1 application expenditure and submit to Kansas Water Office for their approval. Randy Hayzlett seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Extension of the Muskingum River Routing Method**

Mark bought to the table an application from the Frontier Ditch for Extension of the Muskingum River Routing Method from the Stateline to Garden City. DWR feels this is a needed and would greatly enhance the ability to administer this reach of the Arkansas River. The total estimated cost of the project is \$50,000 however the engineering cost estimate is \$21,500.00.

Discussion occurred. Mike O'Brate moved to accept the recommended funding under the application of the Frontier Ditch-Extension of the Muskingum River Routing Method and forward to Kansas Water Office for further approval. Mike McNiece seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

A quorum was lost at 12:00.

A presentation from KGS, Jim Butler and general announcements followed.

**KGS Presentation: Jim Butler.**

Jim Butler, Hydrology Section Head, KGS reviewed the average groundwater decline of 4.12 feet from 2005 through 2015 for GMD3. He spoke about the water level change and the water use relationship and the utility of that relationship to budget water use reduction to achieve reduced decline rates.

**President's Report, President Kirk Heger  
Annual Meeting**

Mark reminded everyone that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of GMD3 will be held in Ulysses, KS starting at 9am on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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**Board Member Report**

There were no Board Member Reports announced.

**Public Forum**

There was no public forum brought to the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Fred Claassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kent Dunn seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece  
GMD3 Board Secretary