

**Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee Minutes
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Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, September 17, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Office located at 2009 E. Spruce Street, Garden City, KS.

Members Present by phone or in person (*Voting):

Randy Hayzlett *	Committee Chairman and South Side Ditch Representative
Troy Dumler*	Committee Vice-Chairman and Great Eastern Representative
Stanley Hines*	Frontier Ditch Representative
Hal Scheuerman*	Amazon Ditch Representative
Mike Standley*	Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative
Shane Knoll*	Garden City Ditch Representative
Diane Knowles	KWO Planner
Kevin Salter	Interstate water engineer, KDA /DWR
Mark Rude	Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director
Patty Stapleton	Committee Recording Secretary, GMD3 Office Administrator

Others in Attendance

Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Brandon Freidman	DWR, Arkansas River Bailiff
Trevor Ahring	GMD3, Engineer
Rachel Duran	DWR / KDA, Garden City, Ks
Armando Zarco	KWO, Garden City, Ks

Absent with Notice

Agenda Approval

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. Mark clarified the Stateline Compact Measuring Flume Replacement wording to read Frontier Ditch Compact Measuring Flume Replacement. Troy Dumler moved to approve the agenda as revised. Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

Introductions were completed

Minutes Approval

Minutes of the January 24th, 2019 meeting were read. Correcting Stateline Compact Measuring Flume to Frontier Compact Measuring Flume was suggested. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Stanley Hines seconded. Minutes of the January 24th, 2019 meeting are approved.

Financial Report

Financials from January 24th, 2019 through September 13th, 2019 were reviewed. Mark Rude shared the new Commerce Bank daily sweep investment plan, noting that more interest is being earned than with the money market account. Shane Knoll moved to approve the financials as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed.

Fund Commitment Projects table update

Review of the Projected Funds worksheet was completed.

Update: Active projects approved for funding

South Side Phase II Construction.

Randy Hayzlett announced the project is getting close to being done. One more voucher should be submitted for one last gate to be delivered and installed. The gate manufacturer got several gates completed ahead of the concrete that Joe Amos Construction was completing. When the first gate was installed it didn't fit properly due to not having the extra two inches on each side of the gate. Joe Amos paid to have the gates cut down to fit properly. Randy mentioned after the gates are installed, there will be some rubble to clean up, but the project will be finished.

Roth/Garden City Company Water Technology Farm

Troy Dumler announced the 7-acre drip plot was installed, water can be controlled manually, still need electric controllers and such installed. He reminded everyone the main focus is study on water quality.

Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement

Mike Standley emphasized Attorney General letter determining the land ownership was very helpful action. Instead of using multiple coffer dams to control the river during construction they are now able to use one coffer dam and temporarily breach the old levee, and a map was handed out for review. Mike Standley noted that bid letting will begin in the next day or so and will run for approximately 3 weeks. Still in hopes to begin this winter.

Mark Rude announced GMD3 applied for and received a Bureau of Reclamation Grant. Proof of bidding process along with other criteria and guidelines have to be completed, otherwise we don't get access to the Reclamation funds. Trevor Ahring added that an environmental permitting review is needed for completion prior to start of construction.

**Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation,
Colorado JMR account request & user needs**

Mark noted that PISE (Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation) was one of the first projects approved that included consolidation of interstate documents and agreements by Spronk Water Engineers and a LIDAR data development at \$10,000. Project was proposed to Kearny and Grant County Commissioners, and they partnered, each reimbursed \$2,500.00 of county funds, resulting in total expenditure of \$16,064.91 of the approved \$100,000.00.

Mark turned the committee's attention to a memo provided entitled "GMD3 RS Committee Memorandum". GMD3 board adopted their renewable supplies committee recommendation and is requesting state funding for the needed Kansas water user needs investigation in support of current interstate discussion activities between the two states. The budget request is \$50,000.

Results of an investigation is needed for additional focused conversations on the subject to be completed within ARCA. Two technical memos 1) Interstate 2) intrastate may be needed. Results of investigation could assist both intrastate and interstate considerations.

Mark Rude will contact Dave Pope to discuss his availability to provide assistance

Applications and potential applications for consideration or follow-up

Frontier Stateline Compact Measuring Flume replacement

Kevin Salter has identified several different places a flume could be purchased; probably next step is to identify the person to install it properly. ARCA noted last year that if cost is brought to their attention the budget could probably be worked out with them.

Southside ADS funding pilot

Kevin Salter suggested, since there is 50 acre-feet in the account, it may be a good time to utilize Southside as an alternate delivery system to Farmers Ditch. Simply because if we have a dry winter and the river dries up it could be difficult to get water down to Farmers in the river.

GMD3 water transfer pipeline technical memo application

Mark hasn't moved on this since last meeting. Still need to have a conversation with S.S. Papadopoulos.

River sand buildup near Amazon / Great Eastern Headgate and return

No change.

Muskingum River Routing Model (river flow delivery tool) next step

Stay on the agenda but take "next step" off. Kansas Department of Ag would like to get where it updates with real time data. Mark added there might be a grant opportunity out there if it could be an administrative tool.

Grant opportunities

- Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects grants are currently open, from Bureau of Reclamation. Deadline is November 13th, 2019.
- Water and Energy SMART Grants are currently open for requests. This is the one used to get the Farmers Ditch lined. Not sure what the project submittal would be this year.
- Water Marketing Grant could also be available around January.

Report of Agencies

GMD3

Mark Rude noted that GMD3 submitted a total of 13 project and funding requests to Kansas Water Office and Water Authority. No response to date. Mark also added that the Draft Management Program is still in the works for approval of legality by the chief engineer.

KDA

Kevin Salter presented new elevation area-capacity table for JMR and account adjustment method of distribution of the storage gain in JMR. Currently have 50 acre-feet left in the section II account.

KWO

Armando Zarco announced that Earl Lewis is now officially the Kansas Water Office, Director (subject to Senate approval). Armando reminded everyone that the Governor's Water Conference will be held in Wichita, KS, November 7-8, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency. December 19th is the next Kansas Water Authority meeting which will be held in Salina, Ks.

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Review of action items

- Project spreadsheet updated.
- Water smart grant & other grant opportunities, including restoration of ditch laterals
- Water transfer technical memo
- Bid for replacement of farmers headgate application for phase II
- Preserve app for Southside Alternate Delivery System pilot operation
- Base Funding of Frontier Compact Flume through ARCA
- Communicating with George Austin on Muskingum Tool
- WaterSMART grant for Webdell Lake
- Complete Legislative report for 2019 and distributed to committee.
- Meeting with Dave Pope, PISE.
- Dredging sand to manage local sand elevations

Public Forum

None

Date of Next Meeting

Up to Farmers Ditch

Adjournment

Stanley Hines moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.



Recording Secretary



Committee Chairman