## Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee 2009 E. Spruce Garden City, Ks 67846 (620) 275-7147

The meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman, Randy Hayzlett on June 25th at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was held 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):

Committee Chairman and South Side Ditch Representative Randy Hayzlett \* Committee Vice-Chairman and Great Eastern Representative Ron Conway\*

Frontier Ditch Representative Steve Hines\* Garden City Ditch Representative Al Knoll \* Amazon Ditch Representative Hal Scheuerman\* Farmers Ditch Representative Tim Gillan\*

Garden City Company, Great Eastern Representative Troy Dumler

**KWO Basin Planner** Diane Coe

Interstate water engineer, DWR Kevin Salter

Kansas ARCA Representative, GMD3 Board (Surface Water) David Brenn

Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director Mark Rude

Committee Recording Secretary, GMD3 Office Administrator Patty Stapleton

GMD3 Assistant Manager Jason Norquest

#### Others in Attendance

Brandy Cole DWR Trevor Ahring GMD3 **DWR** Mike Meyer

**Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval** 

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. Steve Hines moved to approve the agenda as noted: striking #6, 2013 Kansas Ark River operations program and adding an item 9D, Study of River, West Consultants. Al Knoll seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mark Rude read the minutes from the January 7th, 2013 meeting. Corrections were completed throughout the reading. Al Knoll moved to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Ron Conway seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

**Financial Report** 

Mark Rude reported on the financials. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the financial statement from January, 2013 to June 25th, 2013. Ron Conway seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Committee Chairmanship

Discussion occurred on re-electing a non-voting chairman. This would allow Randy Hayzlett to participate in voting. After some discussion, Steve Hines moved to keep Randy Hayzlett as chairman. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Consideration to elect a new chairman at the first meeting of every year was discussed.

Tim Gillen asked about a public notice for the Arkansas River Litigation Projects meetings. Mark stated the meeting dates are noted on the GMD3 website. Additional notice will be considered.

#### **Projects Update**

**System Optimization Review** 

Trevor handed out a System Optimization Review Projects sheet. He explained that approval was granted for an extension until next September. The eight System Optimization Projects are as follows:

- 1. Restoration of natural vegetation along the Arkansas River Bank.
- 2. North Side Delivery System for the Farmers Ditch
- 3. Bear Valley Recharge Project and Flood Mitigation Project and general system recharge
- 4. Small Hydro Facilities: installing small hydro facilities along the ditch system
- 5. Conveyance from South Side Return to Farmers Ditch Headgates
- 6. Lining of Ditches Near Public Water Supplies
- 7. Amazon Flume Upgrade: evaluation of the water savings associated with building a new structure
- Pits, Pivots and Checks, etc: this study will identify areas where ditch systems can more efficiently deliver water to the field by upgrading ditch infrastructure.

After much discussion two were identified as primary projects: #1. Restoration of natural vegetation along the Arkansas River Bank and #5. Conveyance from South Side return to Farmers Ditch headgates.

# **Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation**

Study of River, West Consultants

Steve Hines shared correspondence from West Consultants, Inc. regarding possible Arkansas River Basin Study. West Consultants provided a two phase approach which will provide a more useful and useable end product while reducing the overall cost of the study.

Phase 1 consists of three tasks:

Task 1: Coordination with Arkansas River Litigation Committee during the project to ensure the final scope of work for phase two will meet the needs of the committee. This will be accomplished by coordination call between the committee and West Consultants.

Task 2: will include an exhaustive data collection effort to determine the previous studies that were done on the Arkansas River Basin in Colorado, including interviewing extensive network of professional connections. A list of data to be collected was provided along with a list of network professionals. This list can be located in the Arkansas River Litigation Minutes book (June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and may be provided upon request.

Task 3: Development of Scope of Work for Phase 2: analyzing the collected data West Consultants will work directly with the Arkansas River Litigation Committee to develop a scope of work for the second phase of the Arkansas River Basin Study. West Consultants will present the final scope to the Litigation Committee.

### Southside ADS Status

There have been no changes to Southside Alternate Delivery System.

# **Amazon Flume**

There have been no changes to Amazon Flume Project.

#### **Agency Reports**

**KWO Rules Hearing** 

Mark Rude announced that KWO Rules Hearing will be held on July 9th, 2013 at the Kansas Water Office. Revisions to rules and regulations will occur to bring them up to date. Information on the hearing can be found on the Kansas Water Office website.

BOR, KWO, GMD3 Drinking Water Supply Evaluation

Continuation of the water supply evaluation proceeds with Bureau of Reclamation, Kansas Water Office and GMD3. Ranking and evaluation of drinking water supply up stream is taking place. Afterwards a meeting with the public water suppliers will be held to review options.

Colorado Water Quality standards hearing, KDHE

Tom Styles has been the point person on TMDL's. Successful progress continues to move forward. However, interstate conversations have not taken place.

City of Lakin well field activity

Mark stated that he advised Fred with the City of Lakin that GMD3 is committed to continue water sampling.

## River Gage Funding from Ark Oil & Gas

There no reports to announce.

### **Project Funding Request**

#### Southside Phase II

Randy Hayzlett stated that Southside would like proceed with Phase II of the project. No new application should be needed as it was in the original application.

#### **Amazon Flume Reconstruction**

Mark stated that the grant was not approved. Hal advised will proceed into the next year and review again.

**Ark Channel Efficiency Improvements** 

Mark stated the same procedure will occur with the Ark Channel Efficiency Improvements as with Amazon Flume Reconstruction.

#### **Future Meeting**

A future meeting may be called the last part of July to mid-August.

Adjournment

Hal Scheuerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Ron Conway seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Recording Secretary

Committee Chairman