

Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 9th, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The February Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Clay Scott at 9:10a.m. The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th Ave, Topeka, KS, Alcove 1 and 2.

Directors Present in person or by phone

Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Dave Brenn, Surface Water Representative
Clay Scott, President, Grant County Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Warren Fox, Meade County Representative
Nathan Kells, Haskell County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative (present by phone)

Directors Absent with Notice

Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative
Kent Dunn, Vice President, Seward County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Mike McNiece, Industrial Representative
Meghan Houtsma, Secretary, Hamilton County Representative
Tom Bogner, Ford County Representative
Wayne Breeding, Morton County Representative

District Staff Present

Mark Rude, Executive Director
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator
Chris Law, Resource Technician

Others in Attendance

Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey
Diane Coe, Kansas Water Office
Jan King, GMD1 Manager
Greg Graff, GMD1 Board President
Tim Boese, GMD2 Manager
Steve Frost, KDA / Division of Conservation
Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office
Tom Stiles, Kansas Department of Health & Environment
Susan Stover, Kansas Water Office
Greg Foley, Kansas Department of Agriculture
Mike Tate, Interim Director, Bureau of Water, KDHE

APPROVE AGENDA

President Scott asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Kirk Heger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike O'Brate seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Scott drew the attention of the Board to consider the January, 2012 draft minutes. Steve Stone made a motion to approve the January 2012 Board Meeting minutes as stated. Dave Brenn seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

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President Scott next drew the attention of the Board to review the January financial report documents. Dave Brenn made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of January, as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Kirk Heger seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Scott signed and submitted the financial documents.

Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business
Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude turned the board's attention to the payment vouchers that were included in the board book. No action was taken by the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the loss of a quorum the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Presentations and discussions continued and were received from the state agency and program directors present. No action was taken. Notes are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meghan Houtsma".

Meghan Houtsma

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Guest Speakers provided additional information throughout the morning.

Dale Rodman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture

Secretary of Ag, Dale Rodman stated he accepted the Secretary Job to help the Governor move Kansas Agriculture forward. Kansas Agriculture is the number one industry of Kansas. Secretary Rodman outlined his three main philosophies.

- 1) Thank the business owners in Kansas and help them succeed.
- 2) If you are a business owner in Kansas with the desire to grow, Secretary Rodman will help you grow to the best of his ability.
- 3) Build more agri-business in Kansas.

Data, Information and Knowledge are the three things businesses survive on.

Secretary Rodman also touched on a pilot program that the State of Utah is looking into. The pilot program will work with illegal aliens that have been in the United States for more than 5 years. The illegal aliens would report to homeland security which then would place employers and illegal immigrants in a state-organized network.

Steve Frost, KDA/Division of Conservation

Steve Frost with the Kansas Department of Agriculture / Division of Conservation announced that three water bills were passed earlier in the morning.

1. Use it or lose it
2. Amending multi-year flex account program
3. Amending the Groundwater Management Act to allow Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMA)

WTAP was also a discussion with House Ag, but at the end a unanimous vote occurred. Mr. Frost stressed and encouraged CREP, (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program). There are 7,000 acres left for enrollment availability. CREP started out being a 5 year program, however as long as there is capacity open enrollment continues.

Rex Buchanan, Interim Director, Kansas Geological Survey

Kansas Geological Survey, Interim Director, Rex Buchanan spoke to the crowd on Hydraulic Fracking which has been a topic of deep conversation for a couple of years. In 1947 Grant County was the first to have Hydraulic Fracking. Some concerns people have with fracking is

1. Groundwater Contamination from the fluids used for fracking.
2. Producing contaminated water
3. Seismic activity could be induced.

Mr. Buchanan announced that a bill is in the works to disclose what the fracking fluid is comprised of. Additional information will be announced in the future.

Mike Tate, KDHE, Interim Director, Bureau of Water

Mr. Tate introduced himself. He has been with KDHE for 25 years. In the past Mike has been primarily involved with the waste water. Permitting of public water, sewage, and wastewater treatment systems aids in providing safe groundwater. Tom Stiles with KDHE added that selenium has been an issue since 2006. High nitrates have also been found in Western Kansas.

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Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office

Kansas Water Office Director, Tracy Streeter spoke briefly on a pipeline that Black and Veatch is working on. Black and Veatch is an engineering firm out of Missouri. The proposed pipeline would take excess high flow water from the Missouri River and send the water west down I70. Doing this pipeline would take some stress off of the Colorado River. The pipeline would be 12 foot in diameter with a flow of 1200cfs during high flow. Mr. Streeter stated there are several hurdles to go through but the project is not out of reach.