# Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The March Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Clay Scott at 1:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. 4 Rock Island Rd, Liberal, KS, following the Annual Meeting.

## **Directors Present**

Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Douglas Fox, Meade County Representative
Kent Dunn, Vice President, Seward County Representative
Dave Brenn, Surface Water Representative
Clay Scott, President, Grant County Representative
Wayne Breeding, Morton County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Mike McNiece, Industrial Representative
Nathan Kells, Haskell County Representative
Meghan Houtsma, Secretary, Hamilton County Representative

## **Directors Absent with Notice**

Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative Tom Bogner, Ford County Representative Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative

## **District Staff Present**

Mark Rude, Executive Director Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator Chris Law, Resource Technician Trevor Ahring, EIT / GIS Brandi Sneath, Office Assistant

## Others in Attendance

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, Ks Brownie Wilson, KGS David Newell, KGS Earl Lewis, KGS

## APPROVE AGENDA

President Scott asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Steve Stone made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wayne Breeding 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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 draft minutes. Wayne Breeding made a motion to approve the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Board Meeting minutes as stated. Hal Scheuerman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Scott next drew the attention of the Board to review the February, 2012 financial report documents. Kent Dunn made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of February, 2012 as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Mike McNiece seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Scott signed and submitted the financial documents.

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## President's Report, President Clay Scott

## GMD3 Model Completion, revised scenario 3, Brownie Wilson, KGS

Brownie Wilson with Kansas Geological Survey provided a presentation on "Modeling the High Plains Aquifer in Southwest Kansas GMD3." He reviewed slides explaining the modeling project. Mr. Wilson discussed what if scenarios characterizing the hydrological system and water availability in the High-Plains aquifer, including stream-aquifer interactions for the major streams. Throughout the scenarios they concluded that aggressive reallocation results impacted the aquifer storage for individual counties than for the entire district.

Mr. Wilson offered the floor for questions. After some discussion, Brownie advised that more information can be found on the Kansas Geological Survey website or the GMD3 website.

## Directions in Ogallala Committee Discussion, Earl Lewis

Earl Lewis from Kansas Geological Survey spoke about the directions in the Ogallala Committee discussion. What are other States doing? Should there be more penalties for overpumping? How will LEMA's work in each GMD? The next meeting will be held in Garden City, KS on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

## Board Review; File No. 14 234, Gale Frank,

Jason Norquest provided an overview of the proposed change for Gale Frank, File No. 14,234. The proposed change is to relocate a well to a better production area and reallocate quantity between the two authorized wells. This move would be over 5000 foot change. A previous application was submitted and approved to be redrilled; it did not meet minimum spacing but did improve it by 108' to File Numbers, 3287 & 27094. Mr. Frank is currently requesting to increase authorization to 460 feet. After much discussion President Scott recommended Staff and Mr. Frank to gather more information and present it at the April meeting. The Board of Director's were in agreement.

## Board Review; File No. 14 688, Troy Jantz

Executive Director, Mark Rude stated that Mr. Jantz was unable to attend the GMD3 meeting. Jason Norquest advised the board on the details of the change application. Mr. Jantz has two wells under the same water right, 14688. He is requesting to move one well down to his other well. This move would be 3231 foot, which does not meet the 2640 ft move. The only well within a half mile is his well. President Scott recommended tabling this review until April. Discussion with the State, Staff and those involved will be held between now and then.

## Water Commissioner Report, Mike Meyer

Mr. Mike Meyer had no reports.

## **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports to announce.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discus.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to be brought up for discussion.

## **Executive Director Report**

Management Activities of the District, Mark Rude

Executive Director Mark Rude had no report.

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## **Officer Elections**

Wayne Breeding moved to nominate <u>Kent Dunn as Board President</u>. Meghan Houtsma seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mike McNiece moved to nominate <u>Nathan Kells as Board Vice President</u>. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Hal Scheureman moved that the nominations cease, leaving <u>Secretary as Meghan Houtsma</u> and <u>Treasurer, Mike O'Brate</u>. Seth Nelson seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

President Scott handed the gavel over to newly elected Kent Dunn for the remainder of the meeting.

## Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

## 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 much discussion of the Board, Nathan Kells moved to accept the financial report and payments and submit them for annual audit. Dave Brenn seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

#### Vouchers

Vouchers for the Western Water Conservation Projects were reviewed. No action was needed. Hal Scheuerman passed around pictures of the Amazon Headgates.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Board members had no reports to announce.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was discussed. .

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Clay Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Breeding seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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