

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 5th, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The February 5th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Dunn at 9:04 a.m. The meeting was held in Topeka, Kansas at the Ramada Inn, 420 SE 6th St. Alcove 5 & 6.

Directors Present

Kent Dunn, President, Seward County Representative
Kirk Heger, Vice President, Stevens County Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Wayne Breeding, Morton County Representative
Vacant, Hamilton County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative
Bret Rooney, Haskell County Representative

District Staff Present

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

Others in Attendance

Brownie Wilson, KGS
Tracy Streeter, KWO
Mike Tate, KDHE
Tom Styles, KDHE
Burk Griggs, KS AG's office
Greg Graff, KWA

APPROVE AGENDA

President Dunn asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Clay Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike McNiece seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Dunn drew the attention of the Board to consider January 14th, 2015 draft minutes. Hal Scheuerman made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Mike O'Brate seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn next drew the attention of the Board to review the January 2015 financial report documents. Randy Hayzlett 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 Dunn signed and submitted the financial documents.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Review of 2014 Audit from Lewis, Hooper and Dick

Mark Rude advised the Director's that the 2014 Audit had been conducted by Lewis, Hooper and Dick and a copy for their review had been handed out. The audit went well; two issues had been brought up for correction:

1. Signature area on voided checks needs to be cut off.
2. Bank Signature Cards need to be update

After review and discussion of the audit, Hal Scheuerman moved to accept Lewis, Hooper and Dick's 2014 audit and take to the annual meeting. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed 2016 General Fund Budget

The Finance Committee met on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 to complete the 2016 proposed budget. A general fund summary was handed out for all to review. Discussion was held on the Assessment total for Budget Plus Carry-Over column: should it be the total assessments that will be collected for the 2015 year (\$620,303.96) or the assessment amount of \$694,558.00 that was figured using the changed water assessment of .12 cents, which won't be received from the counties until the year 2016.

Steve Stone moved to accept the 2016 budget with clarification from the auditors on which assessment total should be used. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mark Rude brought up for discussion the continuing contract with Sean Miller, Lobbyist for Capital Strategies. Clay Scott moved to continue the contract with Sean Miller. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

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Old Business

There was no old business brought to 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 financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

*****At 9:55 Quorum was lost due to Mike O'Brate and Kirk Heger leaving the Board meeting to visit with Governor Sam Brownback at the Capitol Building*****

President's Report, President Kent Dunn

KDHE Activities in SW Kansas

Mark introduced Mike Tate and Tom Styles with Kansas Department of Health and Environment. A handout was given to all in attendance. Maps demonstrating sediment and nutrient impairments along with Kansas TMDL Vision Strategy summary were handed out to all those present. Tom Styles talked to the group about dealings with Colorado and the quality issues on the upper Ark.

KGS Water Levels

Brownie Wilson with the Kansas Geological Survey was in attendance to talk about the current water levels and precipitation levels for 2014. The precipitation for Kansas was dry for March, April and May, lots of precipitation for June with less moisture for July through August.

He will provide further details at the 2015 annual meeting.

Mark Rude introduce Burk Griggs with the AG's Office. Mr. Griggs was in attendance at a meeting that was held last week in Topeka. Mark asked Burk "supporting the Garden City Company (as a Colorado Corporation doing business in Kansas) has filed in Colorado Court. They had presented a request for reimbursement to the Arkansas River Advisory Committee. The Arkansas River Advisory Committee sent it to GMD3 board of directors for discussion. Burk stated that this topic was on the agenda at last week's meeting however due to time was never discussed. He suggested setting up another meeting and discussion will be held at that time.

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Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Mark stated that RCPP will be discussed at a meeting this next Monday in Salina, KS.

Southwest Irrigators 24th Annual Meeting will be held in Ulysses, KS, February 24th, 2015.

GMD3 will hold their annual meeting in Liberal, KS on March 11th, 2015. Nominations for the directors are due by February 9th, 2015. A voter registration list will be taken to the meeting for verification.

Clay Scott stated that the breakout sessions along with the handouts for that area were very helpful. It allowed a more detailed conversation to take place.

Clay Scott called for a break for twenty minutes.

Kent Dunn called the meeting back to order at 11:30. Mark Rude announced that communication with Lewis, Hooper and Dick had occurred over break and they stated to leave the assessment total as is. He also stated that February 9th, 2015 is the deadline for Board Nominations.

Kansas Water Office Update

Tracy Streeter with the Kansas Water Office spoke to those in attendance about the Goal Sitting Teams. Originally they had planned on a 5 member goal sitting team. But with so many good applicants they increased it to 9 on a team, with one team having 11. The goals should be from the goal sitting team area, not from the State or any agencies. The teams should meet between now and the end of May, then the committees will be done. If any goals are implemented they will be placed in the 50 Year Vision.

Board Member Report

There were no board member reports announced.

Public Forum

There was no public forum brought to the table.

ADJOURNMENT

Randy Hayzlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Clay Scott seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary