

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The March 11th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Dunn at 12:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the Activity Center, Liberal, KS.

**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  
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative  
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative  
Douglas Fox, Meade County Representative  
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative  
Bret Rooney, Haskell County Representative

**Directors Absent with Notice**

Vacant, Morton County Representative  
Vacant, Hamilton County Representative  
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative  
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative  
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative  
Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative

**District Staff Present**

Mark Rude, Executive Director  
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager  
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator

**Others in Attendance**

Lane Letourneau, KDA/DWR  
Tracy Streater, Director of Kansas Water Office  
Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, DWR Garden City Field Office  
Thomas Makens, DWR, Garden City Field Office  
Paul Pistorius, DWR, Garden City Field Office  
Greg Graff, GMD1 Board Member  
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Board Candidate

**APPROVE AGENDA**

President Dunn asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Mike McNiece made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Randy Hayzlett 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 February 5th, 2015 draft minutes. Steve Stone made a motion to approve the February 5th, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Seth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn next drew the attention of the Board to review the February 2015 financial report documents. Bret Rooney made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payment for the month of February as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Mike O'Brate seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

President Dunn signed and submitted the financial documents.

**President's Report, President Kent Dunn**

**Annual Meeting**

President Dunn stated the annual meeting went well. Good information was provided and wished more members could be in attendance.

**Election of Board Officers**

President Dunn passed the gavel temporarily over to Executive Director Mark Rude to open the floor up for nominations of Board President

Mr. Rude asked for nominations. Randy Hayzlett moved to nominate Kent Dunn as Board President for another year. Doug Fox seconded. Bret Rooney moved to cease nominations for Board President and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Dunn. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed, announcing Kent Dunn as Board President. The gavel was passed to President Dunn to receive nominations for the other three officer positions of the board.

**Vice President:** Doug Fox moved to nominate Kirk Heger as Vice President. Mike O'Brate seconded. Bret Rooney moved to cease nominations for Board Vice President and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Heger. Doug Fox seconded. Motion passed, announcing Kirk Heger as Board Vice President.

**Secretary:** Randy Hayzlett moved to nominate Mike McNiece as Board Secretary. Seth Nelson seconded. Bret Rooney moved to cease nominations for Board Secretary and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. McNiece. Doug Fox seconded. Motion passed, announcing Mike McNiece as Board Secretary.

**Treasurer:** Doug Fox moved to nominate Mike O'Brate as Board Treasurer. Bret Rooney seconded. Seth Nelson moved to cease nominations for Board Treasurer and cast a unanimous vote for Mr. O'Brate. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed, announcing Mike O'Brate as Board Treasurer.

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**Board Committee Assignments**

Board Committee Assignments will be discussed in the April meeting.

**Appointment of Hamilton County Representative**

Kent Dunn introduced Zachary Gale, Hamilton County prospective representative. Jay Houtsma was announced also as a candidate for Hamilton County Representative. Zachary introduced himself and stated he is the operations manager for Frontier Dairy & EX Farms and he lives in Hamilton County.

Mark stated he had exchanged texts for a call with Jay Houtsma but had been unsuccessful in having a conversation as Jay had been traveling. Jay's Dairy was one of the water users that had flow meter confiscated by an ongoing investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Mark could not get any official information as to what issues that activity entailed.

After some discussion regarding the two applicants, Kirk Heger moved to accept and appoint Zach Gale as the Hamilton County Representative. Doug Fox seconded. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Kent Dunn acknowledged that Wayne Breeding stepped down from re-running as the Morton County Representative. President Dunn would like to show appreciation for Mr. Breeding's time on the board and leadership. A plaque will be presented to Mr. Breeding at a later meeting.

**Executive Director Report, Mark Rude**

**NRCS Notice of Grant and Agreement: RCPP**

Mark stated he is working on getting a copy of the NRCS Notice of Grant and Agreement for RCPP. Approval of contract language is working its way through the Washington NRCS office and more information on a contract is expected at a later date.

**NWRA Federal Affairs Conference, Washington D.C.**

Executive Director Mark Rude asked for travel approval for him and a couple of Board of Directors to attend the NWRA Federal Affairs Conference in Washington D.C. to address federal issues with the Kansas delegation on the Hill and with NWRA members in other western states. The date for the conference is April 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Mike O'Brate moved to approve travel and room for Mark Rude and other Board of Directors attending. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**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, Kirk Heger moved to accept the February financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Bret Rooney seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

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**Public Forum**

No public Forum was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Zachary Gale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bret Rooney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece  
GMD3 Board Secretary