

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 8th, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The April 8th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Dunn at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District NO. 3.

Directors Present

Kent Dunn, President, Seward County Representative
Kirk Heger, Vice President, Stevens County Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Bret Rooney, Haskell County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative
Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative
Vacant, Morton County Representative

District Staff Present

Mark Rude, Executive Director
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator
Chris Law, Director, Field Services
Trevor Ahring, Engineer
Brandi Sneath, Office Assistant

Others in Attendance

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, KS
Jon Aquilar, KSU
Fred Classen, Morton County
Victor Ball, Producer
Greg Hands, Producer
Jane Einsel Clark, Producer
Wayne Hands

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APPROVE AGENDA

President Dunn asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Randy Hayzlett made a motion to approve the agenda with the switch of B & C under Presidents Report. Mike O'Brate seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Dunn drew the attention of the Board to consider March 11th, 2015 draft minutes. Bret Rooney made a motion to approve the March 11th, 2015 Board Meeting minutes. Clay Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn next drew the attention of the Board to review the March 2015 financial report documents. Hal Scheuerman made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of March as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Clay Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Kent Dunn

Water Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Mike Meyer

Water Commissioner, Mike Meyer reported that business is as usual. He stated that measurements of water levels in the alluvial wells that occur several times during the year are being completed now.

A question was asked if there was a new hire in the Garden City DWR Office. Mike replied that Paul Pistorius was the new hire. He took over the position previously held by Chuck Schmidt. Mr. Pistorius is fresh out of college with a geology degree.

Chemigation Check Valve Regulation

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to K.A.R 5-6-13a Check Valve Specifications. He added this is a subject that the board hasn't touched on for a while. In general, an acceptable check valve shall be one that is automatic, quick closing and seals tightly to prevent the back flow of water and the added substances mixed with water to backflow into the source of water supply. There are four components a check valve shall include: 1) A low pressure drain 2) a vacuum relief device 3) an inspection port 4) the check valve itself. A partial list of approved check valves was handed out along with wording of K.A.R. 5-6-13a.

Board Committee Assignments & Committee Activity

President Dunn asked the directors to review the draft committee assignments that were included in the board packet. If any changes need to be completed notify President Dunn as soon as possible. A final copy of assignments and director contact information will be available next month.

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Board Review, Change in PD, File 10,341: Greg Hands, Domestic Well Concern

Greg Hands, Victor Ball, Wayne Hands and Jane Einsel Clark were all in attendance for comments and questions. Jason Norquest stated that water right 10341 is proposing to change point of diversion. The proposed move meets all spacing requirements in the rules, including domestic. However, concerns about quantity and quality were raised. The proposed irrigation well would be roughly 1200 feet from the domestic well owned by a plaintiff who raised concern.

Comments were heard from the audience along with director discussion. Clay Scott moved to recommend approval of proposed well relocation. Kirk Heger seconded. In discussion, it was stated that from the well logs it appears the house well is the stronger well. A suggestion was made to have board of directors look at spacing of domestic wells to irrigations wells in the rules for any needed revisions. Motion passed with all in favor.

Cimarron & Upper Ark Regional Goal Leadership Team Process

Mike O'Brate reported on the Upper Ark Regional Goal Leadership Team update. He stated that a well-attended public meeting was held last Thursday (April 2nd, 2015). At this time the team is planning one more meeting before the deadline. LEMA's are probably the only answer, including GMD local control and producer flexibility. Cuts were discussed, but quickly shot down.

Kirk Heger reported on the Cimarron Regional Goal Leadership process. He stated the consensus of the team was to make the best use out of technology.

Management Program & Rules Update Initiative

GMD Board of Directors and staff will work with the focus groups and membership to find out if there were issues not addressed that are desired and consider pursuing added process with public meetings similarly facilitated by K-State and report back to board.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports to announce.

Old Business

Discussion was brought to the table regarding the test stand. Mark Rude will find out cost to get corner lot purchased. He will also contact the Garden City Community College along with Teeter Irrigation for possible use of equipment.

New Business

There was no new business brought to the table.

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Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Appointment Process of Morton County Board Representative

Mark stated that a newspaper ad has been published in the local paper soliciting for a Morton County Board Representative Candidate. The published time to receive a letter of interest was two weeks.

Legislative Report, Federal & State

SB 156 state line gaging bill-passed carrying the WCA Language and expands an existing fee fund to allow for groundwater gages along the Colorado State Line.

Mark stated that while in Washington D.C. a brief meeting was held with Federal NRCS.

Technology Contracts & Tool Development with other GMD's

Mark Rude discussed the Nex-Tech computer services contract that will up for renewal the end of May, 2015. Quotes will be completed with possibly all staff with desktops and iPads for some staff, board of directors and field employees.

Also, the KDA/DWR is working with Burns & McDonald to develop a mobile water right access and data base system; while the GMD's are looking to BeeHive and other providers for a similar tool plus paperless data collection and reporting. The Five Kansas GMD's have considered proceeding with BeeHive without State commitment given delays in their tool development and need for improved data management and efficiency.

Water Transfer Project Strategies

Mark stated that he spoke to the Lions Club on Tuesday, April 7th, 2015. He provided handouts on the water transfer project and described some strategies for moving forward.

Calendar of Events & Conferences

Mark Rude asked for travel and room approval for those staff and directors attending the GMDA Conference in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Conference will focus on interstate groundwater compact issues and member district activities. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve room and travel for directors and staff attending the GMDA Conference in Idaho. Doug Fox seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mark Rude also brought to the director's attention that the GMDA Conference is held the same week as GMD3 Regular Board Meeting date. After some discussion the consensus of the group was to change the June Board of Directors Meeting from the 10th to the 3rd. A notice will be published regarding the date change and posted on website.

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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 March financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Bret Rooney seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

April 20th at 1pm the Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at the GMD3 Board Room that will be attended by top state water officials. The meeting should be well attended due to some agenda items. The State had submitted an application for funding up to \$75,000 on a special well study.

Board Member Report

There were no board member reports stated.

Public Forum

Jonathon Aquilar, irrigation engineer with KSU spoke to those in attendance of an NRCS Grant project assessing different tillage benefits for water management and conducting soil moisture sensor work. Four fields each with 3 acres in four different counties are being established.

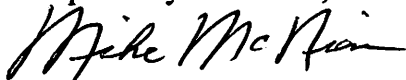
Kansas Water Institute has identified three clusters located in Stanton, Grant and Haskell Counties.

Fred Classen, who attended the meeting as an interested Morton County candidate for the board, thanked the directors and staff for allow him to sit in on the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Zachary Gale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bret Rooney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary