

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 8th, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The June 8th, 2016 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Kirk Heger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District NO. 3.

Directors Present

Kirk Heger, President, Stevens County Representative
Bret Rooney, Vice President, Haskell 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
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton 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
Scott Olney, Intern

Others in Attendance

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, KS
Armondo Zarco, Garden City KDA/DWR
Jon Aquilar, KSU Research
Fred Jones, City of Garden City, KS

APPROVE AGENDA

President Heger asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Clay Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike O’Brate “asked if a vote needs to be taken to increase assessments.” Mark replied “That the consensus was made to take two cent increase to July budget hearing with the increase incorporated into the budget.” Hal Scheuerman seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Heger drew the attention of the Board to consider May 11th, 2016 draft minutes.

Kent Dunn moved to approve the May 11th, 2016 minutes. Bret Rooney seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Heger next drew the attention of the Board to review the May, 2016 financial report documents. Clay Scott 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. Doug Fox seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Heger signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Kirk Heger

Water Commissioner's Report, Mike Meyer

Water Commissioner Mike Meyer stated working on pilot projects for stockwater facilities. Four facilities in the GMD3 area will be up for review hopefully at the July meeting. Called for water from John Martin Reservoir yesterday (June 7th, 2016), 650CFS should be in area by Friday. All ditches, except Garden City Ditch have requested a share of the water.

Board Review, File No. 452 & 21,814 McClure

Mike Sherwood was present for the review. Jason noted the application was filed March 10th, 2016. No new well is being drilled. They are proposing to flip authority on file 452 and 21,814, flip flopping quantity will allow the most quantity on the best well. Spacing is met to neighboring wells. However, file 452 and 21,814 do not meet the required spacing of 2,100 feet. Spacing between these two wells is at 1,377 feet. A total of 604 acres are watered, 2 circles are 126 acres and one is 135, a windshield wiped field is between 60 and 70 acres.

Kent Dunn moved to recommend approval of the waiver, Zachary Gale seconded. Motion passed 7 in favor to 5 oppose (Randy Hayzlett, Doug Fox, Clay Scott, Mike O'Brate and Steve Stone).

Board Review, File No. 39,161, Harshburger

Due to unforeseen circumstances Gary Harshburger he was unable to attend today's meeting. This is a review request by the applicant, Mr. Harshburger. His proposal is to re-drill well 370' from current location. In doing so this will get the well outside of pivot and closer to road and utilities. No response from neighboring wells. Mike Meyer noted this is a supply concern monitoring area and has been for approximately two years. The immediate concern area is a mile straight south.

Mike O'Brate moved to recommend waiver of spacing. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

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Board Review, T K& O LLC (Tom Willis)

Through a power point presentation Mark provided Water Office information on how technology farms are gaining momentum by:

- Providing for public/private partnerships,
- Local, state and federal contributions are possible (Kansas Water Office has devoted funding to this effort)
- KSU and Crop Consultants are playing major roles,
- WCAS or LEMAs are recommended to provide structure for water conservation goals,
- Education and outreach component
- Goal is to have at least one technology farms in each of the Western Planning Regions.

Water Conservation Area highlights:

- Total current authority base right is 2,268 acre feet.
- Ten year average (2003-2012) = 1,511AF (which the whole farm will be held to each year of WCA) watering 1,274 acres.
- WCA to cover 3 years (2016-2018)
- Individual wells cannot exceed current annual authority without first filing for Term Permits. New Term Permits or changes to WCA should go through new review.

It was asked: What happens if 1511AF exceeded? Answer: Loss of WCA agreement. This will be an order and State can issue penalties for a voluntary program.

Mark proposed a resolution that stated GMD3 supports and encourages voluntary water conservation measures by any water right owner or a group of water right owners to conserve and extend the usable water supply with in the District. Waiving of spacing distance moved under the aquifer management program for the proposed term permits to implement flexibility between the two wells for the three year term of the WCA and facilitate the demonstration purposes of the water technology farm project.

Clay, let's look at this for the 3 years and then reevaluate and maybe look at actual conservation in the plan.

Clay Scott moved to support adoption of Resolution 2016-3. Adopting this resolution covers spacing waiver and WCA for T & O LLC. Alan Schweitzer seconded. Motion passed. Mike O'Brate abstained.

Management Program Revision Highlights

Management Program is still a work in progress.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports to announce.

Old Business

There was no old business to bring to the table.

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New Business

Mark Rude brought to the table bids on a new copier. Key Office and Office Solutions were the two business contacted for a quote. Discussion was held. Mike O'Brate moved to proceed with the purchase of \$6,990.00 along with service agreement from Office Solutions. Randy Hayzlett seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Executive Director Report, Mark Rude
Notice of GMD3 Budget Hearing in July

Mark Rude reminded the directors' that the annual Budget Hearing is set for next month. He questioned the directors if the budget hearing notice needs to be revised to include the 2017 proposed budget. He stated other entities include their proposed budget with the hearing notice, however, no other GMD does. Consensus was to proceed with notice as we have in the past.

US Army Corps Application

Mark provided a power point presentation on WRRDA 2014 Section 7001.

- ✓ Identifies proposals for new study authorizations, new project authorizations, and modifications to existing project or feasibility study authorities
- ✓ Based, in part, on annual requests from non-Federal interests
- ✓ Secretary certifies proposals meet five WRRDA criteria
- ✓ Proposals that don't meet criteria are included in an appendix

Criteria for inclusion in the report established by congress are reports, requires specific congressional authorization, cannot have been previously congressionally authorized, have not been included in the main table of a previous annual report and if authorized could be carried out by USACE.

Renewable Supply Committee will meet and discuss further then report back to the Board of Directors.

Do we (GMD3) want an August submittal for assistance on a water transfer project? Consensus of the board was to proceed with a submittal to the Army Corps for a feasibility study. If formality requires expenditures needed, then we will solicit bids.

Filming, Communications-GMD3 CIG

Scott Olney,

GMD3 has a new YouTube channel titled Southwest Kansas Groundwater. Videos that Scott Olney produces throughout his internship will be posted. A video that Scott created interviewing Board of Director, Clay Scott was presented to all those attendance.

Water Authority Meeting, Oakley, KS, May 18th-19th, Buffalo Bill Cultural Center

Mark noted the Water Authority Meeting was held in Oakley Kansas May 18th and 19th and was informative, collaborative and well attended.

Kansas GMD's Software Development Service

Collaboration on mobile WRIS occurred with GMD5/Orin Feril. A few glitches are still present with mobile WRIS. However, GIS Workshop is a service provider that works with NRS in Nebraska that has a program available for consideration by the Kansas GMD's.

Alan Schweitzer asked if a 3D cd tool is available. Mark responded the data is there however the horsepower to run 3D imagery may not be there as a general program tool.

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Kansas Natural Resources Legislative Tour (KGS) June 22nd and 23rd

Mark announced the Kansas Natural Resources Legislative tour scheduled for June 22nd and 23 maybe postponed due to special legislative session.

GMDA Summer Conference, Yakima, Washington, June 29th thru July 1st.

Mark reminded the directors that GMDA Summer Conference will be held in Yakima, Washington, June 29th through July 1st, 2016.

Water Congress Summer Meeting, Wichita State University, July 26th and 27th

Mark also announced that the Water Congress Summer Meeting will be held at the Wichita State University, July 26th and 27th.

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, Bret Rooney moved to accept the May financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Fred Claassen seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Project Updates

1.4 Million dollars is budgeted for the South Side Phase II Project.

Ark River Tour

Mark asked the directors what would be a good date / time to schedule a tour of the projects.

Mike McNiece suggested to combine it with a board meeting, and suggested after the July 13th board meeting. Mark stated he will work on transportation details and let everyone know.

Board Member Report

Clay noted the video was good considering the talent (Clay Scott) Scott Olney had to work with. Good for the public to view, tells story well with drops of water.

Public Forum

Johnathon Aguilar announced there are other Technology farms still in works, aerial images of the bubbler, wobbler and I-wap irrigation nozzles are very interesting.

Blue Ribbon Task Force Report: penny per thousand / 3.26 per acre foot. Discussion was lively from Kansas water authority. Mark noted worse time than ever to propose more tax. Dr. Taylor laid out data that illustrated 3 year profitability has tanked. The Blue Ribbon Task Force will continue to meet however, nothing is schedule as of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Claassen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Schweitzer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12: 25p m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike McNiece

GMD3 Board Secretary