

Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee
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Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Tuesday, February 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Office located at 2009 E. Spruce Street, Garden City, KS.

Members Present by phone or in person (*Voting):

Randy Hayzlett *	Committee Chairman and South Side Ditch Representative
Troy Dumler*	Committee Vice-Chairman and Great Eastern Representative
Steve Hines*	Frontier Ditch Representative
Hal Scheuerman*	Amazon Ditch Representative (left meeting at approx. 10 am)
David Becker*	Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative
Diane Knowles	KWO Planner
Shane Knoll*	Garden City Ditch Representative
Kevin Salter	Interstate water engineer, KDA /DWR
Mark Rude	Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director
Patty Stapleton	Committee Recording Secretary, GMD3 Office Administrator

Others in Attendance

Trevor Ahring	GMD3 Engineer
Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Chris Beightel (by phone)	Water Management Services Manager, KDA/DWR
Brandy Cole	DWR

Absent

Mike Meyer	Water Commissioner, KDA/DWR
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Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. Discussion was held to add 3C under General Financial Report: Spreadsheet of remaining funds. Steve Hines moved to approve the agenda as revised. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

December 19th, 2016 Minutes Review

Mark Rude read the minutes from the December 19th, 2016 meeting. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the December 19th, 2016 minutes as corrected. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

Financial Report

Mark Rude reported on the financials from January 1, 2017 to February 21, 2017. Steve Hines moved to approve the financials as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Annual Legislative Report

Mark Rude provided the 2017 Legislative Report to the House Water and Environment Committee with Chairman Sloan. There was discussion of this Report and its reception with the House Committee.

Some discussion occurred related to other current legislative issues, including Blue Ribbon Task Force considerations of funding mechanisms and the need to secure funding of the Water Authority requested study by Pope, Rolfs, Peck, & Griggs of interstate water issues raised in SSub HB2059 last session.

UPDATE of remaining funds

Hal Scheuerman stressed the importance of a list of active projects and concept projects received at this time to track approved expenses and remaining funds for additional projects. Mark Rude reviewed a spreadsheet that Patty Stapleton had provided him. A detailed spreadsheet including past, current and concept / proposed projects should be available for the next meeting to see where fund commitments and projections stand.

UPDATE: Active Projects approved for Funding

Amazon Flume

Hal Scheuerman announced the project is completed.

South Side Phase II Construction

Randy Hayzlett reviewed the work on the South Side Phase II project accompanied by a slide presentation of construction photos. The concrete work is complete for now and will begin again next fall. Slide gates are ordered. Mr. Hayzlett noted South Side has been putting time and money into this project. He will present voucher and bill to reimburse South Side for their costs.

DWR LAWMA Decree Operations Study

Kevin Salter stated they are still looking at the LAWMA replacement portfolio, comparing the replacement supplies to their projected depletions. Mark handed out a copy of an email regarding the last submitted payment voucher for the LAWMA project. The invoice covered reimbursement for professional engineering consulting services provided by Dale Book of Spronk Water Engineers for the period October through December 2016. Chris Beightel stated that at this point the project is over budget by \$18,000 and requesting an approval of \$20,000 additional funds.

Randy Hayzlett asked what the committees' desire is to provide additional funding for the LAWMA project. Steve Hines moved to authorize \$20,000 and to see where we are at when the project is completed. After much discussion from the committee, Steve Hines modified his motion to cover the needed \$20,000 and a meeting arranged between the committee, Jackie McClaskey and Tracy Streeter. Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

Willis Technology Farm

Diane Knowles stated KWO has not received an invoice from KSU, therefore, no reimbursement has been requested. Mark stated he had a conversation with Tracy Streeter on whether or not Willis Technology Farms would need funding. There was discussion if there could be flexibility in the placement of the \$10,000 funding.

Roth / Garden City Company Water Technology Farm

Mark stated he has not put together an application. Troy Dumler advised they are working on a water quality study. Trevor Ahring attended the water quality meeting in Rocky Ford, Colorado. He noted that there is concern over Regulation 85, where the water quality commission can come in and regulate if best management plans are not implemented by 2020.

Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement-Phase I (pending)

Mark Rude read the GMD3 letter recommending approval of Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement – Phase 1. The letter along with the completed application will be sent to Tracy Streeter (via Diane Knowles) regarding the Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement-Phase 1 project. The letter noted that Western Water Conservation Projects Committee and the Board of Directors’ for GMD3 approved the project with an estimate of \$68,500.00 and moved to submit the application to the State for final approval. The Farmers Ditch is looking to replace the wooden gates with steel gates for gained efficiencies and to prevent tampering with the gates.

Frontier Ditch River Routing Method. (Pending)

Mark Rude advised that a similar transmittal letter (and application) as the Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement Project will be sent to Tracy Streeter regarding the Extension of the Muskingum River Routing method from the Stateline to Garden City, KS. The approved cost of this project is \$50,000.00.

Application and Potential Applications for consideration

Stateline Compact Flume replacement, Frontier Ditch Update

Kevin will gather estimates and provide to the committee.

South Side Routing

No report.

GMD3 Technical Memorandum: Import 400,000 AF to replace aquifer loss from past Colorado compact violations.

Mark Rude stated at this time there is no report.

Technical Memorandum: updating past surface water storage sites.

Mark Rude stated at this time there is no report.

Concept of cost share on interstate water protection study

Not pursuing at this time.

Timing of LAWMA Winter Return Flows

Kevin Salter reported that possibly using the Offset account is being explored as a way to maintain the winter return flows. This would allow us to release these winter return flow obligations either during the winter or in the irrigation season. Kevin will have more information at the next committee meeting.

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Colorado Water Court Status of Holly Farms Case (14CW3004)

Kevin Salter announced that GC Company has stipulated with GP farms. This stipulation is important in that it sets the irrigated acreage.

Review of Action Items

1. A spreadsheet of all past, current and concept / perspective projects along with approved funding will be provided at the next committee meeting;
2. Submit invoice for Willis Farms technology farm;
3. Draft application for Roth/Garden City Company technology farm;
4. Submit Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement-Phase I Application to Kansas Water Office;
5. Submit Frontier Ditch River Routing Method Application to Kansas Water Office;
6. Draft letter on IWI (Interstate Water Issues) open position; and
7. Arrange a meeting between Jackie McClaskey, Tracy Streeter, and the committee.

Public Forum

There was no public forum brought to the table.

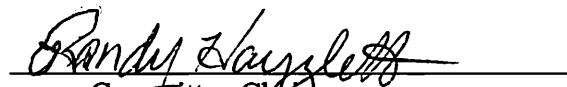
Future Meeting

Future meeting date is tentatively set for April 13, 2017, at 9 am.

Adjournment

Shane Knoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 am. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


Committee Chairman