

Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 13th, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Kirk Heger called to order the March 13th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District at 1:27p.m. Which was in Liberal, Kansas at the Seward County Event Center, 810 Stadium Ave.

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
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative
Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative
Fred Jones, Municipal 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

APPROVE AGENDA

President Heger asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. Hal Scheuerman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kent Dunn seconded. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Review & approval of the February 7th, 2018 draft minutes held at the April 2018 regular Board of Directors meeting.

President Heger next drew the attention of the Board to review the February 2018 financial report documents. Doug Fox made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of February as presented at this meeting, and submit them for the annual audit. Clay Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed

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President Heger signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Kirk Heger

Board Office Elections:

Kirk passed the gavel to Mark Rude, who opened the floor up for nominations:

President:

Clay Scott moved to nominate Kirk Heger for Board President and to cease nominations. Brett Rooney seconded.

Motion passed. Mark passed the gavel back to Mr. Heger.

Kirk Heger is Board of Directors President for the 2018-2019 term.

Vice President:

David Casterline moved to nominate Brett Rooney for Board Vice President and to cease nominations.

Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Brett Rooney is Board of Directors Vice President for the 2018-2019 term.

Secretary:

Clay Scott moved to nominate Mike McNiece for Board Secretary and to cease nominations. Randy Hayzlett seconded. Motion passed.

Mike McNiece is Board of Directors Secretary for the 2018-2019 term.

Treasurer:

Brett Rooney moved to nominate Mike O'Brate for Board Treasurer and to cease nominations. Kent Dunn seconded.

Mike O'Brate is Board of Directors Treasurer for the term 2018-2019 term.

WCA Review, Fansher Farms

Jason Norquest reviewed the proposed WCA for Fansher Farms. The proposal is similar to the Goss WCA presented in the February Board Meeting. Fansher Farms are consenting to the terms and conditions of the proposed WCA, a commitment reducing water use by 15% of their historical average quantity (1,137.697AF).

Corrective Controls include:

- 1) Water rights may be pumped as directed by the owner provided:
 - The sum of water use under all water rights combined shall be limited to no more than 4,835.213AF every 5 years
 - No new well pumping above base rights proposed.
- 2) The WCA cannot conflict with rules and regulations of GMD3 and if a LEMA or IGUCA is formed in the area then the corrective provisions that result in the greater overall conservation of water resources based on inches per acre and not based on percent reduction of average historical use shall prevail.

After some discussion, Kent Dunn moved to recommend approval of the proposed WCA subject to notice of any future proposed change or modification. Doug fox seconded. Motion passed.

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Reschedule April Monthly Board Meeting

Due to a couple of staff and directors attending the NWRA in Washington D.C the April 11th Board of Directors meeting needs rescheduled. Kent Dunn moved to reschedule the April 2018 meeting to Thursday, 12th. Brett Rooney seconded. Motion passed.

LEMA Update

Mark reported based on the last Kearny Finney LEMA meeting and reviewing the surveys a LEMA was not likely going to happen in the coming months. More folks want a voluntary plan or WCA, than one of the LEMA options provided. Mike Meyer stated he does not believe a voluntary plan will work. Otherwise, producers would had done it already. Hal Scheuerman stressed of the producers he has spoken to they are adamantly against the LEMA action. More discussion amongst the directors occurred. Mark Rude would like to take the LEMA surveys and notes and discuss further with Policy and Legal and Research and Development Committees for conservation direction.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee March 12th, 2018

Finance Committee met on March 12th. Committee reviewed the budget for the current year and 2019. A committee member asked to simplify the layout of the spreadsheet that is at the monthly board meeting. Mark noted that is something that he will need to review with the auditors based on past audits.

The committee also considered purchasing the property next to the current office building. Purchasing this would allow more parking space and added program / storage space. The committee considered several scenarios, one being purchase the property and have owner rent/lease back to GMD3. Being tax exempt is this even an option. Hal Scheuerman moved to give Finance Committee the ability to explore the option in more detail, discuss with appraisals, and receive remodeling estimates and report to the Board. Clay seconded. Motion passed.

Policy and Legal

There was no Policy and Legal meeting.

Research and Development

There was no Research and Development meeting.

Renewable Supplies

There was no Renewable Supplies meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to take off the table.

New Business

There was no new business to put on the table.

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Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Mark reported that two staff and a couple of directors' plan on attending the NWRA meeting in Washington D.C. on April 9th through 11th, providing out of state travel can be approved. Kent moved to approve out of state travel for two staff and two board of directors to attend the NWRA Convention in Washington D.C. in April 2018. David Casterline seconded. Motion passed.

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the February financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and activity of the advisory committee. After some discussion of the Board, Brett Rooney moved to accept the February financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Seth Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

Mark announced the next Western Water Conservation Project advisory committee meeting is March 20th, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

Board Member Report

No Board announcements.

Public Forum

There were no public forums.

ADJOURNMENT

David Casterline made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seth Nelson seconded.
The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary