## Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee 2009 E. Spruce Garden City, Ks 67846 (620) 275-7147

Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 9:03 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

David Becker\* Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative

Shane Knoll\* Garden City Ditch Representative

Diane Knowles KWO Planner

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** 

Jason Norquest GMD3 Assistant Manager

Brandy Cole DWR
Brent Campbell DWR
Trevor Ahring GMD3

**Agenda Approval** 

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. <u>Troy Dumler moved to approve</u> the agenda as presented. Steve Hines seconded. <u>Motion passed.</u>

## **Minutes Approval**

Mark Rude read the minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting. <u>Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes as presented</u>. Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

## Financial Report

Financials from April 1, 2017 through September 11th, 2017 were reviewed. <u>Steve Hines moved to approve the financials as presented.</u> Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

## Fund Commitment Projects table update

Review of the Projected Funds worksheet was completed. Some discussion occurred on the Garden City Ditch gaging station. Diane Knowles noted that these are encumbered funds along with those for the South Side Return and Frontier Return gages.

## **UPDATE: Active Projects approved for Funding**

#### **South Side Phase II Construction**

Randy Hayzlett reported the project will start back up this fall. As soon as the water is done flowing and the ground is dry the 16 foot gate along with 12 foot structures will be completed. Everything worked well this summer, a couple of adjustments will be made for better efficiency in the future.

## **DWR LAWMA decree operation investigation**

Kevin Salter with DWR stated the LAWMA project has expended the funds, noting it was appreciated. The funds helped get details of LAWMA replacement portfolio and projected depletions for this year. Randy asked the permanent pool agreement renewal. Kevin noted that we are getting surety of Offset Account water supply. Some discussion of making sure that Kansas gets something when Colorado gets something.

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Kevin notes that this was a temporary agreement and we are not ready for a permanent agreement. He also noted again the surety of Offset Account water supply and additionally the benefit of John Martin Reservoir (JMR) permanent pool. License plate surveys at JMR have shown a good percentage of Kansas plates.

#### Willis Technology Farm

Mark Rude re-capped the Willis Technology Project. Stating the request for funds was \$10,000, which was to be used for equipping or services from K-State. Tracy Streeter, in the past, had indicated that Mr. Willis covered some expenses. The committee would like to know if and when, the allotted funds can be redirected to other projects.

## **Roth/Garden City Company Water Technology Farm**

Troy Dumler noted he will work on application this week and get it submitted as there is expenses that can be reimbursed.

## Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement-Phase I

David Becker advised the committee he spoke with the engineer on September 11, 2017. The engineer advised the study should be completed by October 15, 2017. There is still a question on what kind of gate would be the best to install.

#### Frontier Ditch River Routing Method

Steve Hines updated the committee on the Frontier Ditch River Routing Method aka Extension of Muskingum River Model. He noted the project is getting near the end, however, an additional \$5,000.00 is needed. The \$5,000.00 will cover \$3,000.00 for additional modeling analysis and \$2,000 for additional legal support. The original approval of the project was \$50,000.00. Steve noted that the flows that were looked at were high and Frontier asked that low flows be looked at.

Hal Scheuerman moved to approved additional funding of \$5,000.00. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed.

## **Applications and Potential Applications for Consideration**

#### **Stateline Compact Measuring Flume Replacement**

Randy noted discussions on a problem that was unrelated to the fume replacement. Kevin updated the committee of conversations with Colorado. Because of ditch maintenance issues the Frontier flume went into submergence mid-June and on into July. Colorado DWR did call Kansas DWR concerned that no real–time data was available for the Frontier diversions. The submergence was more due to the condition of the ditch itself not the flume. Steve Witte offered the use of their hydrology section to come up with a report for replacement options for the flume. DWR, USGS, and Frontier will be active in this project.

#### **South Side ADS Funding pilot**

South Side ADS Funding pilot was tabled from the last meeting. There has been no progress due to sufficient water being available this year. Kevin noted it would be best to have discussions before we need to use this. Consensus of the committee was to keep on the agenda and move ahead.

# GMD3 Technical Memorandum: Import 400,000ASF to replace aquifer loss from past Colorado Compact Violations

Tabled until next meeting.

Technical memorandum updating past surface water storage sites for import storage Tabled until next meeting.

## Review of Action Items....Basically remain the same.

- 1. Estimates to replace Frontier Flume with the removal of the word "Parshall" from previous action items.
- 2. SS delivery Application along with discussions between SouthSide, Garden City Ditch, Farmers Ditch and DWR.
- 3. Roth Technology Farm.
- 4. Application for Technical Memo for GMD3 on water transfer completed.
- 5. Meeting with Jackie McClaskey, Tracy Streeter & Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee.
- 6. Identify grants for restoring ditch.

#### Public Forum

No public forum

#### **Reports from Agency Folks**

Steve Hines asked about using the Armory in Lamar for the ARCA annual meeting. Kevin noted that the community college and other locations were being explored also for this meeting.

## **Future Meeting**

A future meeting is tentatively set for November 14 or 15th.

### Adjournment

Chairman Hayzlett adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.

Recording Secretary