

Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 6th, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Kirk Heger called to order the February 6th, 2019 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District to order at 9:04 a.m. Which was held at the Kansas Water Office meeting room in Topeka, KS.

Directors Present

Kirk Heger, President, Stevens County Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative
Fred Jones, Municipal Representative
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative
Hal Scheurman, Kearny County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative
Bret Rooney, Vice President, Haskell County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative

District Staff Present

Mark Rude, Executive Director
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator
Chris Law, Director, Field Services

Others in Attendance

Greg Graff, GMD1
Diana Knowles, KWO
Wade Heger, Guest
Alexandra Geisler, KWO

APPROVE AGENDA

President Heger asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. Mark Rude suggested revising the agenda by deleting item Resolution 2019-1 until further information is gathered and adding Colorado Legislative Memorial. Clay Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Deleting agenda item Resolution 2019-1 and adding Colorado Memorial. Kent Dunn seconded. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Heger drew the attention of the Board to consider the January 16th, 2019 draft minutes. Clay Scott moved to approve the January 16th, 2019 minutes as presented. Fred Jones seconded. Motion passed.

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President Heger next drew the attention of the Board to review the **January 16th financial report** documents. Randy Hayzlett made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of January as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Clay Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed

President Heger signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Kirk Heger
State of Colorado, Senate Joint Memorial

The 2009 Congress enacted an addition to the original Fry-Ark Project legislation for a cost sharing plan by which the federal government supplies funding for the Ark Valley Conduit project with repayment of 35% over a period of 50 years to address contaminated basin water and fresh water supply issues east of Pueblo, Colorado. The worsening basin water quality issues affecting the Kansas portion were noted. Discussion occurred for a Kansas resolution to the federal government to not forget the lower portion of the affected basin in Colorado and Kansas as studied in 2015 by GMD3 and Reclamation. After some discussion, Kent Dunn made a motion to continue the Kansas Resolution path. Zachary Gale seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred on the process bringing in the river corridor (upper ark GMA, including IGUCA) portion of Hamilton County. Benefits for area residents and possible resident concerns were included in discussions.

GMD's round table with State Agencies

Mark Rude has been personally inviting KGS, KDHE and KWO to the round table that will be held after this meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Mark Rude noted that the 2018 audit has been completed and for the second year it was a clean audit, with funding well secured and appropriately accounted. Congratulations were noted to Brandi and Patty for a job well done. Clay Scott moved to accept the 2018 audit and send to the annual meeting in March. Mike O'Brate seconded. Motion passed.

Fred Jones moved to add a 3rd "bucket" Federal Proceeds Fund of \$25 million for budget year 2020. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed.

The 2020 Budget was described as needing additional work before the Annual meeting. Consensus of the Board of Directors was to have the Financial Committee meet to discuss and adjust the draft budget as deemed appropriate.

Annual Meeting

Mark Rude described that the 2019 Annual meeting will be held in Cimarron, KS, March 13th. The start time will be 10a.m with lunch being served at noon by Webbs Catering. Guest speakers are tentatively Secretary of Ag, Mike Beam, Brownie Wilson with KGS and Mark Rude.

Policy and Legal

No meeting was held.

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Research and Development

No meeting was held.

Renewable Supplies

No meeting was held.

Old Business

No Old Business to take off the table.

New Business

No new business to bring to the table.

Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Travel for April NWRA Federal Affairs, Washington DC

Water week on the hill is scheduled for April 1st- 3rd, 2019. Jason, Mark, Randy and Clay have attended in the past. Mike McNiece moved to authorize out of state travel for staff and board to attend NWRA Federal Affairs in April. Fred Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the January Financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and activity of the advisory committee. After some discussion of the Board, Fred Jones moved to accept the January Financial Report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed.

Farmers Headgate:

Only one bid received back, therefore, Farmers Headgate project will be taking a different engineering and bidding track. Information will be announced regarding bids at a later date.

Legislative Annual Report:

Mark Rude handed out a copy of the Draft Legislative Annual Report of the WWCP Fund which was also emailed prior to today. Randy Hayzlett requested some discussion with staff to review the report before it is presented to Legislature.

Board Member Report

Mike O'Brate asked if anyone is collecting samples for uranium data? Mark advised "Yes, Don Whittemore of KGS is getting random samples with assistance from GMD3."

Public Forum

No public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary