

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 9th, 2019**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Rooney called to order the October 9th, 2019 Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District to order at 9:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the GMD3 Board Room.

Directors Present in person or by phone

Bret Rooney, President, Haskell County Representative

Fred Jones, Vice President, Municipal Representative

Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative

Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative

Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative

Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative

Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative

Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative

Steve Stone, Finney County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative

Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative

Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative

Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative

Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative

Clay Scott, Grant 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

Others in Attendance in person or by phone

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, KS

Armando Zarco, Kansas Water Office, Garden City, KS

APPROVE AGENDA

President Rooney asked for consideration of the October 9th, 2019 meeting agenda. **Kent Dunn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Zachary Gale seconded. The motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Rooney drew the attention of the Board to consider the August 14th, 2019 draft minutes. **Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the August 14th, 2019 minutes, as presented. Fred Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

President Rooney next drew the attention of the Board to review the **August and September 2019 financial report documents**. **Fred Jones made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of August and September as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Steve Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed**

President Rooney signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Bret Rooney
Water Commissioner's Report, Mike Meyer

Mike Meyer commented KDA changed the paper annual water use reports from cards to letter form. Letter form allows additional information to be gathered, such as address changes, ownership changes and additional information such as crop codes, system ties and much more. Advising producers of the change from card to letter form would be beneficial. However, online reporting is expected to increase even more this next year. Last year 84% were completed online. Mr. Meyer added there have been a lot of improvements made to the on-line reporting format.

Steve Stone asked, "How do you keep track of these guys tying all these wells together? Do you know what well goes to what quarter?" Mr. Meyer responded as long as the authority is there for multiple wells to pump to multiple tracks of ground, it is perfectly legal. It is a common scenario." Mark Rude asked if this should be discussed by the Policy and Legal Committee. Steve Stone agreed it wouldn't hurt to get discussion on the matter.

Proposed Grant Submittal:

"Water Use and climate Evaluation Service to Irrigators for Drought Resilience in Southwest Kansas"

Trevor Ahring has been working on a grant submittal to Bureau of Reclamation, WaterSMART Program on drought resiliency. The plan is to follow up with the example for the City of Garden City and their feedback to water users and provide GMD members context on how they are doing with respect to other similar projects in the district. Federal Dollars would be leveraged with GMD3 budgeted "flowmeter service". The submittal date is October 16th, 2019.

Reclamation Contract: Farmers Ditch and Headgates Project

Mark Rude stated this is still proceeding. Executive Committee approved signing the federal reclamation contract. KDHE feedback expressed concern of the clay lining material that comes out of a feed yard and offered an alternative using a vegetable oil base lining (heavier than water). This alternative has been used in surrounding lagoons, lakes and ponds and comes with corporate supervision of dirt work.

Management Program Draft Legality review

Mark Rude noted that a few edits have been completed to make some points clearer in the program document and improve readability. Chief Engineer will be in attendance at the November meeting for discussion.

KDA Rulemaking discussions

Working with Policy and Legal Committee as well as coordinating comments with other GMD's.

KGMDA annual meeting and Governors Water Conference, Nov. 7 & 8, Wichita

KGMDA was formed in 1977, but the past 5 to 6 years they have not met as an organization. KGMDA is looking to reinstate regular meetings of the association, with the original purpose of implementing the groundwater management Act. Therefore, a meeting is planned immediately preceding the Governor's Water Conference in Wichita.

NWRA Annual Meeting travel, November 5th – 8th, Houston, Texas

Mark Rude noted that NWRA Annual meeting will be held in Houston, Texas, November 5th-8th. Clay Scott and Mark Rude would like to attend. **Randy Hayzlett moved to approve travel for Mark Rude and Clay Scott to attend the NWRA Annual meeting, next month in Houston, Texas. Kent Dunn seconded. Motion passed.**

Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Chief Engineer to meet with Board of Directors on Program Review in November

Executive Director Mark Rude stressed the importance of attendance at the November GMD3 board meeting as Chief Engineer Barfield plans to be in attendance to discuss the Management Program.

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the August and September 2019 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 August and September Financial Report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Steve Stone seconded. Motion passed.**

State Water Plan & Funding

Kansas Water Office Report

Armando Zarco of the Kansas Water Office reminded people to register for the Governor's Water Conference being held November 6th through 8th.

Board Member Report

There were no Board member reports.

Public Forum

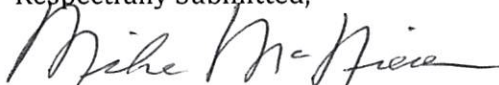
No public announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Zachary Gale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Jones seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary