

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
JANUARY 10, 2020**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice President Jones called to order the **January 10th, 2020** Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District to order at 9: 01 a.m. The meeting was held in the GMD3 Board Room.

Flag Salute

Directors Present in person or by phone

Fred Jones, Vice President, Municipal Representative
Mike McNiece, Board Secretary, Industrial Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative
Fred Claassen, Morton County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative
Bret Rooney, President, Haskell County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative

District Staff Present

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

Others in Attendance

Armando Zarco, Kansas Water Office, Garden City, KS
Dave Brenn, Kansas Water Congress

APPROVE AGENDA

Vice President Jones asked for consideration of the January 10th, 2020 meeting agenda. Mark Rude advised would like to add E to Presidents Report, Management Program, New Goals and add C under Executive Director, Finney County Sustainability Report. **Hal Scheuerman made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Fred Claassen seconded. The motion passed.**

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Vice President Jones drew the attention of the Board to consider the December 11th, 2019 draft minutes. **Randy Hayzlett moved to approve the December 11th, 2019 minutes, as presented. Mike O'Brate seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Vice President Jones next drew the attention of the Board to review the December 2019 financial report documents. Question regarding property and auto insurance package were brought to the table. Consensus is to rebid next year, starting the process in October. **Kent Dunn made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month December as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Steve Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed**

Vice President Jones signed and submitted the financial documents.

President's Report, President Bret Rooney
Water Commissioner's Report, Mike Meyer
No report.

Update of Ark River Basin mineralization study and sampling, KDHE

Mark Rude spoke about the Ark River Basin Mineralization study and sampling. KDHE provided a briefing of the study, stating approximately 270 responded, with approximately half requiring new well id numbers. Samples that were high in sulfates, were shipped off to a lab in Iowa. KDHE announced their part of the study is completed, Don Whittemore will proceed with the study for another year.

Discussion points - State discussion draft rules of LEMA and WCA

Mark Rude reviewed the *Bullet points for GMD3 recommendations for Draft LEMA Regulations from 12-18-19*. Mark highlighted 5 bullet points, letting the directors read the K.A.R. 5-19-1 strikeout recommendations from GMD3 staff at their leisure and said there would be more work by the Policy and Legal committee. Mark also reviewed the handout discussing the Draft WCA Regulations.

Management Program

The Groundwater Management Program, draft revision 2020 was handed out to those present. Mark Rude turned the boards attention to the Program Goals summary on page 10,11 and 12. There are 62 program goals listed thus far covering all areas of activity. Mark asked the directors to review the goals and provide their input on what goals to emphasize to members in their review, what goals to keep or revise.

Legislative retreat in Topeka early February, February 4th, 5th 2020.

Need hotel reservations by 16th of January

2020 Legislative Retreat is February 4th and 5th, in Topeka, KS. Room reservation are due by January 16th, so if you plan on attending notify Patty. Tuesday, February 4 starts with a State House Breakfast from 7a.m. to 8:30, 9:00 a.m. is the Kansas Water Congress and lunch with the GMD Roundtable following. The Legislative Reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. going until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at 9 a.m. GMD3 will hold their monthly board meeting, with the Roundtable with State officials beginning at 10:00.

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Committee Reports

No Committee Reports to bring to the table.

Old Business

No old business to take from the table.

New Business

There was no new business to bring to the table.

Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Update on Federal Water Issues of NWRA

Mark attended the NWRA conference in Chandler, Arizona, January 7th and 8th. Discussion was held on the Federal Water Issues, top priorities and action items for 2020. Mark shared the handout with the board and discussed several issues. Mark noted Kansas was not on the Forest and Grassland Health issue, however, if anyone feels like we should be on it to let him know. Fred Claassen stressed his concern and stated Kansas should be listed also. Mark acknowledged it and will notify the Kansas Water Congress and President of NWRA to have Kansas listed for Forest and Grassland Health issue.

Ogallala Research Activity

Finney County Sustainability Report.

Mark attended the Finney County Sustainability Community meeting, January 9th, 2020 at the Finney County Fairgrounds. A set of handouts was provided for review of the meeting agenda and notes that included a Brownie Wilson/KGS preliminary map of the water level changes for GMD3.

Ogallala Aquifer Summit will be held March 31st and April 1, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Amarillo-Downtown, Amarillo, Tx. Out of State travel will need to be approved in the February meeting if GMD3 would like representation.

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the December 2019 Financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and activity of the advisory committee. Mark pointed out check #1342 to Kaw Valley Engineering will be voided due to not appropriately being approved under the phase II project. **After some discussion of the Board, Randy Hayzlett moved to accept the December 2019 Financial Report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Clay Scott seconded. Motion passed.**

Farmers Headgate Project update

Farmers Headgate Project will start construction early fall / winter of 2020. Currently, working on permitting and application submittal and approval by the state for Phase II.

Water users preferred interstate supply evaluation update

Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation project continues to be discussed.

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State Water Plan & Funding

Kansas Water Office Report

Armando Zarco, Kansas Water Office, Garden City, KS

Mr. Zarco announced the Winter Technology Expo had great turnout, with over 30 vendors, over 40 sponsors and 250 plus registered. Good food and good drinks.

Kansas Water Authority will be held January 29th at the Cyrus Hotel in Topeka, KS. There is not free parking at the Cyrus so plan accordingly.

New applicant for Upper Ark RAC is Brant Peterson. Next RAC meetings could be held in February. Regional Public listening meetings have not been scheduled.

Kansas Water Authority

Water Plan Fund Budget Process reform

Mark briefly reviewed an Army Corp of Engineers is working on the timeline of Kansas River Reservoirs Flood and Sediment Study, along with a Water Authority committee working draft of Kansas Water Plan Budget Guidelines. Mark asked Randy Hayzlett if it would be appropriate for the Executive Committee to provide feedback. Consensus of the Board of Directors was to have Executive Committee review and provide feedback.

Board Member Report

Mike O'Brate acknowledged that a Finance Committee meeting is needed to plan 2021 budget. Mark Rude suggested 27th, 28th or 29th of January. Date will be announced.

Mark Rude announced this is the last official meeting for Steve Stone as he is retiring from the board. Mike O'Brate has moved into Finney County, therefore could take Steve's spot for Finney County Representative and a Gray County Representative will need to be found.

4th Annual Playa Lake workshop will be held 14th and 15th of January, registration includes lunch on both days. Registration can be completed at www.kaws.org/events.

Public Forum

No public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike O'Brate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Stone seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike McNiece
GMD3 Board Secretary