

Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee Minutes

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Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday October 29, 2019, at 10:02 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
Stanley Hines*	Frontier Ditch Representative
Hal Scheuerman*	Amazon Ditch Representative
Mike Standley*	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
Brandon Friedman	DWR, Arkansas River Bailiff
Trevor Ahring	GMD3, Engineer
Rachel Duran	DWR / KDA, Garden City, Ks
Armando Zarco	KWO, Garden City, Ks
Mike Meyer	DWR,
Rodney Kirchhoff	Finney County Water Users Association (Farmers Ditch)
Doug Mai	Finney County Water Users Association
Harold Mai	Finney County Water Users Association

Absent with Notice

Agenda Approval

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. Mark Rude noted a correction to the meeting date from October 22nd to the correct date of 29th. Kevin Salter also noted a change of wording on 5A from Stateline Compact Measuring Flume replacement to Frontier Measuring Flume Replacement.

Stanley Hines moved to approve the agenda as revised. Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

Introductions were completed.

Minutes Approval

Consensus of the committee was to read and approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2019 minutes at the next Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee meeting.

Fund Commitment Projects table update

Review of the Projected Funds worksheet was completed.

Mark reviewed the Farmers Ditch Headgate Construction "Future Projected" amount. Stating the new bid is entered at \$1,880,319.03.

Update: Active projects approved for funding

South Side Phase II Construction.

Randy Hayzlett informed the committee they are still possibly looking at one more gate. The owner originally said no need, but they were going ahead in case ownership changed. Still have enough from original quote to cover the cost of that gate.

Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement

Mike Standley reported that inspection costs were not included in the original engineer's bid which caused some of the overage. After talking with the engineer, he feels that the project can come in at the price of the bid, covering project and inspections.

GMD3 working on a grant for possibly \$300,000 that could help with some of the costs for ditch lining or SCADA. Trevor Ahring talked with US Army Corps of Engineers, they advised might be able to issue a permit fairly inexpensive and be able to get it next week. Looking from the headgate downstream, that area was drawn up as the sand trap area originally. The lining grant has some flexibility to adjust to the project. This project is ready for construction as soon as possible, the biggest hold up would be the time it takes to get the gates made and delivered.

Mark Rude explained that the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Committee needs to recommend approval of the Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement at the bid of \$1,880,319.03, then GMD3 board needs to review and approve. KWO technically has said that the project has already been approved, so it is a go. Mark will call a GMD3 Executive Committee meeting for approval of the project, and then take to the November meeting for full discussion with the GMD3 Board of Directors. Consensus of the committee was to send letter to KWO to inform them of the bid and approval of the committee and GMD3 Board of Directors.

Mike Standley added he has had discussions with RJA Dozer Service LLC. and the company said they will keep it within the budget of \$1.88 million. Stanley Hines moved to approve the Farmers Ditch Headgate Replacement Project at a budget of \$1,880,319.03 with the understanding that the committee cannot go over that amount. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation,
Colorado JMR account request & user needs**

Mark Rude mentioned that he had a conversation with David Pope regarding the Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation, Colorado JMR account request and user needs project. Mr. Pope regrettably noted he is not taking on any more projects at this time and is focusing on finishing up current projects. Mark checked with Dale Book and he is also not taking on new projects. GEI Engineers and Wright Water Engineers may be two to consider. More discussion needs to be held.

Financial Report

Financials from September 17th, 2019 to October 28th, 2019 were reviewed. A reminder to committee was noted about the new "sweep investment plan" with Commerce Bank. Due to corrections made during the audit with Lewis Hooper and Dick a new financial page was submitted for the committee to review. Mark Rude reiterated there is no money market for the committee, it was all transferred to the checking account due to the new investment program. Also, a Certificate of Deposit was transferred from Grant County Bank to Plains State Bank to receive better interest and the flexibility to withdraw early with no penalty.

After discussion and review, Troy Dumler moved to approve the financials as presented. Stanley Hines seconded. Motion passed.

Review of action items

- Project spreadsheet updated.
- Water smart grant & other grant opportunities, including restoration of ditch laterals
- Water transfer technical memo
- Preserve app for Southside Alternate Delivery System pilot operation
- Base Funding of Frontier Compact Flume through ARCA
- Communicating with George Austin on Muskingum Tool
- WaterSMART grant for Webdell Lake
- Complete Legislative report for 2019 and distributed to committee.
- Dredging sand to manage local sand elevations

Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting date will be announced later.

Adjournment

Shane Knoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Hal Scheuerman seconded.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


Committee Chairman