

Resolution 2018-5

OF THE

SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT No. 3

Requiring offsets for new appropriations in closed aquifer areas

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3(District) is locally responsible under K.S.A. 82a- 1020 et. seq. for the proper management and conservation of the groundwater resources of the District; and

WHEREAS, Many aquifer areas have been closed to new appropriations and determined not to have groundwater available beyond what is needed to satisfy prior water rights, except for domestic use, temporary permits, term permits, and small uses of 15 acre feet or less; and

WHEREAS, both voluntary and involuntary water conservation programs are being encouraged both locally at the project level and regionally at the program level in order to conserve and extend the declining groundwater supplies in the District; and

WHEREAS, benefits from water conservation efforts that may be made in good stewardship and at significant sacrifice by members of the District may be harmed or eliminated by allowing additional appropriations that are not offset by previously authorized groundwater use to effect a no adverse impact to water conservation efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 to require at a minimum an offsetting prior appropriation when considering new appropriations of water for any use other than domestic use.

Adopted this 11th day of July, 2018

Kirk Heger, President

Mike McNiece, Secretary

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 8th, 2018**

Policy and Legal:

Resolution 2018-5

Mark read the revised Resolution 2018-5; the resolution requires offsets for new appropriations in closed aquifer areas. The resolution intended to be a policy statement not an implementation detail. Clay Scott moved to adopt Resolution 2018-5. Mike McNiece seconded. Clay Scott stated current rules and regulations be followed, until new rules and regulations are completed. Motion passed with all in favor.

Renewable Supplies

Still has not met, looking for a meeting with state officials.

Old Business

There was 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

KS/OK Ark River Compact meeting, July 25, 2018

Mark attended meeting. Chief Engineer Barfield noted prior to meeting the compact does not govern groundwater in either state. Mark noted groundwater affects surface water flows.

2019 Assessments

Patty Stapleton noted the assessments are complete for 2019. There were 40 Verified Claims. She completed an audit on exclusions, deleting the exclusions that had no paper trail and ended up with 174 in total. Elkhart Forest Service was one taken off the exclusion list as it is not in statue nor no paper trail were on file.

Water Congress Summer Meeting

Mark Rude recognized that a couple of staff and directors attended at the Kansas Water Congress Summer Meeting. The meeting was in Hays, KS and was a very good meeting. Clay Scott provided a significant presentation on Friday regarding water transfer across Kansas to benefit multiple states.

Nex-Tech Contract

Jason Norquest presented the Nex-Tech proposed contract for updating computers and server. The office would keep all monitors and replace on a needed basis. A couple of changes from current;

1. Adding 4 solid-state laptops along with docking stations
2. Upgrading the server from a 16GB Ram to a 64GB Ram with a solid state
3. Changing from 3 year to a 5-year contract.

Nex-Tech would continue to manage anti-virus, software patch management, battery backup-surge protection and on call assistance. Currently data is saved off site for security. The current Nex-Tech cost per month is \$1211.00 this proposal for 5 years is \$1,444.00. After discussion of the directors consensus was to proceed with a 3-year contract instead of 5 year. Mark stated would go in that direction and develop 3-year contract options.

GIS Workshop Outstanding bill

Mark Rude brought to the table a collection notice from GIS Workshop. The 12% interest accruing since January will be waived if paid immediately by a certified cashier's check. Cashier's check will be mailed this week.

Executive Session

Doug Fox moved for a 20 minutes executive session that include Executive Director, Mark Rude. Brett Rooney seconded. Motion passed. Executive session began at 11:30.

Clay Scott moved to give Executive Committee the authority to proceed with the controversy with Colorado administrative process. Hal Scheurman seconded. Motion passed.