

RESOLUTION 96-3

OF THE

SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a need exists within the District for the development of rural fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the locations to access available water supplies for rural fire protection are minimal and of limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, wells and well systems are becoming increasingly popular as sources of water supply for fire fighting purposes needed in rural areas beyond the reach of municipal water distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the installation of strategically placed rural dry fire hydrants constructed on natural water sources significantly reduces water point set-up time and turnaround time to the fire ground, improves the life safety of the fire fighter, and can reduce insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors consider the utilization of dry fire hydrant systems to be a useful and beneficial endeavor capable of preventing economic deterioration within the District; and


WHEREAS, K.A.R. 5-3-5a provides that:

Authorization for the use of water for emergency purposes. The Chief Engineer, or a person designated by the Chief Engineer, may authorize the use of water for emergency purposes. The emergency approval shall be subject to the terms, conditions and limitations specified by the Chief Engineer and may be granted when determined to be in the public interest or when needed to protect the quality of a water supply, to provide fire protection, or to provide an alternate point of diversion or source of supply when the principal source of supply or point of diversion is unavailable due to conditions beyond the control of the applicant; then

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors, Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District, that the appropriation of water for the development of dry fire hydrants be endorsed as a desirable and beneficial endeavor; and

THEREFORE, that it is recommended in the public interest that the District facilitate the issuance of a permit for emergency fire protection purposes and that an appropriate recommendation be submitted to the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, as of this day.

Adopted this 14th day of August, 1996.


Thomas R. Bogner, President

ATTEST:


Michael J. McNiece, Secretary