

August 2, 2021

**Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee  
GMD3 Board room/Zoom  
(620) 275-7147**

Vice-Chairman Troy Dumler called the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee meeting to order on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 10:09 am. The Committee met at the GMD3 Board Room, 2009 E. Spruce St., Garden City, KS.

**Members Present by phone or in-person (\*Voting):**

Randy Hayzlett *	Committee Chairman and South Side Ditch Representative (joined at 10:15 am, and he deferred to Troy for chairing remaining of meeting)
Troy Dumler*	Committee Vice-Chairman and Great Eastern Representative
Stanley Hines*	Frontier Ditch Representative
Shane Knoll*	Garden City Ditch Representative
Hal Scheuerman*	Amazon Ditch Representative
Doug Mai*	Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative
Kevin Salter	Interstate water engineer, KDA /DWR
Mark Rude	Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director
Mike Meyer	DWR, Water Commissioner

**Others in Attendance**

Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Alex Torrance	DWR, River Bailiff
Keadron Pearson	KWO, Water Resource Planner
Larry Miller	Vice President, Amazon Ditch

**Absent with Notice**

**Agenda Approval**

Vice-Chairman Troy Dumler asked for a discussion on the meeting agenda. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Stanley Hines seconded; motion passed.

**Minutes Approval**

March 24, 2021 Minutes: Grammatical corrections were suggested by those present. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the minutes for March 24, 2021, as revised. Doug Mai seconded. Motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Mark Rude gave an update on the current funds. There was a discussion on how the office handled Federal grant funds. Mark reported that it flows through GMD3 accounts for distribution and not the Committee.

A review of the financials was completed from March 24, 2021, to August 2, 2021. Doug Mai moved to approve the financials as presented. Stanley Hines seconded; motion passed.

**Active Approved Projects**

**Southside Phase II**

Randy Hayzlett reported they are still looking for a new ditch rider. This year, they did not run any water due to an employee's lack of getting the ditch ready. Work is still ongoing with the banks around the headgates and reaches of the ditch close to overtopping when diverting water for the Farmers Ditch. Hal asked if all the concrete structures were completed. Randy stated the project is done; however, they still have one more gate that is ready but not installed yet, but there is no money obligation left for the installation of the gate.

**Garden City Ditch measuring station-GC Ditch /GMD3**

Shane Knoll reported that they are still working with the State in determining if they are still in good standing with their water right.

**Farmers Headgate Phase II report**

Doug Mai reported that the project is complete. They have run water this year, and it seems to have improved the water movement significantly. They have also received a flash drive that has pictures and detailed measurements from the project, so they have a record if needed in the future.

The ditch lining on the system is complete; GMD3 is working on getting the funds from the grant for the project.

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Southside ADS operating fund pilot-DWR

A voucher was submitted for the costs associated with the pilot project for \$6527.50 (\$3727.50 from the South Side Ditch Association and \$2800.00 for the Finney County Water Users). The Committee reviewed the original motion for this project and noted that it was capped at \$6000.00. It was mentioned that the Committee had approved overages in the past of some projects. After further discussion, The Finney County Water Users would resubmit their portion of the voucher showing a \$527.50 credit and that the final voucher would be for the "approved" \$6000.00.

Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation

Mark talked about the Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation. The Kansas Water Office deemed the recent submittal not in accordance with the funds' agreement due to part of the study being outside the damage funds area, and that water quality was not on the list of approvable studies. Randy noted funds funded previous projects in some form outside the area in the past that were approved. Kevin said that one of the cited projects was for Compact compliance monitoring in conjunction with the Chief Engineer.

Applications / Potential applications Placeholders

GMD3 Water transfer pipeline technical memo

No additional work has been completed. Unfortunately, due to the limited remaining funds, this project probably will not be funded.

Three reservoir sites technical update memo

Three reservoir sites technical update memo has not proceeded. Also, it may not have further action due to limited funds remaining.

River sand buildup near Amazon / Great Eastern Headgate and Return

There has been continued discussion regarding the river sand buildup options near Amazon, Great Eastern Headgate, and the returns to the river. The Committee would like to remove the sand that could then be sold or used for other projects so that we could see additional funds. At this time, though, there is no place for the sand to go.

No applications have been brought to the Committee on any of these proposals.

Use of Remaining Funds

Kevin Salter stated that it would be a worthwhile discussion for the Committee about possible projects for the limited remaining funds. Randy noted that should be an agenda item for the next meeting, which would be best to have in the near future.

August state water meeting

The Committee was informed of three water-related meetings scheduled for August, all in Garden City.

The Kansas Water Congress summer conference will be on August 16 at the Clarion Inn. Mark gave an update of the agenda and the planned speakers at this time.

Kansas Water Authority will have a meeting on August 17 at the Clarion Inn. At this time, the conference can be attended in person, and they will be offering an online link for those that wish to attend virtually.

House Water Committee will meet in Garden City on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will take a tour the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>, with one of the stops being the Amazon flume. Mark will begin the LEMA discussion at the main meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Garden City Community College.

Review of Action Items

- Water transfer Technical memo – discussed earlier.
- Funding for Webdell Lake Riverbank Repair
- Kansas user needs to respond to Colorado's requested JMR account.
- Getting GC Ditch in shape to run water – discussed earlier.

At the following meeting, the Committee will discuss carryover projects to determine the remaining funds' allotment.

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**Agency Reports**

**GMD3**

Mark stated that our office would continue to get the needed material to receive the Federal funds.

GMD3 has also had two more Federal grants approved and is in the beginning stages of the projects. One will be getting information out to water users comparing their water use with the local area. The first year will be only Finney County and working into the rest of the District in the second year. The other grant is to form a watershed group along the Arkansas River in the District.

The office is also in the process of another term permit Proof of Concept (POC) to transfer a truckload of water from the Missouri River. This time 3,000 gallons will be dispensed at a cooperators site in Wichita county, and the remaining 3000 gallons will go on west to a recharge site in Colorado.

Management program, still waiting to meet with the Chief Engineer.

**DWR**

Mike Meyer said they are currently trying to fill one staff vacancy in their office. They are also working on late water use reports and the penalty fees associated with them. The office is currently getting numerous change applications that they are working through also.

Kevin mentioned that there had been reasonable amounts of rain upstream of John Martin, and some of the inflows could push John Martin Reservoir into Compact Conservation storage. The last part of our water calls comes first from the Offset Account and then from the Kansas Section II Account. Water is currently being tracked for distribution between the ditches.

**KWO**

Keadron Pearson again mentioned the upcoming KWA meeting that will be in Garden city. The agenda is not out yet, but they will be offering online attendance. In addition, the Governor's Water Conference is scheduled for November 17-18 in Manhattan at this time. Planners are currently working with the RACs on budget recommendations for KWA. Keadron is currently working three days a week in the office and working from home on the other two.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Randy stated he would like to have another meeting sometime in October. He would like to have it sometime before the GMD3 Board meeting, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, if anything needs to be taken to the Board. It was determined to set the meeting for October 7 at 9 am at the GMD3 office. The date can be changed if other events come up.

**Adjournment**

**Shane Knoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am. Stanley Hines seconded.**

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Committee Chairman