

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 12th, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice President Jones called to order the November 12th, 2021, Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was at the GMD3 Board Room.

Directors Present in Person

Fred Jones, Vice President, Municipal Representative
Garrett Love, Secretary, Gray County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Kent Dunn, Seward County Representative
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative

Directors Present by Phone or Zoom

Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Finney County Representative
Chad McCormick, Industrial Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Bret Rooney, President, Haskell County Representative
Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Matt Johnson, Stevens County Representative
Harrison Krey, Morton County Representative
Ben Amerin, Meade 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
Trevor Ahring, Engineer

Others in Attendance

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, KS
Dave Brenn, Kansas Water Congress
Keadron Pearson, Kansas Water Office, Water Resource Planner
Chris Beightel, Division of Water Resources
Rachel Duran, Division of Water Resources
Jonathon Aguilar, K-State Research
Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources

APPROVE AGENDA

Vice President Jones asked for consideration of the November 12th, 2021, meeting agenda. **Hal Scheuerman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Clay Scott seconded. The motion passed.**

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Vice President Jones drew the board's attention to consider the October 13th, 2021, draft minutes. **Kent Dunn moved to approve the October 13th, 2021, minutes, as presented. Randy Hayzlett seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Vice President Jones next drew the attention of the board to review the October 2021 financial report documents. **Clay Scott made a motion: Approve the financial reports and payments for October 2021 as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Kent Dunn seconded the motion. Motion passed**

Vice President Jones signed and submitted the financial documents.

Correspondence / Recognition / Public Comments

Dave Brenn announced that long-range planning is on track to be an activity of the Water Congress.

Official Management Program Reports / Recommendation

Management Program Revision with Chief Engineer

Executive Director Mark Rude reviewed the remaining suggested edits from DWR for the Management Program. The board discussed and approved language for each modification. **The board's consensus was to make the proposed changes, provide a corrected copy to the Management Program review Committee for release and then submit it to the Chief Engineer for approval.**

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the board's attention to October 2021 Projects Fund Account. **After some discussion of the Board, Randy Hayzlett moved to accept the October 2021 Financial Report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed.**

Old Business

Response – DWR Draft LEMA Rules, Hearing November 22nd.

Mark handed out a draft letter to Chief Engineer Earl Lewis regarding the proposed regulations K.A.R. 5-19-1 through 5-19-5. After some discussion, **Garret Love moved to approve the letter with the following edits:**

- 1. delete the last sentence of the first paragraph (We offer one substantive comment for the language in these proposed regulations.)**
- 2. Delete the whole second paragraph.**

Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed.

Water Commissioners Report, Mike Meyer

Water Commissioner Mike Meyer noted business as usual.

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Committee Reports

Policy and Legal

Policy and Legal Committee did not hold a meeting.

Renewable Supplies

Renewable Supplies Committee, along with some DWR staff, met on October 27th. Garden City Ditch right use options was discussed. Work will proceed on options to better utilize the ditch and the other ditches in the district work from a draft proposal from GMD3.

Interstate supply evaluation, 2019 watershed plan from Colorado, discuss base-line water quality from John Martin to Stateline.

POC Proposal, still waiting on an approval of the chief engineer and looking at UV treatment instead of chemical treatment option of the inhabited transport water. Ongoing talk with KDHE on the water quality for aquifer replenishment.

Executive Committee

The executive committee met and worked on Mark's annual review. They will present the details at the December 8th meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

NWRA Conference Report

Randy Hayzlett, Clay Scott, Mark Rude, and Jason Norquest attended the NWRA Conference held in Chandler, Arizona, November 8-10. Groundwater caucus had an excellent discussion on legal issues going on across the county. EPA is working on the issue of contamination from groundwater to surface water. **Clay Scott moved to approval travel to Dallas, Texas, for a Fly-in meeting for the board and staff. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed.**

I-CARE (Irrigation-Climate Action Resource Evaluations) Project update.

Mark provided a powerpoint presentation to those in attendance regarding the I-CARE program. This program will give feedback to the water users.

GIVE (Groundwater Incentivized Voluntary Easement) Project update.

Mark stated GIVE (Groundwater Incentivized Voluntary Easement) is the incentive program for people to donate their water rights to GMD or other entities. He is talking to a Colorado district that is currently doing something similar. Also still talking to appraisers.

GMDA Annual Conference

GMDA Annual Conference will be in San Antonio, Texas, from January 18th through 20th. Steve Waltower will be presenting the legislation he is working on to extend the transfer of water from Kansas to Texas.

Miscellaneous

KBUF is reformatting its program and looking at Podcasting.

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Flowmeter sale:

GMD3 has a Panametric flowmeter that has been a backup. GMD3 will purchase a new flowmeter with the awarded grant; therefore, this one is unnecessary. DWR has offered to buy the flowmeter for \$3,500.00. The board consensus was to get rid of the meter. Jason Norquest will work with Mike Meyer.

HVAC Repair.

A.C.C. (Air Comfort Consultants) replaced the air conditioning unit this past Monday.

Report to ARCA

They are meeting in December and GMD3 plans to provide a report.

KWO/KWA/RAC's

DWR

Earl Lewis announced that ARCA plans to be in person in Garden City afternoon of December 8th and all day on the 9th. The Kansas Audubon lawsuit was dismissed but could be appealed. DWR has started the final Walnut Creek IGUCA review.

KDA/KWA/RAC

Keadron Pearson reminded everyone that the Governor's Water conference is next Wednesday and Thursday, November 17th and 18th. In addition, Dawn Buehler recently made her appointments to the Upper ARK and the Cimmaron Regional Advisory Committees. At this time, there are no RAC meetings scheduled.

Johnathan Aguilar, K-State University Research

Johnathan announced there are new projects in the works. One project will be in the Rattlesnake Creek Basin area, and he will be presenting that at the Governor's Conference. They are also working with Garden City Company on a water quality project.

Board Member Open Discussion

Mark announced that some visitors from Ukraine Parliament would be in the area looking at water technology and the Water Technology Farm with GC Company, and he would attend as a local policy resource for them.

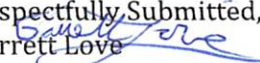
Monday, November 15th, a zoom meeting with KSU Dwane Roth of Syngenta and staff to discuss Master Irrigator and TAPs at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

December 8th, 2021 is the next GMD3 board meeting, with the annual board/spouse holiday luncheon to follow.

Garret Love made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Hayzlett seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Garrett Love

GMD3 Board Secretary