

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
December 8th, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

President Rooney called to order the December 8, 2021, Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District to order at 9:06 am. The meeting was at the GMD3 Board Room.

**Directors Present in Person**

Bret Rooney, President, Haskell County Representative  
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Finney County Representative  
Fred Jones, Vice President, Municipal Representative  
Garrett Love, Secretary, Gray County Representative  
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative  
Harrison Krey, Morton County Representative  
Matt Johnson, Stevens County Representative  
Zachary Gale, Hamilton County Representative  
Randy Hayzlett, Surface Water Representative  
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative  
Chad McCormick, Industrial Representative

**Directors Present by Phone or Zoom**

Clay Scott, Grant County Representative  
Dave Casterline, Ford County Representative

**Directors Absent with Notice**

Kent Dunn, Seward 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  
Brownie Wilson, KGS  
David Barfield, Kansas Water Resources Consulting, LLC  
Keadron Pearson, Kansas Water Office, Water Resource Planner  
Austin McColloch, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources  
Chris Beightel, Division of Water Resources  
Kenny Titus, Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Steven Thurlow, Mechanical Engineering, KSU  
Josh Olson, Kansas Water Office

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**Others in Attendance continued**

Kirk Tjelmeland, Water Resource Planner, Kansas Water Office  
Gaisheng Liu, Associate Scientist, Kansas Geological Survey  
Lane Letourneau, Program Manager, Kansas Department of Agriculture

**APPROVE AGENDA**

President Rooney asked for consideration of the December 8, 2021, meeting agenda. **Hal Scheuerman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Chad McCormick seconded. The motion passed.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & GENERAL MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Rooney drew the attention of the Board to consider the November 12, 2021, draft minutes. Mike Meyer noted changes on page 4.

- ✓ The Rattlesnake Creek lawsuit was dismissed but could. Should read: *The Kansas Audubon lawsuit was dismissed but could be appealed.*
- ✓ One project will be in the rattlesnake area, and he will be presenting that at the Governor's Conference. Should read: *One project will be in the Rattlesnake Creek Basin area, and he will be presenting that at the Governor's Conference.*
- ✓ Monday, November 15 a zoom meeting with KSU Dwane Rith of Syngenta and staff to discuss Master Irrigator and TAPs at 1:00 pm. Should read: *Monday, November 15 a zoom meeting with KSU Dwane Roth of Syngenta and staff to discuss Master Irrigator and TAPs at 1:00 pm.*

**As revised, Fred Jones moved to approve the November 12, 2021, minutes. Randy Hayzlett seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

President Rooney next drew the attention of the Board to review the November 2021 financial report documents. **Fred Jones made a motion: Approve the financial reports and payments for November 2021 as presented at this meeting and submit them for the annual audit. Hal Scheuerman seconded the motion. Motion passed**

President Rooney signed and submitted the financial documents.

**Correspondence / Recognition / Public Comments**

David Barfield stated his apologies for not attending in person. GMD1's work is going well, and he will be happy to provide a presentation when he is here in person. Kyle Spencer with GMD1 is retiring at the end of this year.

David Brenn reported on the Kansas Water Congress activities.

**Official Management Program Reports / Recommendation**

**Water Commissioners Report, Mike Meyer**

Mike Meyer stated business as usual this time of year. We are gearing up for annual well measurements at the beginning of 2022. The Garden City office has a new hire, and they are training him to help measure wells.

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**Management Program Update**

Chief Engineer Earl Lewis believes the critical issues of the GMD3 Management Program have been resolved. A final copy can be submitted and reviewed then go into hearings afterward. Mark noted that he emailed the final document a while ago. Unless there are formatting problems and a few typos that need to be corrected, it was the final copy. President Rooney suggested sending them another copy to avoid confusion and continue the process. Mark meant to leave the line references to aid people in easier identification for possible testimony.

**Introductory Presentation for GMD3 Model update, Brownie Wilson, KGS**

Brownie Wilson with Kansas Geological Survey presented an update on the High Plains Aquifer Model Update Project: Update of the GMD3 Groundwater Flow Model. Project goals are to work with GMD3 staff to design and update the 2010 GMD3 groundwater flow. In addition, perform simulations for future water levels and aquifer storage and manage recharge scenarios. Lastly, create an interface that allows GMD3 staff to run simple model scenarios. The funding agencies are the Kansas Water Office and Southwest Kansas GMD3. Gaisheng Lie, Geoff Bohling, Jim Butler, and Brownie Wilson are the KGS modeling team. A groundwater model is developed to answer specific questions/issues within one particular study area, generally subdivided into cells.

**Committee Reports**

**Renewable Supplies**

Mark Rude and Hal Scheuerman reviewed a discussion from the Renewable Supplies Committee meeting on December 7 at 10:00 am. The committee watched a short video from the Senate Energy Committee, which talked about pipelines and transfers. GMD3 is on the agenda to present at the ARCA meeting.

**Executive Committee**

President Rooney stated the Executive Committee met this morning to discuss goal base evaluations. This type of evaluation provides a measuring stick of performance. The Board of Directors is encouraged to talk to him or Mark on any goals input. The committee will review the plans in January. Mark is still working on a board retreat and will send out a doodle pool offering times and dates.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to take from the table.

**New Business**

**Approve 2022 Kansas Water Congress Membership**

Mark Rude brought to the table the 2022 Kansas Water Congress Membership dues for \$5,000.00.

**Hal Scheuerman moved, and Fred Jones seconded to pay dues to the KWC for \$5,000. Motion passed.**

**Out of State Travel-**

**NWRA Leadership Work Session: Phoenix AZ**

NWRA Leadership will be January 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. Fred Jones moved to approve out-of-state travel for Board and staff to attend the NWRA Leadership in January 2022. Chad McCormick seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

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4 States conference in Colorado

Jason Norquest brought to the boards' attention that Trevor Ahring usually attends the 4-States Conference in Colorado held in January. Fred Jones moved to approve out-of-state travel for Trevor Ahring to attend the 4-State Conference in January. Hal Scheuerman seconded. Motion passed.

GMDA Annual conference: San Antonio, TX

GMDA Annual Conference will be in San Antonio, Texas, January 18 thru 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Fred Jones moved to approve out-of-state travel for Board and staff. Mike O'Brate seconded. Jason Norquest added a reminder that spouse travel expense is on their own but welcomed as there is usually a spouse tour for them to attend.

**Executive Director Report. Mark Rude**

**Groundwater Conservation Easements**

Mark noted the continuation of work on the Groundwater Conservation Easements. Again, there is good support from Senator Moran's office.

ARCA Annual Meeting, Garden City, GMD3 Presenting

ARCA will be meeting this afternoon and tomorrow at the Clarion. Mark will be providing a presentation tomorrow.

Miscellaneous

Mark noted that the goals in the Management Program document may help with goal setting for 2022.

Mark announced that a Playas workshop will be on January 11 and 12, 2022, in Dodge City, Kansas

**Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business**

Mark Rude drew the attention of the Board to the October 2021 Financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and the activity of the advisory committee. After some discussion of the Board, Hal Scheuerman moved to accept the October 2021 Financial Report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Mike O'Brate seconded. Motion passed.

**Farmers Phase II Cost Overage. (\$1702.00)**

Mark brought to the boards' attention \$1,702.00 cost overage on the Farmers Phase II. The discussion at the Advisory committee meeting from state staff was GMD3 may need to submit a new application due to the circumstance of the project. Mark will reach out to Connie Owen for her opinion and respond accordingly.

**GMD3 Report Draft to 2022 Legislature**

Mark is finishing up the Legislative Report on the Western Water Conservation Projects and will present it to the legislatures first part of next year.

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**KWO/KWA/RAC's**

**KWO**

Keadron Pearson announced the office is wrapping up stuff for the end of the year. They are getting the Governor's water report completed. Work continues with partner agencies on the state water plan. KWO is reaching out to water tech producers and wrapping up any funding they need. Keadron has reached out to all the RAC chairs and hopes to meet in person first of the year. Adam Gerrond was accepted on the Cimmaron RAC. Agriculture and Industry/Commerce are still vacant on the Cimarron RAC. Kirk Tjelmeland added that filling the other two slots would be great. Any ideas on names, let Keadron or himself know.

**KWA**

Randy Hayzlett announced the Legislative meetings would be at the end of January in Topeka, KS.

**Board Member Open Discussion**

Garrett Love messaged Senator Marshal staff regarding the video viewed earlier in the meeting. Garrett stressed that he was impressed with the dialog and the possible reality of the transfer.

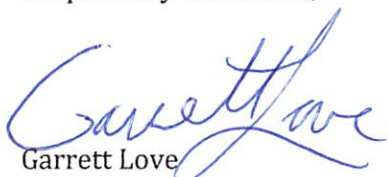
**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting January 12, 2022

Harrison Krey made a motion to adjourn. Seth Nelson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Garrett Love  
GMD3 Board Secretary