

Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee
March 31st, 2022

Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, March 31st, 2022, at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was at GMD3, 2009 E. Spruce St., Garden City, KS.

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

Randy Hayzlett *	Committee Chairman and South Side Ditch Representative
Troy Dumler*	Committee Vice-Chairman and Great Eastern Representative
Shane Knoll*	Garden City Ditch Representative
Larry Miller*	Amazon Ditch Representative
Kevin Salter	Interstate water engineer, KDA /DWR
Mark Rude	Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director
Patty Stapleton	Committee Recording Secretary, GMD3 Office Administrator

Others in Attendance

Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Trevor Ahring	GMD3 Engineer
Alex Torrance	DWR, River Bailiff
Keadron Pearson,	Kansas Water Office, Water Resource Planner
Weston McCary,	Kansas Water Office, Technology Projects Coordinator
Rachel Duran,	Kansas Department of Agriculture

Absent with Notice

Stanley Hines*	Frontier Ditch Representative
Mike Meyer	DWR, Water Commissioner
Rodney Kirchoff*	Finney County Water Users, Secretary
Doug Mai*	Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative

Agenda Approval

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for a discussion on the meeting agenda. Troy Dumler moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval

December 1, 2021

Mark Rude read the December 1, 2021, draft minutes. The committee made corrections throughout the reading. As revised, Shane Knoll moved to approve the minutes for December 1, 2021. Larry Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

The committee reviewed the financials from December 2021 to March 28th, 2022. Mark advised that Trevor started the paperwork for the Farmers' Headgate project tax refund. In addition, Commerce Bank has charged our account \$25.00 and \$26.00, respectively, for an account fee. The bank advised work is in the process of correcting this and should be fixed next month. Troy Dumler moved to approve the financials as presented, and Shane Knoll seconded. Motion passed.

Active Approved Projects

South Side Phase II, new structure dirt work, and project supervision.

Randy Hayzlett advised that there is still some dirt work to be completed. They have trouble keeping water from going over the top and onto a field. The cost to have the ditch cleaned out is around \$7,500.00. An existing pit may not have been dug deep enough and was not a part of the South Side Project. Randy feels it is inappropriate to pay for the expense out of the projects under the South Side Phase II project and may consider a new application if it comes down to it. Bob Knoll may want a slide gate or a floating pump in the ditch instead. Randy also brought to the table for discussion his time spent overseeing the project; he provided a voucher for \$15,750.00. Randy stepped out of the room for the committee to hold an open discussion; Troy Dumler resided over the meeting. Troy Dumler advised that it has been done on other projects and is cheaper than paying an engineering firm. Larry Miller stated it is good to have one of their own overseeing the project(s). The committee's consensus was to have Randy Hayzlett submit it to South Side and proceed through getting the voucher approved for payment.

Garden City Ditch Measuring Station

Shane Knoll noted there had not been much activity since the last meeting. He needs to contact a farmer to see if he is interested in water.

Farmers Headgate Phase II Report

Mark brought to the table the \$1,702.00 overpayment. Connie Owen advised that a new application is unnecessary; however, she wanted to review the overage. Troy noted that the group's consensus last time was to pay the overage. Therefore, Troy moved to pay \$1,702.00 and forward it to the GMD3 Board meeting for payment approval. Larry Miller seconded, and the motion passed.

Applications / Potential applications Placeholders

Three reservoir sites' technical update memo

Mark advised that nothing is in the works for the three reservoir sites' technical update memo. He asked if the committee would like to see a project like this completed. Mark will be happy to work with GMD3 to submit. Mark also updated the group on the recent NRCS meeting and questioned if anything from the NRCS workgroup could be of assistance. Research should be completed on RCPP programs to clean up the tamarisk along the river.

Review of Action Items

Funding for Webdell Lake Riverbank Repair

Still up in the air, however, it is sanding slowly.

Kansas user gets responding to Colorado JMR Account Requested

Nothing has been submitted; however, water quality has been discussed, and there could be a storage charge. Kevin stated they had wanted the list for years without getting much response. Ask for flexibility on section 2 water.

Getting GC Ditch in shape to run water.

As discussed earlier, making progress.

Agency Reports

GMD3

Mark announced that on April 13, the Management Program document hearing would occur. Individuals must submit comments five days before the date in duplicate. Work continues on grants. Finney County Sustainability Group will be meeting in the next few months. GMD3 will present the ICARE project at that time.

DWR

Kevin Salter stated Colorado support system does not create data. Instead, it collects information to be used on different effects of events. More trying to calibrate the model. "Colors of Water" are a separate tool. The Water Quality summit will be held May 10th -12th, 2022, starting in Lamar, Colorado. The first day will be informative talks, followed by tours of Colorado and Kansas sites and discussions on the third day. Kevin added that the HI Model would be out in the next few days; the deadline to review and respond is May 15th, 2022. Available account water is around 11,000af right now. Snowmelt projections are close to the long-term median but sit on dry soil before getting to the river system. John Martin Reservoir is sitting around 18,000af lower than last year, and because of this, Colorado may save their water for later in the year. The water supply for Fry Ark is currently looking low but does not have the numbers.

KWO

Keadron Pearson announced that the next Water Authority is on April 30th, 2022, in Emporia. Upper Ark RAC will set a meeting date within the next week. The KGS tour will be in May in Southeast Kansas.

Date of Next Meeting

It will be before the next quarter ends.

Adjournment

Shane Knoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Larry Miller seconded.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


Committee Chairman