

March 30, 2023,

**Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee  
(620) 275-7147**

Chairman Randy Hayzlett called the meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee to order on Wednesday, March 30th, at 10:33 a.m. The meeting was at the GMD3, 2009 E. Spruce St., Garden City, KS.

**Members Present (\*Voting):**

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

**Others in Attendance**

Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Keadron Pearson	Kansas Water Office

**Absent**

Rodney Kirchoff	Finney County Water Users, Secretary
Larry Miller*	Amazon Ditch Representative
Doug Mai*	Finney County Water Users / Farmers Ditch Representative

**Agenda Approval**

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for a discussion on the meeting agenda. [Shane Knoll moved to approve the agenda as presented. Stanley Hines seconded. Motion passed.](#)

**Minutes Approval**

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Mark read through the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, draft minutes.

[Troy Dumler moved to approve the March 31st, 2022, minutes, as revised during the reading. Shane Knoll seconded.](#)

**Financial Report**

The committee reviewed the Financials from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, through March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. [Shane Knoll moved to approve the financials as presented. Stanley Hines seconded. Motion passed.](#)

**Old Business: Active Approved Projects**

**Southside Phase II**

The Southside Phase II project is complete.

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

Mark Rude, Garden City Ditch Measuring Station, is still in the works. An appropriate measuring station is needed before revamping the ditch to run water. We are working on some grants to leverage the authorized \$25,000.

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Farmers headgate Phase II Wrap-up report.

Mark reported that he has yet to complete the request for payment to Connie Owen for her approval of the \$1,702 overage approved by this committee on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Mark refreshed everyone on the sales tax issue on this project and that the overage with Kaw Valley was \$26,628.03. Trevor Ahring has worked to settle that with the State of Kansas and the contractor. This past week, GMD3 received checks on the Sales Tax Refund of \$20,093.89. Kaw Valley is willing to write off the difference of \$6,534.14. [Stanley Hines moved to approve the sales tax funds back to Kaw Valley.](#) [Troy Dumler seconded.](#) [Motion passed.](#)

Preferred Interstate Supply Assessment

Mark reminded everyone that Preferred Interstate Supply had an authorization amount of \$100,000 to pursue. It took years to put together work that would utilize the \$85,000 remaining of the project to leverage that with a Bureau of Reclamation Grant. SS Papadopulos would get reimbursed under the grant activity allowed for reimbursement of previous work. Due to some issues with due diligence, the grant submittal could not be pursued. S. S. Papadopulos submitted a bill in November to GMD3 for \$5,293.90. Even though the study was to research the inflows into our area, it was completed outside of our area and not approved. GMD3 still has the work and research that S.S. Papadopulos completed.

New Business

There was no new business to bring to the table.

Applications / Potential Applications placeholders

Three reservoir sites' technical update memos

There is nothing new on this project. Kevin suggested having an updated memo at the next meeting.

Review of action items

Funding for Webdell Lake Riverbank repair

The group agreed to remove the Webdell Lake Riverbank repair funding from the action item list.

Kansas User gets-responding to Colorado JMR account requested.

The group agreed to remove the Colorado JMR account request from the action item list.

Getting GC Ditch in shape to run water.

This project will remain on the action item list.

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**Agency Reports**

**GMD3**

Mark Rude reported on the happenings in the GMD3.

- Upper Ark Watershed Group is active and meets once a month. Trevor will present a power point about the Upper Ark Watershed at the Upper Ark RAC tomorrow.
- HB2279 has passed the House and Senate and going to Conference Committee
- Hamilton County has asked to be removed from GMD3. GMD3 Board is researching.
- ICARE: Finney County area has received their reports. The rest of the reports for Southwest Kansas will be completed by May.
- Mark presented The Arkansas River Litigation Funds annual report to the Legislature.

**DWR**

- Ark River Compact had a change on board. Randy Hayzlett came off, and Zachary Gale took his spot.

**KWO**

Keadron Pearson reported:

- Water Authority meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Kansas City
- KGS Tours will be in Dodge, and at the same time, Water Authority will hold its meeting.
- Upper Ark RAC will be tomorrow at Finnup and available online. Kevin Salter, Rachel Duran, and Trevor Ahring will be speaking.
- The first-ever WISE Tour was last week, and there were 132 attendees.


**Date of Next Meeting**

To be announced before the next quarter's end.

**Adjournment**

**Stanley Hines moved to adjourn the meeting at 12: 12 p.m. Shane Knoll seconded.**

**Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**

  
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Recording Secretary

  
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Committee Chairman