

40th Annual Meeting Minutes – City Limits Convention Center, Colby, Kansas, February 11, 2015

The 40th annual meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. CST, February 11, 2015 at the City Limits Convention Center, Colby, Kansas. Board members present were:

Scott Maurath	Dave Rietcheck	Jeff Deeds
Roger Zwegardt	Lynn Goossen	Doug David
Mitch Baalman	Brent Rogers	Justin Sloan
Shane Mann	Monty Biggs	

Others present were: Staff: Ray Luhman, Shannon Cain, Dan Simmering, Rita Wade and Jeff Mason; DWR: Kelly Stewart and Jodie Barker; Tracy Streeter – KWO; Jonathan Aguilar – K-State Research and Extension; Mandy Fox- FoxZ Consulting; Greg Graff – KWA & GMD 1

There were 43 total persons in attendance. The attendance roster is available from the district office.

President Brent Rogers opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions of the board, staff, state agency staff, and former board members present.

President Rogers then turned over the meeting to Jeff Deeds for presentation of the 39th annual meeting minutes, Goodland, Kansas, February 19, 2014.. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Jeff presented a correction on page 4. The minutes state the district brought in \$561,889.59 and spent \$638,536.15 which should state the district brought in \$638,536.15 and spent \$561,889.59. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Dave Mann and seconded by Ron Ball that the 39th annual meeting minutes be approved with correction. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2016 proposed operating budget. Dave reported that the 2016 budget was \$489,190.00. With no further questions or comments, the proposed 2016 budget of \$489,190.00 was approved on a motion by Mitchell Baalman and a second from Shane Mann and a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2014 calendar year audit. Dave directed attention to the audit report contained in the annual meeting packet at page 8 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district had brought in \$636,137; spent \$490,751. The total cash on hand reported as \$145,386. Dave finally noted that the Foundation (not affiliated with the district) had a December 31, 2014 balance of \$520,445. Following review and with no questions or comments, Roger Zwegardt moved for approval of the 2014 Audit Report. Jeff Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Roger Zwegardt next conducted the board elections. He gave the background rules and indicated each position election would be held separately. Roger opened Position 2

(Rawlins/Decatur County) announcing that Monty Biggs was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Roger opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 2. With no additional nominations, Doug David moved that nominations for Position 2 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Monty Biggs. Mitch Baalman seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Roger opened Position 3 (Sherman/Wallace County) announcing that Jeff Deeds was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Roger opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 3. With no additional nominations, Steve Ziegelmeier moved that nominations for Position 3 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jeff Deeds. Dave Rietcheck seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Roger opened Position 5 (Thomas County) announcing that Justin Sloan was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Roger opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 5. With no additional nominations, Shane Mann moved that nominations for Position 5 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Justin Sloan. Steve Bremenkamp seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Roger opened Position 7 (Sheridan County) announcing that Mitchell Baalman was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Roger opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 7. With no additional nominations, Scott Maurath moved that nominations for Position 7 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mitchell Baalman. Monty Biggs seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. *

With no contested positions, there was no need to mark ballots.

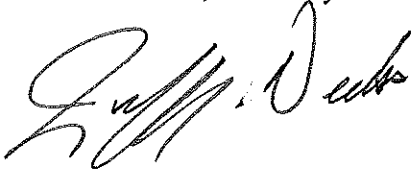
Brownie Wilson of KGS next gave a presentation on Examples of Water Levels and Flow Patterns in the Ogallala/High Plains Aquifer in Kansas. Several questions were presented from the audience on the movement of water through the aquifer and the change in velocities given the multiple variables presented by Brownie.

Brent Rogers then presented the district updates found in the meeting materials (pages 9-12). Several questions were presented by attendees. Question on the Regional Planning Teams and how that correlates with GMD 4 was presented that Ray Luhman answered. Jon Starns, Chairman for the Upper Republican Regional Planning Team invited the public to the meetings on the 10th and 11th of March. There would be a meeting in Colby and one in Goodland. In relation to the Goal Statement presented, several statements were made concerning the need for conservation. No opposition to the Goal Statement was expressed. A concern about the Aqueduct was brought up. Tracy Streeter and Greg Graff both gave updates on the study.

Mitchell Baalman moved that the 40th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 be adjourned. Dave Rietcheck seconded the motion. With no objections, President Rogers declared the 40th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Deeds, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeff Deeds". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.