

41st Annual Meeting Minutes – Hoxie, Kansas – Feb 10th 2016

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The 41st annual meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. CST, February 10, 2016 at the Sheridan County 4H Building, Hoxie, Kansas. Board members present were:

Dave Rietcheck	Jeff Deeds
Roger Zwegardt	Lynn Goossen
Justin Sloan	Brent Rogers
Shane Mann	Monty Biggs

Others present were: Staff: Ray Luhman, Shannon Cain, Dan Simmering, Rita Wade; Adam Dees - attorney; Susan Metzger – KDA; DWR: David Barfield, Lane Letourneau, Chris Beightel, Kelly Stewart and Jodie Barker; Tracy Streeter – KWO; Jonathan Aguilar – K-State Research and Extension

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.

Chief Engineer, David Barfield, gave a presentation on several topics of interest. He discussed the Republican River Compact and the augmentation projects occurring in Nebraska and Colorado. Other topics of the presentation were Quivira Wildlife Refuge, water transfer update with the City of Hays, statewide rule and regulation changes in legislation, WCA's and an update on the SD 6 LEMA. Several questions about the augmentation projects were asked and opinions expressed. It was suggested by an attendee the GMD 4 Board of Directors attend the tri-state compact meetings.

President Rogers then turned over the meeting to Jeff Deeds for presentation of the 40th annual meeting minutes, Colby, Kansas, February 11, 2015. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Bert Stramel presented a correction on page 5. The minutes state "No opposition to the Goal Statement was expressed." And that statement should be omitted from the minutes. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Bert Stramel and seconded by Tom Sloan that the 40th annual meeting minutes be approved with correction. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2017 proposed operating budget. Dave reported that the 2017 budget was \$492,200. With no further questions or comments, the proposed 2017 budget of \$492,200 was moved and seconded to be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2015 calendar year audit. Dave directed attention to the audit report contained in the annual meeting packet at page 9 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district brought in \$667,644; spent \$463,416. The total cash on hand reported as \$204,228. Dave finally noted that the Foundation (not affiliated with the district) had a December 31, 2015 balance of \$488,437. Following review and with no questions or comments, it was moved and seconded the audit be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Justin Sloan next conducted the board elections. Justin opened Position 8 (Sheridan County) announcing that Mitchell Baalman was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 8. With no additional nominations, Alan Townsend moved that nominations for Position 8 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mitchell Baalman. Dave Schamberger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 9 (Graham County) announcing that Doug David was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 9. With no additional nominations,

Tom Sloan moved that nominations for Position 9 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Doug David. Steve Bremenkamp seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 10 (Logan County) announcing that Scott Maurath was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 10. With no additional nominations, Dave Mann moved that nominations for Position 10 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Scott Maurath. Dave Schamberger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 11 (Gove County) announcing that Shane Mann was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 11. With no additional nominations, Dennis Rogers moved that nominations for Position 11 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Shane Mann. Bill Miller 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.

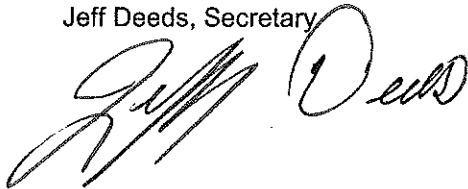
Following the election, the vendors each were given a few minutes to present their product(s) and/or services.

Brent Rogers then presented the proposed district wide LEMA. He gave an overview of the framework and answered several questions concerning the flexibility.

It was moved and seconded that the 41st annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 be adjourned.. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Deeds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "D".