

**MINUTES: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4
June 2, 2016 Board Meeting**

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The June 2nd Board meeting was opened at 9:07 am CST at GMD 4 office in Colby, Kansas by Vice President, Shane Mann.

Board members present for some or all of the meeting were:

Shane Mann, Mitchell Baalman, Scott Maurath
Roger Zwegardt, Dave Rietcheck and Jeff Deeds

Present for some or all of the meeting were Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon and Dan Simmering - GMD 4 staff, Jeff Mason – attorney; Mike McKenna; Karen Flannigan; Weston McCary; Jace Chipperfield; Kelly Stewart and Steven Walters – DWR; Jodie McCain

Justin Sloan, Doug David, Lynn Goossen, Brent Rogers and Monty Biggs were absent.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Shane Mann asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the May 12 2016, Minutes and Expenditures for the month of May. Receipt of the financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$34,174.26 in May were approved.

Jeff Deeds moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of May be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Karen Flannigan commented the method of determining historical inches per acre was unfair to those already conserving water.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ray gave a report on the KWA meeting. All RAC’s reported on their progress and water issues around the state. The only thing of concern was the Blue Ribbon Task Force and the idea of taxing irrigation water.

After the KWA meeting the GMD managers met to discuss WRIS Mobile. A conference call was had with GIS Workshops about developing our own app for use with field work. Staff will be coordinating with the other GMD’s to obtain a quote for a base model.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA Discussion and Formulation

Ray discussed the updated map with the 2014 and 2015 water level data included and where the areas of decline were improving and worsening. Discussion was had about components of the various plans currently being developed. Several ideas came from the discussion. It was requested that a maximum number of acre-feet pumped district wide be established and then determine the amount needed to be cut. The question was asked as to what percent that would require of those pumping between 20 and 12 inches per year to obtain that.

b. TH-5

Nothing to report and remove from agenda.

c. Website

Shannon projected the proposed website for the Board to review and asked for suggestions. Many suggestions were made and will be passed on to Crystal Pounds to make the changes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Staff Contracts

Jeff Deeds moved the Board go into executive session at 11:00 am for 30 minutes with Ray Luhman and attorney, Jeff Mason then other staff members individually. Motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Scott Maurath moved the Board extend the executive session until 12:00 P.M. Motion was seconded by David Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Jeff Deeds moved the Board extend the executive session until 12:15 P.M. Motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Mitchell Baalman moved the Board extend the executive session until 12:30 P.M. Motion was seconded by Scott Maurath and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

At 12:30 P.M. the Board came out of executive session.

Roger Zwegardt moved to offer Rita Wade a contract of \$48,500, Dan Simmering a contract of \$65,000, Ray Luhman a contract of \$105,000 and Shannon Kenyon a contract of her current salary and to pay half her tuition expenses up to \$7500 per year for three years. While tuition is being provided, she is to maintain longevity with GMD 4 or reimburse tuition funds paid by GMD 4. Motion was seconded Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstention of "nay" votes.)

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart informed the Board of a pilot project being developed on a term permit for dual use of irrigation and stockwater. He also stated that the Ogallala portion of the district was officially closed on May 13th. Not of concern to GMD 4, but approval of applications outside of the district that would have a 1% impact to the Republican River would be denied.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Nothing to report

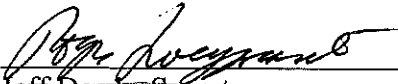
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The July Monthly Meeting to be held at the GMD 4 office on July 14th at 9 am.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Mitchell Baalman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



~~Jeff Deeds, Secretary~~

Roger Zwegardt - acting secretary