

**MINUTES: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4
July 14, 2016 Board Meeting**

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The July 14th Board meeting was opened at 9:02 am CST at GMD 4 office in Colby, Kansas by President, Brent Rogers.

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

Brent Rogers, Shane Mann, Mitchell Baalman, Scott Maurath
Roger Zwegygart, Dave Rietcheck, Lynn Goossen, Doug David and Justin Sloan

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

Jeff Deeds and Monty Biggs were absent.

Ray Luhman requested several items to be added to the agenda: Management Program for item C in Old Business and GIS Workshops for item A in New Business. Lynn Goossen requested Staff Contracts be added to New Business for Executive Session under item B in New Business.

Shane Mann moved Roger Zwegygart be the acting secretary in the absence of Jeff Deeds. The motion was seconded by Doug David and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the June 2, 2016, Minutes and Expenditures for the month of June. Receipt of the financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$34,187.35 in June were approved.

Scott Maurath moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of June 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 board needed to create a plan that was fair.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

The Kansas Water Congress will be held July 26 and 27th in Wichita. Please let the office know by Monday if you plan to attend so reservations can be made. An agenda was passed around.

The Kansas Water Authority will meet August 31st and September 1st in Emporia. Staff do not plan on attending.

Budget Hearing is set for August 4th. Date had to be decided prior to the July meeting for publication purposes. It was arranged for the Budget Committee to meet at the GMD 4 office on Thursday, July 28th at 10 am.

Ray Luhman distributed the proposed budget for the hearing and discussed the facility line item due to carry over. He also informed the board that he signed a contract with Amber Hagerman to assist with assessments. Contract is for \$100.00 per hour to be billed in 15 minute increments.

There will be a Water Technology Farm tour on August 2nd. We will leave the GMD 4 office by 8 am for any board members or staff that would like to attend.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA Discussion and Formulation

Ray distributed a list of the three plans currently being discussed and the details of each one. Data was then distributed to show the townships with 0.5 – 1% decline. Discussion was lead back to the first plan, but numbers needed to be adjusted. Board members to think of those numbers to be discussed at next meeting. It was also discussed the idea of a carry-over amount not to exceed one year.

b. Website

The proposed new website was reviewed. It was suggested to locate a link for the real time data on the index wells.

Mitchell Baalman moved the new website to go live. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

Spencer Casey of Casey Designs is retiring. GMD 4 will need to find another source to host the website and provide email. Shannon reported that she had done price comparison with various companies and suggested the district remain with Rackspace for email and host the website with Expiry that currently holds the domain name.

Mitchell Baalman moved to use Expiry for hosting and Rackspace for email. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

c. Management Program

Ray said the management program had been reviewed by DWR and now needs to be resubmitted. A few minor changes and the replacement of the SD-6 section with the SD-6 order was all that was done.

Scott Maurath moved to resubmit the revised management program. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. GIS Workshops

All GMD's have received a counter offer for a program similar to WRIS Mobile. Discussion was had on what the program does and the cost shared by all GMD's.

Dave Rietcheck moved to move forward if the other GMD's participate with a maximum cost to GMD 4 of \$29,000. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed with eight votes for and one against. Justin Sloan was the dissenting vote.

b. Staff Contracts

Lynn Goossen moved to go into executive session until 12:05 with the GMD 4 Board and managers to discuss employee contracts. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 12:05. No action taken.

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart gave clarification on the Upper Republican map he handed out at the last meeting. The areas highlighted on the map he previously indicated that one may be able to get an application approved in those areas, but clarified that a new application would not be approved in those areas.

He also informed everyone that all change applications and orders are now required to be put on their website.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Nothing to report

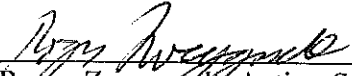
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The August meeting will be held August 4th at the GMD 4 Office at 9 am. The Budget Hearing will be conducted at this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Shane Mann moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



Roger Zwegardt, Acting Secretary