

Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 August 4, 2016 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The August 4th board meeting was opened at 9:03 am CDT at the GMD 4 Office in Colby, Kansas by President, Brent Rogers.

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

Shane Mann, Lynn Goossen Jeff Deeds, Monty Biggs,
Roger Zwegardt, Brent Rogers, Justin Sloan
Mitchell Baalman, and Scott Maurath

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Cain, Rita Wade and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Jeff Mason – Vignery & Mason; Steven Walters - DWR/Stockton; Jody McCain; Dewayne Kersenbrock; Jace Chipperfield; Karen Flanigan and Darvin Strutt

Board members absent were: Doug David and Dave Rietcheck

Roger Zwegardt moved that Lynn Goossen be the Acting Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

Ray Luhman requested several items to be added to the Managers Report: Darvin Strutt to review the insurance policy; Meeting with KDA in October; WCA in GMD 1; Water Technology Farm Field Day and K-State Extension Field Day

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the July 14, 2016 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of July. Receipt of the July financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$32,500.53 in July were approved.

Mitchell Baalman moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of July be accepted. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Brent Rogers asked if there was anything to be presented in Open Forum. No responses were given.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ray Luhman and Shannon Kenyon attended the Kansas Water Congress in Wichita. A brief overview of the presentations heard was reported.

Shannon gave an update on the RAC meeting. The committee would like to conduct Water Informational Events. The idea of the committee holding this event in conjunction with the GMD 4 Annual Meeting will be added to the agenda for September.

Shannon also attended the Water Technology Farm Field Day and reported the events that took place.

There will be a Field Day at the K-State Research and Experiment Station in Colby on August 23rd if anyone would like to attend. A flyer showing the events for the day was distributed.

Ray discussed what we know about a large WCA being formed in Wichita County. The WCA is within GMD 1 and consists of Cargill and other area producers.

A letter with proposed legislation on flexibility between stockwater and irrigation was handed out at the Kansas Water Congress. Those documents were distributed to the board and discussed.

Darvin Strutt of Strutt Insurance discussed the insurance policy. He handed out a summary of what was insured and for how much.

KDA and the GMD's will have a meeting in Manhattan on October 3rd to discuss relationships between the agency and districts.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Goal Discussion

Board members were given the latest revisions to the district-wide LEMA proposal. The plan proposes areas between 0.5% and 1% average annual declines be put on an 18 inch maximum, areas between 1% and 2% use the 80% chance rainfall NIR for their zone and any area above 2% use the 50% NIR for their zone. Nobody in an area above 0.5% would be allowed to pump in excess of 18" or be reduced by more than 25%. Data would be periodically reviewed and allocated amounts adjusted accordingly. The plan would offer no flexibility and would have a five year allocation. If flexibility is desired, a producer would need to enroll in a WCA.

Mitchell Baalman moved to send the plan to KDA for input. The motion was seconded by Scott Maurath and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Jeff Deeds moved to recess the monthly board meeting to conduct the public budget hearing at 10:30 am. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET 2016

At 10:30 am Brent Rogers opened the Budget Hearing. There were members of the public present that gave no additional testimony. Staff provided testimony to increase the proposed budget. Copy of changes attached to these minutes.

Brent Rogers asked if there was any additional discussion regarding the 2017 GMD4 Operating Budget and there was none. *Monty Biggs motioned to close the 2017 Budget Hearing. Jeff Deeds seconded the motion which passed unanimously via voice vote (no "abstentions" or "nay" votes.)*

b. APPROVAL OF THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Jeff Deeds motioned to approve the following resolution for the 2017 Budget :

WHEREAS the district membership during the 41st Annual Meeting adopted the proposed 2017 operating budget of \$492,200 for consideration at a subsequent public hearing; and

WHEREAS the board scheduled, duly noticed and conducted a public hearing regarding the tentatively adopted, proposed 2017 operating budget on August 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS all testimony and public comment was duly considered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2017 operating budget for the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 shall be approved for \$469,915 – as followed:

	2017 Final Assessed	
110 POSTAGE		\$6,200.00
111 Newsletter	\$4,700.00	
112 General	\$1,500.00	
120 PRINTING		\$5,200.00
121 Newsletter	\$4,800.00	
122 Administrative	\$400.00	
130 DUES	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
150 INSURANCE		\$12,800.00
151 Office	\$12,500.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability		
153 Auto		
154 Workmans' Comp.		
155 Inland Marine		
156 Unemployment	\$300.00	
160 TELEPHONE	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$348,900.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$348,900.00	
172 Health Insurance		
180 TRAVEL		\$15,000.00

181 Board	\$12,000.00	
182 Staff	\$3,000.00	
190 VEHICLES		\$4,375.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,200.00	
192 Operation	\$3,000.00	
193 Tags	\$175.00	
194 Purchase/Lease		
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$34,800.00
201 Accounting	\$7,000.00	
202 Legal	\$7,800.00	
203 Misc. Support	\$20,000.00	
204 Water Sampling		
205 Drilling		
206 Weather Modification		
210 PUBLICATIONS		\$600.00
211 Legal Notices	\$600.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$2,000.00
221 Administrative		
222 Equipment		
223 Contracted Studies		
224 Education Program	\$2,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$10,900.00
231 Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	
232 Copy Machine	\$1,750.00	
233 Computer Maint	\$3,500.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease	\$650.00	
235 Bank Charges		
236 Field Supplies	\$1,500.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$4,400.00
241 Field	\$2,400.00	
242 Office	\$2,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE		\$0.00
260 FACILITY		\$13,640.00
261 Rent	\$840.00	
262 Upkeep	\$5,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase	\$0.00	
264 Building Utilities	\$7,800.00	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
300 FOUNDATION		\$500.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions		
325 Foundation Telephone		
345 Foundation Accounting	\$200.00	
350 Foundation Legal	\$300.00	
370 Foundation Tech Support		
	\$469,915.00	\$469,915.00

WHEREAS KSA 82a-1030 requires that a land assessment and/or water user charge be levied in order to fund the approved budget; and

WHEREAS there exists as of August 4, 2016 2,842,812 acres of land eligible for assessment and 840,362 acrefeet of water eligible for the water user charge for the 2017 operating budget; and

WHEREAS after due consideration of all testimony it is the board's decision that a 2017 budget of \$469,915 should be provided assessment support;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the land assessment and water user charge for the 2017 operating budget shall be set at:

*\$.05 per acre of assessable land; and
\$.35 per assessable acrefoot of water.*

Mitchell Baalman seconded the motion which passed unanimously via voice vote (no "abstentions" or "nay" votes.)

7. Agency Reports

Steven Walters of the DWR Stockton Field Office reported he was having discussion with three or four potential WCA's within GMD 4. The office is currently reviewing the short overpump list.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Jace Chipperfield made comment that the proposed District-Wide LEMA was more palatable. It was suggested that we need to define what would happen after five years. Are we going to reduce 10%? Details of the plan have not yet been determined, but will once we receive comment from DWR.

Brent Rogers asked about Quivera Wildlife Refuge and what the latest update on that was.

Comment was also made on a review of the Wet Walnut IGUCA was planned.

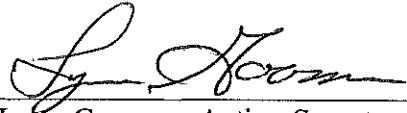
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The September Monthly Meeting to be held at the GMD 4 office on September 1st at 9 A.M.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Lynn Goossen moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 A.M. The motion was seconded by Roger Zweygardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Goossen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lynn Goossen, Acting Secretary