

## **Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 September 1, 2016 Board Meeting**

### **1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA**

The September 1st 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,  
David Rietcheck, 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; Kelly Stewart & Steven Walters - DWR/Stockton; Jody McCain; Karen Flanagan

Board members absent were: Doug David

Ray Luhman requested that RRCA to be added to the Manager's Report.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the August 4th, 2016 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of August. Receipt of the August financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$47,309.14 in August were approved.

**Jeff Deeds moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of August be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman 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**

Shannon Kenyon is preparing the Fall Newsletter and asked if there were any topics the board would like to include. Suggestions made were WCA's, RRCA update, McCarty Dairy conservation, and proposed LEMA

The Governor's Conference is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Any board members that would like to attend should let staff know before the next monthly meeting so reservations can be made.

Ray Luhman reported the district signed a contract with GIS Workshops to begin work on developing a mobile field work app. Cost would be spread out over three years budgets.

Ray asked if there were any board members that would like to attend a meeting on October 3, 2016 in Manhattan between DWR, KDA and the GMD's. Several topics were of interest for discussion at this meeting.

Shannon attended the annual RRCA meeting in Burlington. Two resolutions were passed and communicated to the board.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **a. Goal Discussion**

After much discussion on the current proposed plan, the board requested a month to discuss with producers in their areas before taking it to public meetings. If the board decides to take it to the public, letters would be sent to all water use correspondents with notification of the meetings.

### **b. Annual Meeting**

The idea was presented at last month's meeting to suggest to the Upper Republican RAC to hold their education day in conjunction with the district's annual meeting. Board members thought that would be a good idea and potentially bring more people to the meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION**

The building finance committee discussed doing a couple of postcard mailings in between the two newsletters to inform water users of meeting dates and any other pertinent information. After discussion, the following motions were passed:

**Shane Mann moved the monthly board meetings be the first Thursday of the month at 9 am. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).**

**Monty Biggs moved the newsletter be published twice per year and postcards be mailed as needed. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).**

## **7. Agency Reports**

Kelly Stewart reported that most of his report was covered in the Manager's Report. He was to give an update on the RRCA meeting, regulation changes on consumptive use calculations, and statute changes to the WCA language that would provide for flexibility. He did report the 2015 overpumpers had been determined and penalty orders were to be mailed. There were only a handful in GMD 4. Lastly, David Barfield will be in town next week and will sign the GMD 4 Management Plan at that time.

#### **8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:**

Shane Mann asked Jeff Mason on the status of the NW Kansas Groundwater Foundation's 501(3)(c) status. Jeff said he was gathering the final documents from Rita and hoped to send it in soon. It was suggested we have a foundation meeting soon to determine another probe program.

Ray Luhman asked about SD6 and if anybody heard anything from the producers within the LEMA. It was noted that they would probably renew.

Scott Maurath asked DWR for clarification on the WCA's and he was getting questions on details. Kelly Stewart reported that they were individual plans and that it would be different for each WCA.

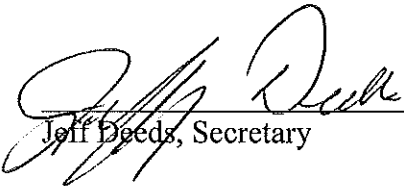
#### **9. Scheduling Future Meetings:**

The October Monthly Meeting to be held at the GMD 4 office on October 6th at 9 A.M.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*With no other business and no objections, Roger Zwegardt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 A.M. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).*

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Jeff Deeds, Secretary