

## **Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 October 6, 2016 Board Meeting**

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

The October 6 board meeting was opened at 9:00 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, Doug David,  
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 Flanigan; Bill Golden, Matt Sanderson and Greg Graff

Board members absent were: Dave Rietcheck and Justin Sloan

Ray Luhman requested the following be added to the Manager's Report:

- b. Midwest Energy
- c. Water Technology Farms
- d. Reschedule KDA/DWR meeting
- e. GIS Workshops
- f. Management Program

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the September 1st, 2016 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of September. Receipt of the September financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$32,168.45 in September were approved.

**Scott Maurath moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of September be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).**

### **3. OPEN FORUM**

Mitchell Baalman informed the other board members he may have to step out of the meeting periodically to conduct personal business.

#### 4. MANAGER'S REPORT

The Governor's Conference is November 14 & 15. Any board member that would like to attend should get with Shannon prior to 3 pm on October 11, 2016 so reservations can be made.

Shannon went to a meeting with Midwest Energy on new technology they would like to make available to their customers on water reporting. She discussed the product they would like to present.

Shannon also had a meeting with several people about Water Technology Farms in the GMD 4 District. A plan to put technology into the hands of multiple producers was in the works and grants being applied for through the KWO.

A meeting between KDA, DWR and the GMD's was schedule for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but had to be canceled. Several dates have been proposed for a new meeting. Board will be informed of that date and encouraged to attend when it becomes available.

Shannon has a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> with GIS Workshops to view where they are at with our field technology app.

Ray reported the Management Program was approved by DWR. A public hearing will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> during our next monthly board meeting. A quorum is required for that meeting.

Ray reported that Greg Graff and Sean Miller had drafted some legislative concepts that are still being developed. The drafts are still very preliminary and may propose changes to the GMD Act to increase water user charges.

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### a. Goal Discussion

Ray Luhman made a few suggestions on possibly tweaking the current proposed LEMA. Discussion was had that led the board to go with what they had.

**Mitchell Baalman moved that GMD 4 take the current plan and map to the public. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).**

Discussion was then had on when to do the meetings and letters that would be mailed to Water Use Correspondents. It was suggested to wait till after Thanksgiving and GMD 4 staff could choose those dates without approval from the board.

## **b. Annual Meeting**

Shannon reported the Annual Meeting would be in conjunction with the 2017 Water Talk Series hosted by KWO and RMA on February 1, 2017, at the Goodland Technical College. A brief overview of the day's events and business conducted was presented.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. NEWSLETTER DISCUSSION**

Shannon presented several newsletter formats to the board with suggestions on making changes. Cost was discussed between what we have been doing and what could be done by keeping it local or having another company do the printing.

**Doug David moved to use the new format and that it should be glossy. Furthermore, staff was directed to pursue outside printing. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).**

### **b. BILL GOLDEN & MATT SANDERSON**

Bill Golden discussed with the board his plans for a large grant that was received. GMD 4 is getting some of that to update the economic study. Matt Sanderson is a sociologist that discussed a study he is doing on why water users would change to save or extend the aquifer. He may be contacting board members and staff for his study.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Kelly Stewart reported the overpump list had about a dozen violations within GMD 4. A few had penalties and others just a warning. They are receiving more tablets for the WRIS Mobile app. He fielded questions from the board about increases in lake levels.

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

Dan Simmering reported he met with Steve Knobbe as they installed telemetry on the Seegmiller index well. It should be online by next week.

Shane Mann received a letter from Governor Brownback. Concern was expressed on the push for animal agriculture over grain agriculture.

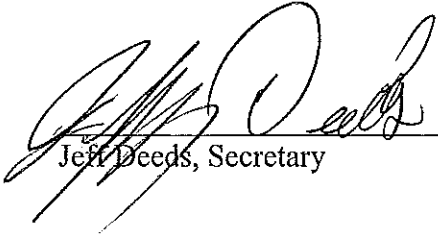
## **9. Scheduling Future Meetings:**

The November Monthly Meeting to be held at the GMD 4 office on November 3rd at 9 A.M. The Management Program Hearing will begin at 11 am.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*With no other business and no objections, Lynn Goossen moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).*

Respectfully submitted:



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Jeff Deeds, Secretary