

December Minutes

Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 December 7, 2016 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The December 7th board meeting was opened at 1:43 pm 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,
Roger Zwegardt, Brent Rogers, Justin Sloan,
David Rietcheck, 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 & Adam Dees – Vignery & Mason; Kelly Stewart - DWR/Stockton; Jody McCain; Karen Flanigan

Board members absent were: Doug David, Monty Biggs, and Mitchell Baalman

Ray Luhman requested that Employee Contracts and GAP Resolution be added to New Business.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the November 3, 2016 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of November. Receipt of the November financial report showing monthly expenditures totaling \$34,381.90 in November were approved.

Lynn Goossen moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of November be accepted. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed with seven votes for and one against by Justin Sloan.

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 gave a brief summary of what occurred at the Governor's Water Conference. Several speakers presented and there were panel discussions. One of those involving SD-6.

The SD-6 Advisory Committee met and will be holding a stakeholder meeting on Monday, December 12th at 1:30 in Hoxie. The committee will gather after hearing from the stakeholders to make recommendation to the board. If the LEMA decides to renew, a one year carryover is being proposed.

KDA/DWR Great Bend Meeting was productive. Several board members attended and reported they felt that GMD 4 was doing very well in comparison to the other districts with emphasis on the management plan. The consumptive use conversation seemed to be unproductive. Discussion was had on the regulation and being able to change that with a public hearing as opposed to a statute change.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA Public Meetings Feedback

At each of the meetings questions and comments were taken and given to the board of directors for review. After review of those questions and comments several items were discussed with the use of diary restrictions, potential reductions in five years, carry-over amount, and the need for a goal. The board formulated this goal:

To raise awareness of the amount of water used annually district-wide with a goal not to exceed 1.67 million acre-feet of water from irrigation over five years within townships declining 0.5% or greater.

Lynn Goossen moved to adopt this goal. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Additional discussion was had on the term of this LEMA. Several ideas were discussion from only a five year LEMA to a permanent LEMA.

Dave Rietcheck moved to propose the LEMA for five years. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed with seven votes for and one against by Scott Maurath.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Attorney Contract

Jeff Mason presented the annual attorney contract. Nothing different from last year.

Scott Maurath moved to accept the contract. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

b. Employee Contracts

Employee contracts had been previously approved by the board of directors, but needed signatures.

a. GAAP Resolution

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, Colby, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2017 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Directors or the members of the general public of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with, K. S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, Colby, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 7th day of December, 2016 that the Board of Directors waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120aJ(a) as they apply to the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, for the year ended 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Jeff Deeds moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart of DWR reported there increased WCA talks in the area.

Lynn Goossen inquired with Kelly about a question he received of new wells in Graham County. Kelly said those were in the Ogallala fringe and not within GMD 4 district.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Karin Flanigan reported that the public meetings were difficult to hear and see the projector. From what she has heard, the majority of people can live with it and want to move forward.

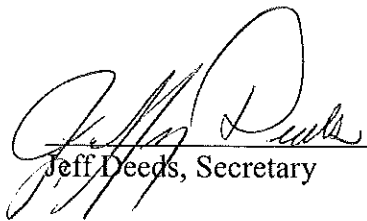
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The January monthly meeting will be held January 5th at 9 am. A quorum is needed due to the Revised Management Program Hearing.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Dave Rietcheck moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary