

## **Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 February 1, 2017 Board Meeting**

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

The February 1st board meeting was opened at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, Kansas by President, Brent Rogers.

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

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

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon, Rita Wade and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – Vignery & Dees; Lane Letourneau, Kelly Stewart, and Steven Walters – DWR; Tracy Streeter – KWO; Jace Mosbarger; Greg Graff; Rick Stenzel; Jody McCain; Dwayne Kersenbrock,

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the January 5, 2017 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of January. An updated receipt of the January financial report was distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$38,290.06 in January were approved.

**Dave Rietcheck moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of January be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “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 reported on SB-46 that updates the WCA language. Discussion was had among board members and KDA about the proposed bill. Ray indicated that he did not have a problem with it so testimony will not be of issue.

SB-48 was also discussed concerning impairment. The DWR wants language to require an impairment complaint to be filed through the DWR and not through the courts. Ray Luhman discussed his concerns about the bill with DWR and it was noted that those concerns would be taken back to their group.

Another bill was discussed that was submitted by Representative Tom Sloan. The proposed bill would create irrigation fees.

**Monty Biggs moved to oppose the bill. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).**

Ray Luhman also reported that a bill was to be submitted to raise the assessment cap for the GMD's. It was unknown if that bill was or will be submitted.

The Kansas Water Congress is next week for any board members wanting to attend.

Shannon Kenyon gave an update on her meter reading calculator mobile application research. Members expressed desire to move forward. They will take a look at an example found online and provide input at next meeting.

Ray Luhman also informed the BOD that a spreadsheet with District Wide LEMA accounting would be published to the website once he felt comfortable with it.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **a. District LEMA**

The District Wide LEMA discussion was postponed until after the annual meeting to include new members. A copy of the draft request was distributed before the meeting for review. Justin Sloan presented numbers for dairy and feedlot reductions. He proposes to reduce the yellow townships to 85% of the KDA allowable gallons per head per day based on permitted capacity and the red townships to 74% of the same. Language with this will be put into the request for review at the next meeting.

Discussion was also had about wanting a clause allowing for a carry-over quantity. The idea for a carry-over was favored, but quantity was debated. Members are to think about it and return next month with what they think.

### **b. SD-6 LEMA**

Ray Luhman pointed out the changes he made to the document since last meeting.

**Shane Mann moved to accept the revised request and submit to the Chief Engineer. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).**

### **c. Annual Meeting**

Clarification was made on voting and election procedures.

**At 10:58 a.m., Mitchell Baalman moved for the monthly meeting of the GMD 4 Board of Directors to be recessed until after the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).**

At 2:32 p.m., Lynn Goossen moved to reopen the monthly meeting of the GMD 4 Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Shane Mann moved to nominate Brent Rogers as the President. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Brent Rogers. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Doug David moved to nominate Shane Mann as the Vice President. The motion was seconded by Scott Maurath and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Shane Mann. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to nominate Jeff Deeds as the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Roger Zwegardt moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Jeff Deeds. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Shane Mann moved to nominate Justin Sloan as the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to cease nominations and cast unanimous vote for Justin Sloan. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Waiver Request of K.A.R. 5-24-6**

Ray Luhman asked the board for a waiver request of the board so a change application could be approved.

Lynn Goossen moved to provide a waiver for 5-24-6. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

### **b. Water Congress Membership**

Dave Brenn asked Ray Luhman if a representative from GMD 4 would like to serve on a committee to revive the Kansas Water Congress. No volunteers came forth.

## 7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart stated that WCA's were going to include closed areas outside the GMD. He also reported that more producers have been utilizing the online WUR.

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

Jace Mosbarger, candidate for SH/WA Position 4, thanked the BOD for the hard work they do. He stated that if he is elected that he hopes he could be a valuable resource.

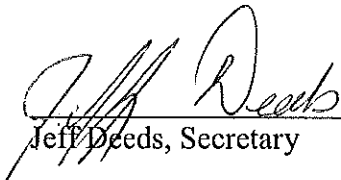
## 9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The March monthly meeting will be held March 2nd at 9 am CST at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

*With no other business and no objections, Lynn Goossen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).*

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Jeff Deeds, Secretary