

Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 April 6, 2017 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The April 6th board meeting was opened 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, Roger Zwegardt, Justin Sloan, Mitchell Baalman, Jeff Deeds, Scott Maurath, Brent Rogers, Monty Biggs, and Nate Emig

Board members absent:

Doug David

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; Steven Walters- DWR; Jody McCain; Ian DeWaal; Dewayne Kersenbrock; Pat McKenna; Bert Stramel and Karen Flannigan

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the March 2, 2017 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of March. A receipt of the March financial report was previously distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$33,491.02 in March were approved.

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

Shannon Kenyon reported on the Soil Moisture Probe Field Day presented by K-State. The event was well attended with various types of probes demonstrated.

Ray Luhman provided a legislative update. Sean Miller of Capitol Strategies sent a 2017 “First Adjournment” Legislative Update that was presented.

There was a question presented about the status of the consumptive use regulation change. It is currently at the Attorney General's office. If that is implemented, GMD 4 should design their own regulation.

Ray Luhman reported the SD-6 LEMA hearings would be held May 31st, 2017 in Hoxie at the Courthouse.

A letter from KDA was sent to all GMD BOD. A copy was distributed to GMD 4 Board members. The letter outlined GMD management program update recommendations.

Updated BOD contact information was distributed to board members present.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA

Ray Luhman explained the new map included in the packet. He removed the areas with 15 feet or less of saturated thickness and it triggered some townships to turn a different color.

Shane Mann moved to adopt the new map. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Ray Luhman then distributed language for the proposed DW LEMA request that outlined penalties for meter tampering.

Scott Maurath moved to adopt the new map. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Other discussion was had on the data used. Several ideas were presented to increase observation wells. Other changes to the proposal were highlighted and individually discussed.

Scott Maurath moved to approve the proposed DWR LEMA request with discussed changes. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Monty Biggs moved to submit the DWR LEMA request to the Chief Enginee . The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed with one opposed vote from Justin Sloan.

b. Water Meter App

An app was currently being created for another individual. The developer of that app will bring it to GMD 4 once it is completed. Lynn Goossen and Shane Mann expressed interest in being on a temporary committee in developing the app to contour GMD 4's needs.

c. GIS Workshops

Ray and Shannon gave a brief update on development of the mobile GIS. The web version is running much better than previously reported and getting closer to transfer that data into a working mobile app.

d. Committees

Previously developed committees were revisited. As Dave Rietcheck is no longer on the BOD, Nate Emig will take his place on the Publicity and Community Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meter Testing

A motion was made years ago that restricted GMD 4 staff from performing nonintrusive meter inspections unless a regulation required one. There are some instances where having staff conduct a meter inspection would be a useful service to the public.

Scott Maurath moved to allow staff to conduct meter inspections at their discretion. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegart and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

b. Pressure Transducers

A call was received wanting to purchase our used pressure transducers.

Shane Mann moved to sell the pressure transducers at \$1500 each with no warranty. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

c. Justin Sloan Resignation

Justin Sloan presented his letter of resignation to the BOD.

Lynn Goossen moved to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

As Justin was the treasurer, a new treasurer will need to be elected.

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

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

Brent Rogers then appointed Roger Zwegardt to replace Justin Sloan on the Finance and Facility committee.

7. Agency Reports

Steven Walters of DWR stated the penalty regulation hearing would be in Manhattan on May 22. He also reported on a few changes of Mulberry Farms WCA. DWR is also starting to issue NONCs for those producers who have not looked at their meter all year long. Other questions and comments were had about the Wichita WCA and the LEMA forming in GMD 3.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Ian DeWaal added to the discussion on the Wichita WCA and commented on the K-State Field Day activities near Holcomb.

Mitchell Baalman told the BOD he was invited to talk to the LEMA group in GMD 3 on April 19th and would invite any other board members to attend with him.

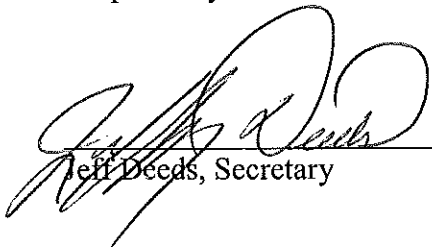
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The May monthly meeting will be held May 4th at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Monty Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nate Emig and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary