

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

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The May 4th 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, Mitchell Baalman, Brent Rogers, Monty Biggs, Karen Flanagin, and Nate Emig

Board members absent:

Doug David, Jeff Deeds, 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; Steven Walters- DWR; Jonathan Aguilar – KSU Research and Extension

Ray Luhman requested to add “ c. Attorney” for New Business. It was also decided to move nomination of the open board position to after the manager’s report.

Shane Mann nominated Mitchell Baalman as the acting secretary in Jeff Deeds absence. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the April 6, 2017 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of April. A receipt of the April financial report was previously distributed and an updated amount given to board members at the meeting showing monthly expenditures totaling \$41,802.14 in April were approved.

Roger Zwegardt moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of April be accepted. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs 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 gave a brief update on legislative issues. Not much has been going on with regards to water issues and they are currently in veto session.

The GMD 3 LEMA was discussed. Mitchell Baalman attended a meeting among the stakeholders of the area and reported they want a vote.

Shannon Kenyon gave a brief update on the RAC.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA

Ray Luhman reported that David Barfield wanted more information. Ray will provide that to him next week. It is believed that enough data has been submitted to conduct the first hearing in maybe June or July. Other discussion was had on potential legal challenges with the implementation of the District-Wide LEMA.

b. Water Meter App

We continue to wait for an app to be developed for another entity. Once that is presented to us, Shane Mann and Lynn Goossen have interest in viewing it and potentially tailoring it for our needs.

c. GIS Workshops

Still being developed. A new app version was released, but not much has been fixed since the previous download. The web version still seems to work great.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Thomas County Board Position

Ken McCarty and Karen Flanagin have both expressed interest in being nominated for the position.

At 9:34 am Lynn Goossen moved the board of directors go into executive session until 9:45 to discuss the candidates for the open position. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to return from executive session at 9:40. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Shane Mann moved to appoint Karen Flanagin for the Thomas County 5 position. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

b. Building Projects

After some discussion it was suggested we put the teller cages for sale on Nex-Tech for a potential buyer to make an offer. Scott Ross did not call back after a price was given to him for the transducers. It was decided we call him to have him make an offer.

c. Attorney

Adam Dees will be leaving Vignery & Dees and will be working for another firm out of Hays. He expressed a desire to retain GMD 4 as a client at the new firm beginning June 2nd. Questions were asked of Adam in regards to future plans of Vignery & Dees and the reinstatement of Jeff Mason.

At 11:07 Shane Mann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss attorney matters. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

At 11:15 Monty Biggs moved to come out of executive session early. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Mitchell Baalman moved to contract with Adam Dees at the new firm. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

7. Agency Reports

Steven Walters of DWR reported the study on the Lower Republican for potential new reservoirs was not feasible. Funds from the compact settlement will be used elsewhere in that basin. He also reported on the Wichita County LEMA and its progress. The Hayden WCA has not recently moved forward with development.

Jonathan Aguilar with K-State Research and Extension reported on the five Water Technology Farms in SW Kansas, but wanted to know more about potential farms starting in NW Kansas.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Brent Rogers reported that a doctoral student from London called and he gave her an interview.

The SD6 Hearing will be on May 31st. Not more than five board members can attend.

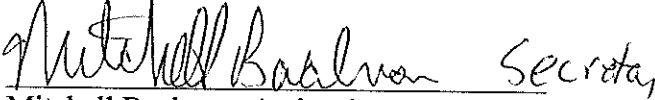
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The June monthly meeting will be held June 1st at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:

 Secretary

Mitchell Baalman, Acting Secretary