

Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 August 3, 2017 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The August 3rd 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:

Jeff Deeds, Lynn Goossen, Roger Zwegardt, Mitchell Baalman, Brent Rogers, Scott Maurath, Karen Flanagin, Monty Biggs, and Nate Emig

Board members absent:

Doug David & Shane Mann

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon, Rita Wade and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – attorney; Kelly Stewart and Steven Walters- DWR; Dwayne Kersenbrock

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the July 12, 2017 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of July. A receipt of the July financial report was previously distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$45,437.77 in July were approved.

Scott Maurath moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of July be accepted. The motion was seconded by Karen Flanagin 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 the Governor’s event held at Hoxie Feedyard on July 18th. The event was well attended with several speakers present. Some concerns were raised as the Governor incorrectly mentioned sustainability of the SD 6 area.

Ray Luhman and Shannon Kenyon both attended the Kansas Water Congress in Garden City last week. There were a few good discussions that came from the gathering. It was discussed that the Congress was possibly not a good use of our funds considering what it is used for. With several other GMD’s considering discontinuing their membership, it was suggested to the GMD 4 BOD that they also consider when membership becomes due.

Ray Luhman went to Manhattan to give testimony in the consumptive use hearing. David Barfield was the hearing officer. Based on the outcome of the hearing, GMD 4 may consider adopting new regulations.

McCrometer is closing their Aurora office. All correspondence will have to resume with Hemet, CA which raises concern as they are unaware of Kansas rules and regulations.

Shannon Kenyon and Dan Simmering gave a fieldwork update. Dan had to refrain from LEMA compliance checks to conduct SD 6 checks. He will be soon conducting checks on 5-5-11.

A legislative update was provided at the Kansas Water Congress. Those bills that did not pass this year can still be acted on next year. Each of the bills that are still alive were presented.

Shannon Kenyon then gave some calendar updates for upcoming events.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA

Ray Luhman provided the entire proposed testimony to the board. Written testimony is required by August 9th. The hearing will be held on August 23rd at 9 am CDT with Connie Owens at the hearing officer.

Mitchell Baalman moved to adopt the testimony as GMD 4 Board of Directors testimony. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

b. Water Meter App

After discussion last month, board members discussed the app with potential users. Few producers thought the app would help them, but very few agreed. It was thought that the app was a great product, but not enough producers would use to justify cost.

Roger Zwegardt moved to inform the developers that the board is not interested at this time. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

c. GIS Workshops

Dan Simmering discussed how he has been using the tablet and he is pleased since the recent communication with the developers.

d. Building Projects

Two bids for carpeting were distributed to the board of directors. One from Office Works and the second from the NWKS Decorating Center.

Jeff Deeds moved to accept the bid by the NWKS Decorating Center. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Lynn Goossen moved to open the budget hearing at 10:31. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

6, NEW BUSINESS:

a. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET 2018

At 10:31 am Brent Rogers opened the Budget Hearing. There were members of the public present that gave no additional testimony. Staff provided testimony to the proposed budget.

Brent Rogers asked if there was any additional discussion regarding the 2018 GMD4 Operating Budget and there was none. *Lynn Goossen motioned to close the 2018 Budget Hearing. Mitchell Baalman seconded the motion which passed unanimously via voice vote (no “abstentions” or “nay” votes.)*

b. APPROVAL OF THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Scott Maurath motioned to approve the following resolution for the 2018 Budget :

WHEREAS the district membership during the 42nd Annual Meeting adopted the proposed 2018 operating budget of \$479,165 for consideration at a subsequent public hearing; and

WHEREAS the board scheduled, duly noticed and conducted a public hearing regarding the tentatively adopted, proposed 2018 operating budget on August 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS all testimony and public comment was duly considered;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2018 operating budget for the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 shall be approved for \$457,515 – as followed:

	2018 Final Assessed	
110 POSTAGE		\$5,000.00
111 Newsletter	\$3,000.00	
112 General	\$2,000.00	
120 PRINTING		\$5,200.00
121 Newsletter	\$4,800.00	
122 Administrative	\$400.00	
130 DUES	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
150 INSURANCE		\$11,300.00
151 Office	\$11,000.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability		
153 Auto		
154 Workmans' Comp.		
155 Inland Marine		
156 Unemployment	\$300.00	

160 TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$346,000.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$346,000.00	
172 Health Insurance		
180 TRAVEL		\$14,000.00
181 Board	\$12,000.00	
182 Staff	\$2,000.00	
190 VEHICLES		\$4,075.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,600.00	
192 Operation	\$2,300.00	
193 Tags	\$175.00	
194 Purchase/Lease		
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$27,000.00
201 Accounting	\$6,000.00	
202 Legal	\$10,000.00	
203 Misc. Support	\$11,000.00	
204 Water Sampling		
205 Drilling		
206 Weather Modification		
210 PUBLICATIONS		\$1,000.00
211 Legal Notices	\$1,000.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$2,000.00
221 Administrative		
222 Equipment		
223 Contracted Studies		
224 Education Program	\$2,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$5,900.00
231 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	
232 Copy Machine	\$1,000.00	
233 Computer Maint	\$1,000.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease	\$650.00	
235 Bank Charges		
236 Field Supplies	\$750.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$4,000.00
241 Field	\$1,000.00	
242 Office	\$3,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00
260 FACILITY		\$21,340.00
261 Rent	\$840.00	
262 Maintenance	\$14,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase	\$0.00	
264 Building Utilities	\$6,500.00	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
300 FOUNDATION		\$500.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions		
325 Foundation Telephone		
345 Foundation Accounting	\$200.00	
350 Foundation Legal	\$300.00	
370 Foundation Tech Support		
	\$457,515.00	\$457,515.00

WHEREAS KSA 82a-1030 requires that a land assessment and/or water user charge be levied in order to fund the approved budget; and

WHEREAS there exists as of August 3, 2017 2,854,524 acres of land eligible for assessment and 847,604 acrefeet of water eligible for the water user charge for the 2018 operating budget; and

WHEREAS after due consideration of all testimony it is the board's decision that a 2018 budget of \$457,515 should be provided assessment support;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the land assessment and water user charge for the 2018 operating budget shall be set at:

*\$.05 per acre of assessable land; and
\$.37 per assessable acrefoot of water.*

Monty Biggs seconded the motion which passed unanimously via voice vote (no "nay" votes.)

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart presented that KDA has made a public release of the upcoming LEMA hearing on August 23rd. A webtool that was created to ease the findings of proposed LEMA quantities is available on the KDA website. A link to that is on the GMD 4 website.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

Question was had about the NWKS Groundwater Conservation Foundation. Adam Dees reported what he knew of his contact with the IRS.

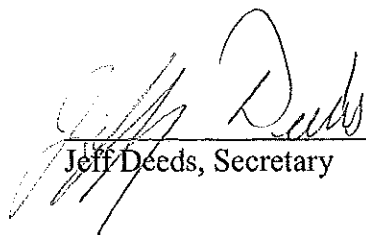
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

A board meeting was scheduled for August 23rd, 2017 at 9 am. The August monthly meeting will be held September 7th at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary