

## **Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 February 7, 2018 Board Meeting**

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

The February 7th 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, Mitchell Baalman, Brent Rogers, Karen Flanagin, Nate Emig, Scott Maurath, and Ted Nighswonger

Board members absent:

Shane Mann & Roger Zwegardt

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – attorney; Kelly Stewart and Steven Walters- DWR; Dwayne Kersenbrock; Dave Mann; Rick Stephan; Justin Sloan & Doyle Sadler.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of January. A receipt of the January financial report was previously distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$45,636.97 in January were approved.

**Lynn Goossen moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of January be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

### **3. OPEN FORUM**

No comments from the public were received.

### **4. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ray Luhman gave a brief discussion on current legislative actions. There was not much introduced yet that was of concern to GMD 4. He gave a report on the status of amending the GMDA for an increase from an assessable \$1/ AF to \$2/ AF. He also informed the board of support for the legislation to be presented on a Kansas water law review.

Shannon Kenyon reported on the recent RAC meeting. The RAC committee sent a message to the KWA, stating they also were in support of the Kansas water law review

and potential legislation. They were also planning some educational meetings that will be held in April.

Shannon also informed the board of the action plan for OgallalaWater.org. This is an Ogallala-wide federally funded initiative that could have some benefit in the exchange of information with GMD 4. There will be a summit in April if anyone is interested in attending. The board of directors requested more information.

Ray then shared an email with the board of directors he received from Tracy Streeter on updating our model. Funding is being sought and may take a few years to get updated with new data.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **a. District LEMA**

David Barfield and Kenny Titus have had contact with Adam Dees saying they hope to have a decision go public on February 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. Depending on the outcome of that decision, the GMD 4 board of directors may have to hold an emergency meeting for action on the decision.

### **b. Annual Meeting**

The annual audit had been completed and was distributed to all board members in attendance. One of the suggestions by the auditors was to upgrade from Quicken to QuickBooks as files may not be available for transfer in the near future. Staff needs to get quotes or update Quicken.

**Scott Maurath moved to accept the audit. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

As treasurer, Roger Zweygardt was to present the audit and financials at the annual meeting but is unable to attend today's meetings; Mitchell Baalman agreed to be the acting treasurer.

**Karen Flanagin moved to appoint Adam Dees as the election officer for the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Maurath and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

After discussion on how it would be better if a staff member were the election officer, Scott Maurath rescinded the motion.

**Lynn Goossen moved to appoint Jody McCain as the election officer. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

The annual meeting has always been held on the first Wednesday in February and has created scheduling conflicts with other events. It was suggested we move the annual meeting date and present it at the annual meeting.

**Scott Maurath moved to change the annual meeting date to the second Wednesday in February. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Monty Biggs moved to recess the monthly meeting until after the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Maurath and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Election of Officers**

**Lynn Goossen moved to resume the monthly board meeting at 4:02 pm. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Lynn Goossen moved to retain all officers from the previous year. The motion was seconded by Mitchell Baalman and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

### **b. Newsletter**

The spring newsletter will be worked on during the next month and interested topics were discussed. Suggestions include the Hayden Family Farms WCA, increase in DWR fines, reasons and ways to record meter readings, and a link to the LEMA calculator.

## **7. Agency Reports**

Kelly Stewart reported there was not much to report other than KDA might promote the Division of Conservation to take over water banks within the state. There are also three to four more WCA's in the process.

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

Once Ray Luhman receives the water use report cards from the SD-6 area, he will be mailing everyone's new allocations with carry-over by the end of March and early April.

Shannon Kenyon asked the board of directors for research suggestions for her dissertation. Several good possibilities were discussed.

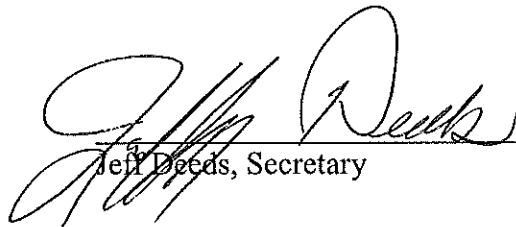
**9. Scheduling Future Meetings:**

A board meeting was scheduled for March 1st, 2018. An emergency meeting may need to be held prior to that to address the Chief Engineer's LEMA decision.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary