

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
April 6, 2022

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The April 6, 2022 board meeting was opened at the GMD4 office in Colby, Kansas by President, Brett Oelke and via teleconference.

Board members present for some or all the meeting were:

Jeff Deeds, Nate Emig, Karen Flanagan, Lynn Goossen, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, and Brent Rogers..

Board members absent: Jerry Binning, Marsha Shilling, and Dylan Loyd.

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Shannon Kenyon and Colter Stoll – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – GMD 4 attorney; Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman – DWR (virtually), and Weston McCary – KWO.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Shane Mann moved the minutes of the March 2nd, 2022 board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Brent Rogers and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Nate Emig moved that the financial reports and expenditures for the month of March be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Adam Dees noted that KU won the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.

Ted Nighswonger mentioned that he attended the SCC meeting where there was some funding available. Conversation will be had in the NWGCF meeting.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart reported the fees for late water use reports is currently at \$250 per water right and will increase to \$1000 after June 1st. About 90% of the water use reports were filed online. He emailed Shannon a copy of an analysis done by DWR’s Sam Perkins that shows “Q Stable” by region. He emailed that to Shannon for the board to view.

Rebecca Hageman reported that the water use reporting website was still available and that she had assisted in working with Colter on compliance inspections.

Sean Miller reported that the KS Legislature is currently at recess until April 26th when veto session will begin. He gave an overview of several bills that were of interest to GMD 4.

Weston McCary with the KWO reported that the Kansas Water Authority will have a meeting on April 20th and that Keadron Pearson is currently on maternity leave.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Shannon reported that she went back to Topeka to testify in opposition to SB 548 & 549. A few questions were answered about the bills but as they have stalled, not much is expected to move on them this session.

Shannon hopes to get LEMA advisory committee meetings held before irrigation season gets too busy. The KWO has loaned GMD 4 Weston McCary to assist her with the Certified Irrigator program.

Katie Durham started as the GMD 1 Manager on April 5th. She will be up to talk with Shannon on April 15th and to have lunch with Ray if anyone is interested.

6. FIELD REPORT

Colter reported that he has been in the field working on a "10 year" list provided to him from the Stockton Field Office. These are a list of wells that have not been checked in 10 years. He has been out with several Stockton Field Office employees conducting field work in order to stay consistent and is very close to being a certified rate tester.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

Shannon is waiting on hearing dates from DWR. There has been a question about what to tell producers who may run short in year five and the response is to plan accordingly and manage their water.

b. SD-6

Shannon sent letters to water right owners in SD 6 showing how much water they have left in their LEMA account. A few suggestions were made for improvement of those letters. We are still waiting for DWR to schedule hearings.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Snow Plow

Colter has offered to plow snow as he can't go to the field and would use the 4-wheeler to do so. After some discussion it was decided to remain with the current vendors.

b. Executive Session – staff leave time

Shane Mann moved to go into executive session with board, staff and attorney for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

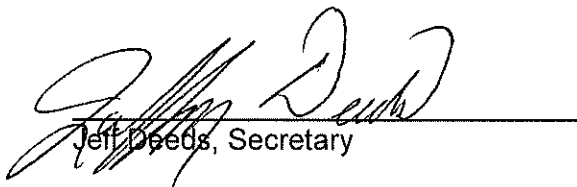
10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 at 9 a.m. CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary

