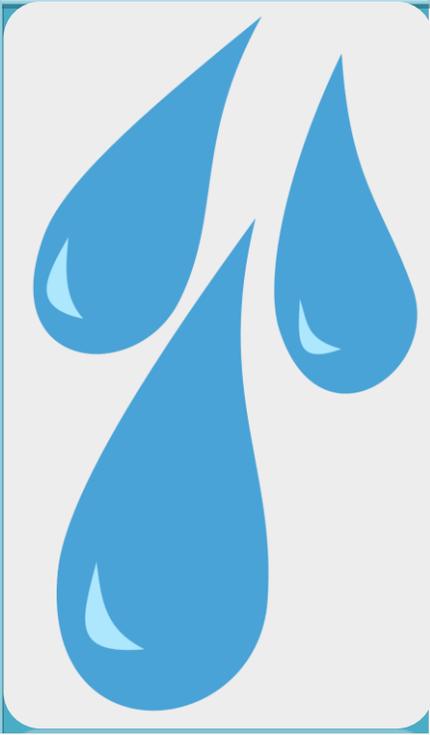


The Water Table



More on Meters!

The summer was a busy one for GMD 4 helping producers with their meter issues. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) had a substantial presence in our district this summer and found a good number of meters out of compliance for a variety of reasons. Provided are several tips to avoid the hassle of a meter that is out of compliance.

Tip 1: Check all meters, including those located at the pivot, at least every two weeks or more. Keep a logbook when you check it and/or take a picture. If your meter is found out of compliance, a simple logbook could save you hours from having to come up with energy records for DWR. It is required you have an alternate way to account for all the water you have used accurately.

Tip 2: Time your meter! When you record your meter reading, time it for five or ten minutes to calculate your gallons per minute. This number should come close to what your pivot is nozzled at.

Tip 3: Inspect the totalizer digits. Are the numbers lined up? If not, chances are pretty good that your meter is not accurate and out of compliance.

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Ray Luhman has Retired

July 1st, 2019 was a sad day for GMD 4 as Ray Luhman retired after 40 years with the district. His knowledge, skills, and sense of humor are already missed.

As we move forward, Shannon Kenyon is the new District Manager with Dan Simmering continuing as Field Technician and Jody McCain as our Administrative Assistant.

As there used to be four personnel to assist walk-ins and the phone, we are down to three. We still welcome walk-ins but calling ahead of time to make sure someone can help you is advised.

We have also updated our phone system so you can leave any of us a message in the case we are gone or on another line.

“The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives” ~ Native American Proverb

Dan's Field Notes

For those water rights affected by the GMD 4 LEMA you will have additional metering requirements. It will be required that you have an alternate way to meter your water usage. Some of those acceptable ways are:

- AgSense
- Pivot hours
- Electric hours
- Dated Pictures
- Log Book
- Pressure sensors
- Additional meter

...More Meter Tips:

☑ Tip 4: Check the security seal. All meters are required to have a wire security seal to prevent tampering. McCrometer security seals are notorious for being flimsy and coming off in the wind.

☑ Tip 5: Inspect the lens for condensation or cracks in the lens that make the totalizer challenging to read. Over time the elements can get into your meter, and if it cannot be read, it is not in compliance. It is recommended that you protect your meter with a rubber boot to shelter your meter from the elements and engine vibration that cause this.

☑ Tip 6: Call our office if you find anything that might indicate your meter is not in compliance. Our office will be happy to assist you in getting your meter back into compliance and provide you with the proper steps to continue metering your water accurately.

Missing McCrometer Seals

For those of you with McCrometer meters, McCrometer has recently changed the rules for when you have a missing seal. What used to be a cheap fix to put a new one on can now cost you almost \$1,000. GMD 4 understands these seals are flimsy and easily fall off. We have ordered GMD 4 seals to install on your meters as pictured below. If you find one of these seals on your meter, don't be alarmed, it is a much sturdier seal that assures your meter will stay in compliance if the McCrometer one falls off.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T CHECK MY METER EVERY TWO WEEKS?

Penalties are ramping up if you don't check your meters and they are malfunctioning. Without an alternate way to meter, it may be assumed you have pumped your entire authorized quantity. You can also be subject to fines if your meter has not worked all year long. Please check your meters often so that you are not subject to these stiff consequences.

WATER TECHNOLOGY FARMS

The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is looking for more Water Technology Farms. If interested, you would enroll your farm into an initial three-year program where the KWO will provide financial support and cost-share for the implementation of water-saving technology. In return, they would like to review harvest data so they can analyze the effectiveness of the technology, allow them to conduct a Field Day for education, and provide tours by request. If interested, call Armando Zarco at (620)276-2901.



Pumping the Tailwater Shannon Kenyon

As the new manager, I'd like to provide you with a little information about myself so that you may get to know me. My husband and I have, collectively, four children and seven grandkids with two on the way. We also help out with the family farm and ranch near Bogue where we live. Yes, I drive back and forth every day. At least I don't have to deal with city traffic, and it's quite scenic!

I hold a Master's Degree in Geoscience from Mississippi State University and have 12 years experience working with water rights and Ogallala Aquifer hydrology. Seven of those years was with DWR and almost 5 with GMD 4 as Assistant Manager. I am currently working on a dissertation for my Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration.

I have an open door when I am in the office and would enjoy discussing with you any ideas or concerns you have with your own operation or district-wide operations. So please feel free to stop in or give me a call so I can learn how better to help you and everyone in our district.



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