

**Sherman HPA SH-1
February 16, 2009 Meeting Notes**

This was a special meeting called to discuss 3 items: 1) The Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP); 2) to identify water right owners potentially interested in retiring water rights for an incentive payment; and 3) to gather information regarding the submission of an AWEP application specifically targeting HPA SH-1 water right owners.

The majority of those in attendance were interested in retiring water rights for a \$2,000.00 per historic consumptive acre foot of water incentive rate. The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 was encouraged to submit an AWEP application on behalf of the water right owners present with appropriate local partners including at least the Sherman County Conservation District and Sherman County Farm Bureau.

The size of the AWEP goal should be limited to 2000 AF of HCWU. Any larger application may not compete as well.

Since the potential water right owner pool has been identified in SH-1 area, the AWEP application should be limited to just this HPA.

The AWEP proposal should be patterned after the Kansas Water Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) as closely as practical.