

## 48th Annual Meeting Minutes – Goodland, Kansas – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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The 48th annual meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. CST, February 16th, 2022 at the Sugar Hills Golf Club, Goodland, Kansas. Board members present were:

Jeff Deeds  
Lynn Goossen  
Ted Nighswonger

Nate Emig  
Brent Rogers  
Shane Mann

Karen Flanagin  
Brett Oelke  
Marsha Schilling

Others present were: Staff: Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain and Colter Stoll; Jake Kling – attorney.

There were 35 persons that signed the attendance sheet. The attendance roster is available at the district office.

President Brett Oelke opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of board and staff members.

Secretary Jeff Deeds then presented the 47th annual meeting minutes, Hoxie, Kansas, February 16th, 2022. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Lonnie Whiteker moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave Mann and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn Goossen presented the 2024 proposed operating budget. There was a question regarding health insurance. Jody clarified that the amount of the budget line reflected the board's contribution towards health insurance. With no other questions or comments, the proposed 2024 budget of \$400,739.00 was moved and seconded to be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn then presented the 2022 calendar year financials. He directed attention to the financial report contained in the annual meeting packet on page 7 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district brought in \$696,833; spent \$512,659.

Marsha Schilling conducted the board elections. She announced each of the candidates that had pre-filed, Dylan Loyd, Position 1 (Cheyenne County); Nate Emig, Position 3 (Sherman/Wallace County); Lynn Goossen, Position 6 (Thomas County). As there were no other pre-filed nominations, she announced that the ballot was unanimous.

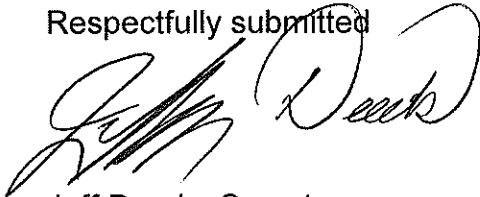
Larry Ihrig moved to cast the unanimous ballot for the announced board positions. Steve Duell seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Brett Oelke reported on the renewed GMD 4 LEMA (2023-2027), and the Sheridan 6 LEMA (2023-2027). Brett noted that one of the changes in the Greater GMD 4 LEMA renewal, when converting a water right from an irrigation use to a non-irrigation use, the converted water right will then have a LEMA allocation equal to or less than the irrigated LEMA quantity prior to the conversion. Brett informed everyone that letters detailing LEMA allocations have been mailed out. Producers can also check allocations via the GMD 4 website: <https://gmd4.org/LEMA.html>.

Brett also told producers to be on the lookout for post cards with information on public meetings taking place in Hoxie, Oakley, Saint Francis, Goodland, and Colby. These meetings will be open discussion about water conservation. Producers are encouraged to bring questions, or submit conversation topics through the registration link.

With no other business to conduct President Oelke declared the 48th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Deeds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent loop at the end.

Jeff Deeds, Secretary