

42nd Annual Meeting Agenda

Open Meeting _____ Brent Rogers, President

Welcome
Introductions
Announcements

41st Annual Meeting Minutes (Page 3) _____ Jeff Deeds
(Motion required to adopt or amend)

2018 Operating Budget - Proposed (Page 6-7) _____ David Rietcheck
(Motion required to adopt for public hearing)

2016 Calendar Year Financials (Page 7) _____ David Rietcheck

Election of Board Positions (Ballots) _____ Justin Sloan

Unfinished / New Business / Open Session _____ Brent Rogers

Announcement of Board Election Results _____ Brent Rogers

Adjournment _____ Brent Rogers
(Motion required)



Notes

District Personnel

February, 2016 - February, 2017 Board:

POSITION	MEMBER	DUTY	FIRST ARRIVED:	SERVES TO:
Cheyenne #1	Roger Zweygardt	Member	2/05	2/17
Rawlins/Decatur #2	Monty Biggs	Member	2/97	2/18
Sherman/Wallace #3	Jeff Deeds	<u>Secretary</u>	2/06	2/18
Sherman/Wallace #4	David Rietcheck	<u>Treasurer</u>	2/02	2/17
Thomas # 5	Justin Sloan	Member	2/12	2/18
Thomas # 6	Lynn Goossen	Member	11/14	2/17
Sheridan # 7	Brent Rogers	<u>President</u>	2/09	2/18
Sheridan # 8	Mitch Baalman	Member	2/98	2/19
Graham # 9	Doug David	Member	2/98	2/19
Logan # 10	Scott Maurath	Member	2/01	2/19
Gove # 11	Shane Mann	<u>Vice President</u>	2/07	2/19

STAFF:

Ray Luhman, Manager
 Shannon Kenyon, Asst. Manager
 Dan Simmering, Field Technician
 Rita Wade, Secretary/Receptionist

OTHERS:

Vignery & Dees – Legal Counsel
 Adams Brown Beran & Ball, Accountants



The district's website is always available - for more information go to:

[HTTP://www.gmd4.org](http://www.gmd4.org)

Information at this site includes: general district overview, personnel listing, annual meeting info, water law summary, public records policy, newsletter articles, water quotes, water formulas, metering info and a flow meter calculator, water level data, water-related links, the groundwater management district act and more.

41st Annual Meeting Minutes – Hoxie, Kansas – Feb 10th 2016

41st Annual Meeting Minutes – Sheridan County 4H Building, Hoxie, Kansas,
February 10th, 2016

The 41th annual meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. CST, February 10, 2016 at the Sheridan County 4H Building, Hoxie, Kansas. Board members present were:

Dave Rietcheck	Jeff Deeds
Roger Zwegardt	Lynn Goossen
Justin Sloan	Brent Rogers
Shane Mann	Monty Biggs

Others present were: Staff: Ray Luhman, Shannon Cain, Dan Simmering, Rita Wade; Adam Dees - attorney; Susan Metzger – KDA; DWR: David Barfield, Lane Letourneau, Chris Beightel, Kelly Stewart and Jodie Barker; Tracy Streeter – KWO; Jonathan Aguilar – K-State Research and Extension

There were 43 total persons in attendance. The attendance roster is available from the district office.

President Brent Rogers opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions of the board, staff, state agency staff, and former board members present.

Chief Engineer, David Barfield, gave a presentation on several topics of interest. He discussed the Republican River Compact and the augmentation projects occurring in Nebraska and Colorado. Other topics of the presentation were Quivira Wildlife Refuge, water transfer update with the City of Hays, statewide rule and regulation changes in legislation, WCA's and an update on the SD 6 LEMA. Several questions about the augmentation projects were asked and opinions expressed. It was suggested by an attendee the GMD 4 Board of Directors attend the tri-state compact meetings.

President Rogers then turned over the meeting to Jeff Deeds for presentation of the 40th annual meeting minutes, Colby, Kansas, February 11, 2015. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Bert Stramel presented a correction on page 5. The minutes state "No opposition to the Goal Statement was expressed." And that statement should be omitted from the minutes. There being no questions or comments, it was moved by Bert Stramel and seconded by Tom Sloan that the 40th annual meeting minutes be approved with correction. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2017 proposed operating budget. Dave reported that the 2017 budget was \$492,200. With no further questions or comments, the proposed 2017 budget of \$492,200 was moved and seconded to be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dave Rietcheck next presented the 2015 calendar year audit. Dave directed attention to the audit report contained in the annual meeting packet at page 9 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district brought in \$667,644; spent \$463,416. The total cash on hand reported as \$204,228. Dave finally noted that the Foundation (not affiliated with the district) had a December 31, 2015 balance of \$488,437. Following review and with no questions or comments, it was moved and seconded the audit be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Justin Sloan next conducted the board elections. Justin opened Position 8 (Sheridan County) announcing that Mitchell Baalman was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 8. With no additional nominations, Alan Townsend moved that nominations for Position 8 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mitchell Baalman. Dave Schamberger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 9 (Graham County) announcing that Doug David was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 9. With no additional nominations, Tom Sloan moved that nominations for Position 9 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Doug David. Steve Bremenkamp seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 10 (Logan County) announcing that Scott Maurath was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 10. With no additional nominations, Dave Mann moved that nominations for Position 10 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Scott Maurath. Dave Schamberger seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Justin opened Position 11 (Gove County) announcing that Shane Mann was the single candidate that had pre-filed. Justin opened the floor for additional nominations for Position 11. With no additional nominations, Dennis Rogers moved that nominations for Position 11 cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Shane Mann. Bill Miller seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

With no contested positions, there was no need to mark ballots.

Following the election, the vendors each were given a few minutes to present their product(s) and/or services.

Brent Rogers then presented the proposed district wide LEMA. He gave an overview of the framework and answered several questions concerning the flexibility.

It was moved and seconded that the 41st annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 be adjourned.. With no objections, President Rogers declared the 40th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Deeds, Secretary

2018 Proposed Operating Budget

The 2018 Proposed operating budget is a blend of the 2016 Expended and the 2017 Revised budgets. It is the board's best estimate at what the district's operational costs are likely to be in 2018. The GMD membership is obligated to consider this budget at the annual meeting and make any recommendations to the board. The GMD 4 board will consider all comments and will schedule this final budget for public hearing later in the year.

	2018 Proposed	
110 POSTAGE		\$3,400.00
111 Newsletter	\$1,800.00	
112 General	\$1,600.00	
120 PRINTING		\$1,900.00
121 Newsletter	\$1,600.00	
122 Administrative	\$300.00	
130 DUES	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
150 INSURANCE		\$11,300.00
151 Office	\$11,000.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability		
153 Auto		
154 Workmans' Comp.		
155 Inland Marine		
156 Unemployment	\$300.00	
160 TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$362,550.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$362,550.00	
172 Health Insurance		
180 TRAVEL		\$14,000.00
181 Board	\$12,000.00	
182 Staff	\$2,000.00	
190 VEHICLES		\$4,075.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,600.00	
192 Operation	\$2,300.00	
193 Tags	\$175.00	
194 Purchase/Lease		
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$22,500.00
201 Accounting	\$6,000.00	
202 Legal	\$6,500.00	
203 Misc. Support	\$10,000.00	
204 Water Sampling		
205 Drilling		
206 Weather Modification		
210 PUBLICATIONS		\$1,000.00
211 Legal Notices	\$1,000.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$2,000.00
221 Administrative		
222 Equipment		
223 Contracted Studies		
224 Education Program	\$2,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$5,900.00
231 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	
232 Copy Machine	\$1,000.00	
233 Computer Maint	\$1,000.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease	\$650.00	

235 Bank Charges		
236 Field Supplies	\$750.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$4,000.00
241 Field	\$1,000.00	
242 Office	\$3,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00
260 FACILITY		\$36,340.00
261 Rent	\$840.00	
262 Maintenance	\$14,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase	\$15,000.00	
264 Building Utilities	\$6,500.00	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
300 FOUNDATION		\$500.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions		
325 Foundation Telephone		
345 Foundation Accounting	\$200.00	
350 Foundation Legal	\$300.00	
370 Foundation Tech Support		
	\$479,165.00	\$479,165.00

2016 Calendar Year Financial Report

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
All Accounts – For the period January 1 - December 31, 2016

2016 INCOME (All sources):	
Cash forward from 2014 (Cash) -----	\$204,232
County Assessments -----	\$494,245
Interest Earned (GMD4) -----	\$751
State Grant Income -----	\$0
Miscellaneous Income -----	\$593
2016 TOTAL INCOME:	\$699,821

2016 EXPENDITURES:

Postage -----	\$3,025
Printing -----	\$1,563
Dues -----	\$1,350
Subscriptions -----	\$3,572
Insurance -----	\$9,996
Telephone -----	\$3,956
Salaries & Benefits -----	\$330,397
Travel -----	\$11,540
Vehicles -----	\$3,655
Contracted Services -----	\$46,662
Publications -----	\$790
Coop Programs -----	\$769
Administrative -----	\$4,706
Equipment -----	\$1,260
Facility -----	\$67,276
Reserve for contingency -----	\$650
Foundation -----	\$0

TOTAL 2016 EXPENDITURES ----- \$491,167

Cash on hand – 12/31/16 (All GMD 4 Accounts) ----- \$208,654

Foundation Cash – All (plus interest) – 12/31/16 ----- \$440,058

District Updates

1) Sheridan 6 LEMA

The Sheridan 6 LEMA, or Local Enhanced Management Area, has now finished up its fourth year. The SD6 Advisory Committee is, by statute, required to meet at least once a year in order to discuss and evaluate the following topics:

- i. Water use data;
- ii. Water table information;
- iii. Economic Data;
- iv. Whether the combining of allocations and the transfers of allocations have altered the geographic distribution of diversions and/or water use within the Sheridan 6 LEMA;
- v. Whether the combining of allocations and the transfers of allocations have produced a concentration of diversions and/or water use within the Sheridan 6 LEMA;

- vi. Violations, issues relating to violations, and metered data that relates to violations;
- vii. New and preferable enhancement management options; and
- viii. Other items deemed pertinent by the Advisory Committee

The SD6 Advisory committee met in April and November of 2016 to discuss these topics. The summaries from those meetings can be found in the Year In Review Report submitted to the Chief Engineer's office each year of the Sheridan 6 LEMA.

A public meeting was held December 12th, 2016 at the Hoxie Elks Lodge to gain public input on renewal of the SD 6 LEMA. After the meeting, the advisory committee met to recommend to the GMD 4 Board of Directors renewal of the SD 6 LEMA and to allow for a maximum 5 inch carry over into the new five year LEMA.

2) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Upper Republican Regional Advisory Committee began meeting in October of 2014 to address regional goals adopted by the Kansas Water Authority. The committee consists of 11 members from various water-related backgrounds and uses to determine how to fulfill the regional goals.

The 2017 Water Talk Series was created to address one of the goals on education. Water Technology Farms are also being planned to promote technology in the region in response to another of the committee's goals.

4) District-Wide LEMA

The GMD 4 Board of Directors has developed a plan to be implemented in 2018. Several components of the plan have not been decided. Once a complete plan has been agreed upon, more public meetings will be held for the public to provide comment. A copy of the current plan map can be found at www.gmd4.org. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings please contact the district office and your comments will be reviewed by the board.

5) District is Closed to New Appropriations

As of May 13, 2016, the district became officially closed to new appropriations by regulation. This applies to new applications only. Change applications will still be accepted as well as term and temporary permits. All applications are subject to approval.

6) WCA

A Water Conservation Area (WCA) is a designated area with a management plan developed by the water right owner(s) with approval from the chief engineer to reduce water usage and allow for flexibility. They are designed to be a tool for water right owners that wish to extend the usable life of the aquifer.

The first WCA approved in the state is from within the GMD 4 boundaries. If you are interested in forming your own, please contact our office or Steven Walters at the DWR Stockton Field Office.

GMD 4 Permitted Well and Water Rights Data by County by Well Type

(Figures include wells and water rights within the county within the district)

As of January 11, 2017

	CN	DC	GH	GO	LG	RA	SD	SH	TH	WA
DOMESTIC WELLS							5	1	7	
AF							30.7	8.4	14.0	
HYD DREDGE WELLS										
AF										
INDUSTRIAL WELLS	2	2		4	2		3	12	10	
AF	30.0	225.0		483.4	22.7		25.6	1,468.8	984.5	
IRRIGATION WELLS	444	27	112	159	81	148	696	863	775	8
AF	103,002.2	3857.0	21,504.5	28,988.0	16,149.5	30,882.6	161,870.8	259,713.8	203,530.6	2,779.0
MUNICIPAL WELLS	10		5	7	7	3	9	15	14	
AF	1,073.9		438.9	587.0	959.8	107.4	737.6	2,285.5	2,591.9	
RECREATION WELLS	2		1		1		3		1	
AF	30.8		9.0		15.0		404.5		6.7	
STOCKWATER WELLS	6			10	1	3	18	7	17	
AF	724.8			756.4	9.4	111.0	993.7	269.5	1,137.2	
EVAP WELLS	1									
AF	25.0									
COUNTY-TOT-WELLS	465	29	118	180	92	154	734	898	824	8
COUNTY-TOT-AF	104,886.7	4,082.0	21,952.4	30,814.8	17,156.4	31,101.0	164,062.9	263,746.0	208,264.9	2,779.0
GMD-TOT-WELLS	3,502									
GMD-TOT-AF	848,846.1									

January 11, 2017 totals = decrease of 2 wells and a decrease of 846.3 Appropriated AF compared to the January 19, 2016 totals of last year's report.

GMD 4 Selected Trends

This is the newest feature in the annual meeting packet. If there are other annual trends you like to see tracked, let us know.

YEAR	Budget ¹	Water Level Change ²	Total Wells	Total AcreFeet ³
2005	\$419,365	-.60	3,546	860,387
2006	\$434,250	-.57	3,540	859,582
2007	\$411,952	-.29	3,530	857,253
2008	\$438,965	-.89	3,526	856,900
2009	\$433,455	-.42	3,520	854,673
2010	\$454,450	.10	3,516	853,710
2011	\$569,125	-.50	3,513	852,330
2012	\$490,770	-.61	3,494	849,639
2013	\$561,680	-1.12	3,498	851,156
2014	\$519,587	+0.73	3,503	850,524
2015	\$496,397	+0.42	3,504	849,692
2016	\$469,915	-.55	3,502	848,846

¹ Operating budget w/o carryover for the calendar year

² Average change - entire GMD 4 network (January current year measurement (last years' decline))

³ Authorized appropriation quantities – all rights – GMD4 – January of following year – rounded to nearest AF

GMD 4 Comparison of Pumped Water To Appropriated Water

2011 Data (1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	264,761	140,782	38%
Thomas County	208,500	114,281	33%
Sheridan County	163,594	80,733	37%

2012 Data (1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	264,759	175,753	66%
Thomas County	209,164	138,080	66%
Sheridan County	163,928	100,393	61%

2013 Data (1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	264,294	155,562	59%
Thomas County	208,792	119,596	57%
Sheridan County	163,929	76,248	47%

2014 Data (1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,992	127,223	48%
Thomas County	208,265	106,280	51%
Sheridan County	164,156	77,651	47%

2015 Data (1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	262,502	116,916	45%
Thomas County	208,172	95,429	46%
Sheridan County	163,025	69,943	43%

The above Data is from the WIMAS data set. WIMAS does not filter by GMD, so only full county data is available.

2016 data is not yet available in WIMAS.

District Map



