

48th Annual Meeting Agenda

Open Meeting _____ Brett Oelke, President

Welcome
Introductions
Announcements

47th Annual Meeting Minutes (Page 4) _____ Jeff Deeds
(Motion required to adopt or amend)

2024 Operating Budget - Proposed (Page 5-6) _____ Lynn Goossen
(Motion required to adopt for public hearing)

2022 Calendar Year Financials (Page 7) _____ Lynn Goossen

Election of Board Positions (Ballots) _____ Marsha Schilling

Unfinished / New Business / Open Session _____ Brett Oelke

Presentations: GMD 4 LEMA 2023-2027

SD 6 LEMA 2023-2027

Announcement of Board Election Results _____ Brett Oelke

Adjournment _____ Brett Oelke
(Motion required)



Notes

District Personnel

February 2022 - February 2023 Board:

POSITION	MEMBER	DUTY	FIRST ARRIVED:	SERVES TO:
Cheyenne #1	Dylan Loyd	Member	2/20	2/23
Rawlins/Decatur #2	Jerry Binning	Member	2/21	2/24
Sherman/Wallace #3	Jeff Deeds	<u>Secretary</u>	2/06	2/24
Sherman/Wallace #4	Nate Emig	<u>Vice President</u>	2/17	2/23
Thomas # 5	Karen Flanagan	Member	5/17	2/24
Thomas # 6	Lynn Goossen	<u>Treasurer</u>	11/14	2/23
Sheridan # 7	Brent Rogers	Member	2/09	2/24
Sheridan # 8	Brett Oelke	<u>President</u>	2/19	2/25
Graham # 9	Ted Nighswonger	Member	01/18	2/25
Logan/Gove # 10	Shane Mann	Member	2/07	2/25
At Large	Marsha Schilling	Member	4/20	2/25

STAFF:

Shannon Kenyon, Manager
Colter Stoll, Field Scientist
Jody McCain, Administrative Assistant
Taylor Stoll, Part-Time/Temporary

OTHERS:

Jake Kling – Legal Counsel
Adams Brown – Accountants



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

<https://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.

47th Annual Meeting Minutes – Hoxie, Kansas – Feb 16th, 2022

47th Annual Meeting Minutes – Hoxie Elks Lodge, Hoxie, Kansas, February 16th, 2022.

The 47th annual meeting was opened at 1:30 P.M. CST, February 16th, 2022 at the Hoxie Elks Lodge, Hoxie, Kansas. Board members present were:

Dylan Loyd	Jeff Deeds	Karen Flanagin
Brent Rogers	Brett Oelke	Ted Nighswonger
Shane Mann	Marsha Schilling	Lynn Goossen

Others present were: Staff: Jody McCain and Colter Stoll; Adam Dees – attorney.

There were 27 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 new staff member, Colter Stoll. He noted Shannon Kenyon was in Topeka attending the House Water Committee meetings on HB 2686.

Secretary Jeff Deeds then presented the 46th annual meeting minutes, Colby, Kansas, February 10th, 2021. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4-5) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Vernon Flanagin moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave Rietcheck and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn Goossen presented the 2023 proposed operating budget. With no other questions or comments, the proposed 2023 budget of \$417,315.00 was moved and seconded to be approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn then presented the 2021 calendar year financials. He directed attention to the financial report contained in the annual meeting packet on pages 7-8 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district brought in \$408,301; spent \$343,482. Jody McCain answered a question regarding the difference between the 2023 budgeted salaries amount versus the 2021 expended amount.

Dylan Loyd conducted the board elections. He introduced each of the candidates in attendance that had pre-filed for the respective positions. As there were no other pre-filed nominations, he announced that the ballot was unanimous.

A motion to cast the unanimous ballot for all board positions was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Brett Oelke reported on the proposed Greater GMD 4 LEMA (2023-2027). Doyle Saddler voiced his concerns with a renewal of the LEMA. Ken Crampton also voiced a concern regarding a neighboring water right.

With no other business to conduct President Oelke declared the 47th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Deeds, Secretary

2024 Proposed Operating Budget

	2024 Proposed	
110 POSTAGE		\$6,000.00
111 Newsletter	\$3,000.00	
112 General	\$3,000.00	
120 PRINTING		\$4,000.00
121 Newsletter	\$3,000.00	
122 Administrative	\$1,000.00	
130 DUES	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
150 INSURANCE		\$12,400.00
151 Office	\$12,000.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability		
153 Auto		
154 Workmans' Comp.		
155 Inland Marine		
156 Unemployment	\$400.00	
160 TELEPHONE	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$236,024.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$236,000.00	
172 Health Insurance	\$24.00	
180 TRAVEL		\$18,000.00
181 Board	\$10,000.00	
182 Staff	\$8,000.00	
190 VEHICLES		\$10,165.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,000.00	
192 Operation	\$7,000.00	
193 Tags	\$165.00	
194 Purchase/Lease		
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$52,000.00
201 Accounting	\$7,000.00	
202 Legal	\$20,000.00	
203 Misc. Support	\$10,000.00	
204 Legislative Support	\$15,000.00	
205 Drilling		
206 Weather Modification		
210 PUBLICATIONS		\$700.00
211 Legal Notices	\$700.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$5,000.00
221 Administrative		
222 Equipment		
223 Contracted Studies		
224 Education Program	\$5,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$10,350.00
231 Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	
232 Copy Machine	\$2,200.00	
233 Computer Maint	\$2,000.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease	\$650.00	
235 Bank Charges		
236 Field Supplies	\$1,500.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$14,000.00
241 Field	\$4,000.00	
242 Office	\$10,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE		\$0.00

260 FACILITY		\$24,000.00
261 Rent		
262 Maintenance	\$16,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase		
264 Building Utilities	\$8,000.00	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
300 FOUNDATION		\$0.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions		
325 Foundation Telephone		
345 Foundation Accounting		
350 Foundation Legal		
370 Foundation Tech Support		
	\$400,739.00	\$400,739.00

2022 Calendar Year Financial Report

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS All Accounts – For the period January 1 - December 31, 2022

2022 INCOME (All sources):

Cash forward from 2021 (Cash) -----	\$257,134
County Assessments -----	\$438,446
Interest Earned (GMD4) -----	\$712
State Grant Income -----	\$0
Miscellaneous Income -----	\$541

2022 TOTAL INCOME: \$696,833

2022 EXPENDITURES:

Postage -----	\$2,942
Printing -----	\$3,155
Dues -----	\$1,100
Subscriptions -----	\$791
Insurance -----	\$11,151
Telephone -----	\$4,915
Salaries & Benefits -----	\$205,790
Travel -----	\$15,413
Vehicles -----	\$4,540
Contracted Services -----	\$39,686
Publications -----	\$651
Coop Programs -----	\$1,210
Administrative -----	\$8,667
Equipment -----	\$15,180
Facility -----	\$17,468
Reserve for contingency -----	\$180,000
Foundation -----	\$0

TOTAL 2022 EXPENDITURES ----- \$512,659

Cash on hand – 12/31/22 (All GMD 4 Accounts) ----- \$257,134

Foundation Cash – All (plus interest) – 12/31/21 ----- \$193,471

District Updates

1) LEMAs

The SD 6 LEMA has been renewed for 2023-2027. The only change made was that Multi-Year Flex Accounts (MYFA) are now allowed inside the SD 6 LEMA area.

The GMD 4 LEMA was also renewed for 2023-2027. Few changes were made here as well. Any irrigation right that has a LEMA quantity that is to be converted to another use type will now have a LEMA quantity.

As with both LEMAs, you cannot exceed your certified water quantity annually unless you are enrolled in a MYFA.

2) Cost-Share Program

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation provided a large sum of money for two cost-shares in 2022 for irrigation technology. The first program was for all GMDs and GMD 4 was able to utilize over half of the funds. The second program we donated half the available funds and was able to utilize all of those as well. That totals approximately \$250,000 in new water-saving irrigation technology for our district. Rumor has it that more money will be coming our way in 2023 so keep in contact with our office as that becomes available.

3) TappH2O

We are continuing with the use of this great meter reading tool. Anyone with the app can snap a picture of the meter and then authorized users can utilize a multitude of tools to manage your water. Unless you designate GMD 4 as an authorized person, we do not receive your data. Download the Mammoth Water TappH2O app on your phone to get signed up. We are doing things a little differently this year in that you will pay the entire \$100 per meter, provide our office with a copy of your invoice and we will reimburse you \$50 per meter.

4) 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. WCA's must be designed to demonstrate water conservation from previous usage and have an allocation less than the LEMA quantity for the involved water rights. If you are interested in forming your own, please contact our office or Rebecca Hageman at the DWR Stockton Field Office.

5) Meters

Penalties for not checking your meters every two weeks are becoming more harsh. Water users need to be checking your meters at a minimum of every two weeks during the growing season. Make sure the totalizer is calculating and take a picture and/or write down the meter reading. If an accurate amount of water cannot be determined if your meter malfunctions, then it may be assumed you have pumped your authorized annual quantity. Sign up for TappH2O and it will do it for you!

6) McCrometer Seals

For those producers with McCrometer seals, you may or may not have noticed the seal underneath the meter. These seals are flimsy and fall off easily. If this seal is missing, the meter is considered to not be in compliance. Please check these to make sure they are still intact. If not, it is a costly repair and a hassle to have one put back on. If you notice one is missing, please contact the GMD 4 office.

We have purchased more robust cable seals to install on McCrometer meters that have their seal intact. As we can get to the field we are installing them so in case the original seal falls off, the meter is still in compliance with the green GMD 4 seal on it. With over 3000 McCrometer meters in the district, it is difficult to install them on every meter.

7) Kansas Legislature, House Water Committee

Several years ago a House Water Committee was developed in the Kansas Legislature. A very large bill was introduced last year and fell apart. This year may be a different story and you need to stay informed as well as communicate with us. Much of what is being introduced in the committee will affect all water users so your involvement and communication with us is extremely important.

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 9, 2023

	CN	DC	GH	GO	LG	RA	SD	SH	TH	WA
DOMESTIC WELLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7	0
AF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.7	8.4	14.0	0.0
HYD DREDGE WELLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INDUSTRIAL WELLS	3	2	0	4	2	0	4	11	9	0
AF	59.9	225.0	0.0	483.4	22.7	0.0	30.6	1,434.3	955.2	0.0
IRRIGATION WELLS	453	27	110	158	80	148	694	861	777	8
AF	105,004.4	3857	21,504.5	28,782.1	16,149.5	30,882.6	161,587.8	259,241.8	203,589	2,779.0
MUNICIPAL WELLS	10	0	5	7	7	3	9	15	14	0
AF	1,073.9	0.0	438.9	828.3	959.8	107.4	737.6	2,286.5	2,513.04	0.0
RECREATION WELLS	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0
AF	36.2	0.0	9.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	404.5	0.0	15.0	0.0
STOCKWATER WELLS	6	0	0	10	1	3	17	7	16	0
AF	719.3	0.0	0.0	931.4	9.4	111.0	1,031.6	269.5	1,153.4	0.0
EVAP WELLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
COUNTY-TOT-WELLS	477	29	118	180	92	154	734	896	825	8
COUNTY-TOT-AF	106,893.7	4,082.0	21,952.4	31,025.2	17,152.4	31,051.9	163,835.8	263,239.5	208,239.6	2,779.0
GMD-TOT-WELLS	3,502									
GMD-TOT-AF	847,944.6									

GMD 4 Selected Trends

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

YEAR	Budget ¹	Total Wells	Total AcreFeet ³
2005	\$419,365	3,546	860,387
2006	\$434,250	3,540	859,582
2007	\$411,952	3,530	857,253
2008	\$438,965	3,526	856,900
2009	\$433,455	3,520	854,673
2010	\$454,450	3,516	853,710
2011	\$569,125	3,513	852,330
2012	\$490,770	3,494	849,639
2013	\$561,680	3,498	851,156
2014	\$519,587	3,503	850,524
2015	\$496,397	3,504	849,692
2016	\$469,915	3,502	848,846
2017	\$457,515	3,502	848,480
2018	\$530,455	3,501	848,190
2019	\$405,655	3,497	847,592
2020	\$405,636	3,501	847,876
2021	\$408,301	3,503	848,046
2022	\$431,827	3,502	847,945

¹ Operating budget w/o carryover for the calendar year

² Authorized appropriation quantities – all rights – GMD4 – January of following year – rounded to nearest AF

GMD 4 Comparison of Pumped Water to Appropriated Water

2016 Data (1/1/2016 – 12/31/16)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,746	118,864	45%
Thomas County	208,358	98,682	47%
Sheridan County	163,948	67,289	41%

2017 Data (1/1/2017 – 12/31/17)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	262,786	88,742	34%
Thomas County	208,785	75,906	36%
Sheridan County	163,428	53,017	32%

2018 Data (1/1/2018 – 12/31/18)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,552	82,392	31%
Thomas County	208,342	70,618	34%
Sheridan County	163,906	52,035	32%

2019 Data (1/1/2019 – 12/31/19)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,240	84,534	32%
Thomas County	208,342	53,860	26%
Sheridan County	163,906	37,692	23%

2020 Data (1/1/2020 – 12/31/20)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,240	128,203	49%
Thomas County	208,271	97,547	47%
Sheridan County	163,906	70,302	43%

2021 Data (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,240	127,773	49%
Thomas County	208,240	93,967	45%
Sheridan County	163,836	64,433	39%

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

2022 data is not yet available in WIMAS.

District Map

Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 Boundary



