

49th Annual Meeting Agenda

Open Meeting _____ Brett Oelke, President

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Announcements

48th Annual Meeting Minutes (Page 4) _____ Jeff Deeds
(Motion required to adopt or amend)

2025 Operating Budget - Proposed (Page 6-7) _____ Lynn Goossen
(Motion required to adopt for public hearing)

2023 Calendar Year Financials (Page 8) _____ Lynn Goossen

Election of Board Positions (Ballots) _____ Dylan Loyd

Unfinished / New Business / Open Session _____ Brett Oelke

Presentations: GMD 4 Updates

Announcement of Board Election Results _____ Brett Oelke

Adjournment _____ Brett Oelke



Notes

District Personnel

February 2023 - February 2024 Board:

POSITION	MEMBER	DUTY	FIRST ARRIVED:	SERVES TO:
Cheyenne #1	Dylan Loyd	Member	2/20	2/26
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	2/26
Thomas # 5	Karen Flanagan	Member	5/17	2/24
Thomas # 6	Lynn Goossen	<u>Treasurer</u>	11/14	2/26
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
 Eryn Freeman, Part-Time Office Assistant

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.

48th Annual Meeting Minutes – Goodland, Kansas – Feb 22nd, 2023

48th Annual Meeting Minutes – Sugar Hills Golf Club, Goodland, Kansas, February 22nd, 2023.

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	Nate Emig	Karen Flanagin
Lynn Goossen	Brent Rogers	Brett Oelke
Ted Nighswonger	Shane Mann	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

Jeff Deeds, Secretary

2025 Proposed Operating Budget

	2025 Proposed	
110 POSTAGE		\$2,000.00
111 Newsletter	\$0.00	
112 General	\$2,000.00	
120 PRINTING		\$300.00
121 Newsletter	\$0.00	
122 Administrative	\$300.00	
130 DUES	\$300.00	\$300.00
140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$700.00	\$700.00
150 INSURANCE		\$19,000.00
151 Office	\$15,000.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability		
153 Auto		
154 Workmans' Comp.		
155 Inland Marine		
156 Unemployment	\$4,000.00	
160 TELEPHONE	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$300,048.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$300,000.00	
172 Health Insurance	\$48.00	
180 TRAVEL		\$20,000.00
181 Board	\$10,000.00	
182 Staff	\$10,000.00	
190 VEHICLES		\$24,200.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$4,000.00	
192 Operation	\$20,000.00	
193 Tags	\$200.00	
194 Purchase/Lease		
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$41,000.00
201 Accounting	\$9,000.00	
202 Legal	\$12,000.00	
203 Misc. Support	\$5,000.00	
204 Legislative Support	\$15,000.00	
205 Drilling		
206 Weather Modification		
210 PUBLICATIONS		\$1,200.00
211 Legal Notices	\$1,200.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$30,000.00
221 Administrative	\$5,000.00	
222 Equipment	\$10,000.00	
223 Contracted Studies		
224 Education Program	\$15,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$23,000.00
231 Office Supplies	\$8,000.00	
232 Copy Machine	\$2,000.00	
233 Computer Maint	\$7,000.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease		

235 Bank Charges		
236 Field Supplies	\$6,000.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$22,000.00
241 Field	\$12,000.00	
242 Office	\$10,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE		\$0.00
260 FACILITY		\$16,000.00
261 Rent		
262 Maintenance	\$16,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase		
264 Building Utilities		
REIMBURSED EXPENSES		
300 FOUNDATION		\$0.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions		
325 Foundation Telephone		
345 Foundation Accounting		
350 Foundation Legal		
370 Foundation Tech Support		
	\$507,748.00	\$507,748.00

2023 Calendar Year Financial Report

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS All Accounts – For the period January 1 - December 31, 2023

2023 INCOME (All sources):

Cash forward from 2022 (Cash) -----	\$257,134
County Assessments -----	\$438,417
Interest Earned (GMD4) -----	\$2,035
State Grant Income -----	\$0
Miscellaneous Income -----	\$626
 2023 TOTAL INCOME:	 \$698,212

2023 EXPENDITURES:

Postage -----	\$2,389
Printing -----	\$1,726
Dues -----	\$275
Subscriptions -----	\$585
Insurance -----	\$16,606
Telephone -----	\$6,085
Salaries & Benefits -----	\$236,533
Travel -----	\$11,942
Vehicles -----	\$6,965
Contracted Services -----	\$33,069
Publications -----	\$1,046
Coop/Education Programs -----	\$8,381
Administrative -----	\$10,246
Equipment -----	\$2,990
Facility -----	\$20,051
Reserve for contingency -----	\$2,100
Foundation -----	\$0
 TOTAL 2023 EXPENDITURES -----	 \$360,989

Cash on hand – 12/31/23 (All GMD 4 Accounts) ----- \$337,293

Foundation Cash – All (plus interest) – 12/31/23 ----- \$192,539

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) Kansas Legislature

During the 2023 legislative session two major water bills were passed. HB 2279 requires GMDs to identify and address the concerns in priority areas. We are already doing this with the LEMAs. The second bill, HB 2302 is a major funding bill for water. It allows for an additional \$18 million into the State Water Plan Fund. The Kansas Water Authority has allocated much of this money to addressing the declines of the Ogallala Aquifer.

We currently have submitted HB 2634 to the House Water Committee to allow overpumping of the certified quantity of water so long as the LEMA quantity is not exceeded. As of February 12, 2024 the bill has passed favorably from the House Water Committee with no opponents and awaits passing of the whole House. Next, it will be sent to the Senate.

3) Grant Funding

With the additional funding to the State Water Plan, an RCPP grant was also awarded through NRCS. The Kansas Water Office (KWO) has three grant opportunities. The first opportunity has expired but more opportunities are forthcoming. Two of those grants are specifically for municipalities and public water suppliers. The other grant is for innovative, large scale projects with the idea of feedlots and dairies in mind. These grants through the KWO are statewide but priority is given to those in declining Ogallala regions and municipalities under 2000 population.

The RCPP grant awarded through NRCS is currently being developed. This grant is specifically for the five GMDs within Kansas. Producers can look forward to more one-on-one assistance with water saving technology implementation and cost-share opportunities to help pay for the technology.

4) Meter Tracking Tools

We now have two meter tracking tools available to producers. We still have the TappH2O app available that many of you use. VandWater is now also available. It was developed by a Kansas producer who needed a simplistic method for keeping track of his water. You can check it out at vandwater.com

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 a meter tracking tool to help you do this.

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 2, 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	5	2	0	4	2	0	4	11	9	0
AF	89.9	225.0	0.0	483.4	22.7	0.0	30.6	1,434.3	955.2	0.0
IRRIGATION WELLS	442	27	110	158	80	148	692	859	775	8
AF	102,648	3857	21,504.5	28,663.1	16,134.5	30,882.6	160,468.6	258,446.8	202924	2,779.0
MUNICIPAL WELLS	10	0	5	8	7	3	9	15	14	0
AF	1,073.9	0.0	438.9	931.3	959.8	107.4	737.6	2,285.5	2,513.04	0.0
RECREATION WELLS	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	2	0
AF	36.2	0.0	9.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	404.5	697.22	15.0	0.0
STOCKWATER WELLS	6	0	0	10	1	3	17	7	16	0
AF	717.3	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
DUAL USE WELLS (STOCK & IRR)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
AF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1183.2	0	625	0
COUNTY-TOT-WELLS	466	29	116	180	91	154	735	896	825	8
COUNTY-TOT-AF	104,567	4,082.0	21,952.4	31009.2	17,137.4	31,101	163,899.8	263,141.72	208,199.64	2,779.0
GMD-TOT-WELLS	3,500									
GMD-TOT-AF	847,869.9									

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
2023	\$440,413	3,500	847,870

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

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%

2022 Data (1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022)

Area	Appropriated Water	Pumped Water	Percent
Sherman County	263,142	146,093	56%
Thomas County	208,200	123,169	59%
Sheridan County	163,900	92,261	56%
Total for District	847,870	484,642	57%

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

2023 data is not yet available in WIMAS.

District Map

Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 Boundary



