

**Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4
June 8, 2017 Board Meeting**

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The June 8th board meeting was opened at the GMD 4 office in Colby, Kansas by President, Brent Rogers.

Board members present for some or all of the meeting were:

Shane Mann, Lynn Goossen, Roger Zwegardt, Mitchell Baalman, Brent Rogers, Jeff Deeds, Karen Flanagin, and Nate Emig

Board members absent:

Doug David, Monty Biggs, and Scott Maurath

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon, Rita Wade and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – attorney; Kelly Stewart and Steven Walters- DWR; Dwayne Kersenbrock, Dave Rietcheck, and Scott Ross.

Ray Luhman requested to add “ b. Attorney Contract and c. Waiver Request” under New Business.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the May 4th, 2017 Minutes and Expenditures for the month of May. A receipt of the May financial report was previously distributed and an updated amount given to board members at the meeting showing monthly expenditures totaling \$32,622.59 in May were approved.

Mitchell Baalman moved the minutes and expenditures for the month of May be accepted. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Brent Rogers asked if there was anything to be presented in Open Forum. No responses were given.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ray Luhman gave an update on the SD 6 LEMA hearings held on May 31st. The hearings were brief. There was one public testimony in the first hearing for support of the LEMA.

At 11:15 am Shane Mann moved the board of directors go into executive session until 11:45 with Adam Dees and individual staff members to discuss salary contracts. The motion was seconded by Karen Flanagin and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

At 11:45 am Lynn Goossen moved to extend the executive session until 12:00 with Adam Dees and individual staff members to discuss salary contracts. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Roger Zweygartd moved to offer staff contracts as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

b. Attorney Contract

Adam Dees has moved to a firm in Hays, KS. Brent Rogers signed the contract that allows him to represent GMD 4 at that firm.

c. Waiver Request

Scott Ross presented a report to the board on Water Right #49,686. The water right was initially denied because it was filed after the moratorium on new water rights in the Ogallala formation of GMD 4. Scott presented data that suggests the water right is in the Saline River alluvium and not the Ogallala although they are hydraulically connected. Ray Luhman stated he would change his recommendation based on the findings of the well being alluvial and not Ogallala.

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart reported on the consumptive use hearings to be held on July 25th. Several places are available to participate in the hearing. Kelly will check to see if Colby can be added to the list so locals do not have to drive to Stockton.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

No public questions or comments were made.

9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

The July monthly meeting will be held July 6th at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Roger Zweygartd moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Brent Rogers and Mitchell Baalman testified in support of the LEMA at the second hearing.

Ray attended a meeting in Deerfield concerning the formation of a LEMA in that area. He spoke on the process involved in creating a LEMA.

Shannon Kenyon gave an update on the fieldwork activities. All wells within the yellow and red townships are being checked this year by either GMD 4 or DWR. Collaboration on paperwork and data entry have developed communication for the project. Kelly Stewart gave his update on the fieldwork that DWR was conducting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA

After much conversation with DWR, multiple revisions to the Proposed District-Wide LEMA were made. A copy of that document with the changes highlighted were distributed among the board members. Discussion was had on those changes and how the hearings would be handled.

Mitchell Baalman moved the Proposed District-Wide LEMA be resubmitted with changes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

b. Water Meter App

GMD 4 staff and Lynn Goossen met with the water meter app developers prior to the monthly meeting. A proposal was distributed for the board to review and a short computer demonstration was shown. Several questions were posed about the product that Shannon will forward on to the developers. Board members would like to review the proposal and talk with the developers either in person or by phone at the next meeting.

c. GIS Workshops

Still being developed. A brief update was given from the updates noted in an email.

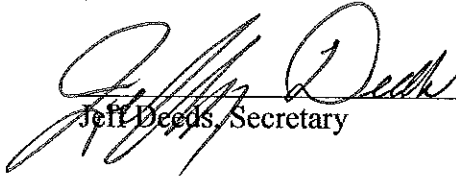
d. Building Projects

Shannon has advertised the teller cages twice with no responses. It was suggested they be advertised again as free if someone removes them for free.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Staff Contracts

Respectfully submitted:


Jeff Deeds, Secretary