

Minutes: Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 December 6, 2018 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The December 6, 2018 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:

Brent Rogers, Karen Flanagan, Nate Emig, Roger Zwegardt, Shane Mann, Lynn Goossen, Monty Biggs, and Scott Maurath

Board members absent: Jeff Deeds, Mitchell Baalman, Ted Nighswonger

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Ray Luhman, Shannon Kenyon, and Jody McCain– GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – GMD 4 attorney; Kelly Stewart & Steven Walters– DWR; Erich with Woofter. Dan Simmering - GMD 4 staff member was not able to attend.

Shane Mann moved to appoint Monty Biggs as Acting Secretary. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Brent Rogers asked if there were any concerns over the consent agenda, consisting of the November 1, 2018 Minutes and November expenditures. Receipt of the November financial report was distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$41,069.70 in November were approved.

Lynn Goossen moved the minutes for November and expenditures be accepted. The motion was seconded by Monty Biggs and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Shane Mann received a mailing from the Kanza Coop that he shared with the board. The letter addresses the Rattlesnake Creek Basin water issues in GMD 5. Discussion was had about the Quivira impairment issue and the LEMA that was attempted.

4. MANAGER’S REPORT

Ray Luhman gave a report on the Governor’s Conference. He thought most of the sessions were worth attending and that next year the conference will be in Wichita.

He also reported that the new server is up and running well but the scanner is too old to communicate with it and will be discussed more under New Business.

Ray and Shannon, along with Brett Oelke and Rock Meier, will be attending a meeting in Burlington, Colorado for the Colorado Ag Water Alliance. Ray will be presenting at this meeting.

DWR is moving forward with the \$20 WUR charge for paper filing. All of the GMD's collaboratively sent a letter opposing the fee. David Barfield contacted each of the GMD's to discuss how it will be handled. He noted that the new fee came from the Secretary of Ag's office to fill holes in their budget. DWR will be sending out a postcard to water use correspondents and landowners notifying them of this new fee if they choose to file the paper water use report instead of online.

A few phone calls have been taken concerning the mailing on November 15th, 2018 of the GMD 4 voting protocol. A few eligible voters have brought in documentation verifying their eligibility. A follow-up letter is being sent to those that provide us with the documentation.

Shannon distributed an article on the research Rob Aiken has been working on. She also distributed a pamphlet on the Kansas Mesonet which may be a speaker topic at the annual meeting. A comment form for the Bureau of Reclamation on suggestions for Bonnie Reservoir was also distributed for anyone wishing to make comment. Discussion was had on the \$2 million dollars Kansas received from Colorado and it is still not decided what that money would be spent on.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. District LEMA

An update from Adam Dees was provided to the board. The intervenors were granted from the court permission to file an amended petition. The State has 30 days to file a response to the petition. After that, numerous briefs will be submitted with expected oral arguments in April or May. District Court would then follow after this period.

Discussion was had about filing a motion requiring the intervenors to be subject to the LEMA rules during the court proceedings but no decision was made.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Scanner/Printer

Ray provided the board with two bids and brochures for a new printer/scanner. He also provided them with the receipt for the current one that was purchased in 2006 and can no longer be

repaired. Several questions were asked on the maintenance contract for the current printer/scanner, buying vs. leasing, and trade-in.

Lynn Goossen moved to purchase the Ricoh MP C3004ex without a service contract and to review annually. The motion was seconded by Roger Zwegardt and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

b. Kitchen Tile

The kitchen tile is beginning to crack and needs replaced. As it is not an urgent need bids will be gathered for various types of flooring to replace it and provided to the board at a future meeting.

7. Agency Reports

Kelly Stewart reported Pat Haffner's denied new application is still pending with a response from an engineer and an attorney he has hired. He also reported they are getting more strict with meter repairs and providing documents on how much water has been pumped while the meter was off.

Steven Walters reported that the Townsend WCA went to the Chief Engineer for signature.

8. OPEN SESSION-Public Questions/Comments:

The question of how much water was flowing into Webster was asked. Kelly Stewart said it was about 125 cfs about a week ago.

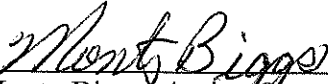
9. Scheduling Future Meetings:

A board meeting was scheduled for January 10th at 9 am.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Monty Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



Monty Biggs, Acting Secretary

