

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4 October 3, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The October 3, 2019 board meeting was opened at the GMD 4 office in Colby, Kansas by President, Brent Rogers.

Board members present for some or all the meeting were:

Monty Biggs, Lynn Goossen, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, and Brett Oelke, and Roger Zwegardt.

Board members absent: Jeff Deeds, Nate Emig, and Karen Flanagin.

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; and Adam Dees – GMD 4 attorney.

Additions to the agenda were noted:

Manager's Report – Dannon & Colorado Master Irrigator Program

Unfinished Business – Sign Damage

New Business – Monthly Meeting Date

Shane Mann moved to nominate Lynn Goossen as acting Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger 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 September 5th, 2019 minutes and the September expenditures. An updated receipt of the September financial report were distributed showing monthly expenditures totaling \$40,954.82 were approved.

Monty Biggs moved the minutes and expenditures for September be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Brett Oelke and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

An error in the August financials was found after the September 5th meeting. An updated copy of the August financials was distributed, bringing the monthly expenditures to \$23,845.70.

Ted Nighswonger moved to approve the updated August 2019 Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. KGMDA Meeting

Shannon attended the Kansas Groundwater Management Districts Association, held in Stafford, Kansas on September 25th, 2019. This meeting consisted of the GMD Managers and Water Commissioners. Highlights of the meeting were shared.

b. Christmas Party

Discussion was held regarding the annual Christmas party. It will be held at the same place and time as last year. It was decided to set the date later in the meeting, with the new business item "A. Monthly Meeting Date."

c. Governor's Conference

The Governor's Conference is scheduled for November 7th through the 8th of November in Wichita. If board members are interested, they need to let Jody know so that registration and lodging reservations can be made soon.

d. Dannon

Ken McCarty contacted Shannon regarding a project Dannon is working on to provide loans to area producers for soil moisture probes. Discussion ensued, and it was agreed that soil probe vendors may be a better fit for their program administrator.

e. Colorado Master Irrigator Program

Colorado is developing a Master Irrigator program. They will be holding a panel discussion on February 26th, 2020 in Wray, Colorado. They are asking for volunteers from the NW Kansas area and who are currently under the water restrictions. Shannon asked for volunteers/suggestions of interested parties.

5. FIELD REPORT

Dan reported that this is the first time that the 5-5-11 checks have run this late in the year. The rest may need to wait until fall harvest has ended. He has done more rate tests and continues to install the new GMD4 seals. Hoxie Implement and Western Sprinklers are doing a good job of documenting on the Water Flowmeter Repair/Replacement Forms being sent to Stockton, of their installs of the GMD4 seals.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

Adam Dees reported that there is nothing new in the Ellis County case, as he feels the judge is taking the time to thoroughly research the case. He is hoping to hear something next month.

Discussion was also had on the GMD 4/DWR collaboration on the LEMA. A few concerns were discussed and directed for Shannon to communicate the discussion to DWR.

b. Rob Aiken Model

A concern of solely using NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index) to construct the data for this model was raised. In looking at the handout that Rob distributed at the last meeting, it was difficult to differentiate between the dryland-corn and pasture areas within the SD6 map.

c. Logan County Board Position

Lynn Goossen has been talking to people in the Oakley area regarding a need for representation on the board for Logan County. So far, there is zero interest from those who would be qualified to serve. Shannon will create several potential board position redistribution ideas for the December meeting.

d. Proposed LEMA, WCA, Conservation Rules & Regulations

Discussion ensued regarding the drafts of the proposed rules and regulations distributed at the last meeting. Adam Dees created a memo highlighting requested changes to DWR that was previously emailed to the board.

Lynn Goossen moved to write a formal statement/response to the Chief Engineer. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

e. Mission Statement

We have had the same mission statement since the steering committee developed it in 1976. It was agreed that the board feels they are working towards the goal of this statement.

Monty Biggs moved to re-adopt the mission statement. The motion was seconded by Brett Oelke and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

f. Sign Damage

Shannon had asked for two different quotes on the sign, one to repair it as is, and the second to take down the existing sign and to put the round signs on the building. We did receive a quote from Commercial Sign to take the round signs and install them on the building, with removal and disposal of the old sign, and capping the electrical for \$1,675.

Brett Oelke moved to accept the bid from Commercial Sign in the amount of \$1675. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Monthly Meeting Date

A request was made to change the monthly meeting date from Thursdays to Wednesdays. It was the consensus of the board that Wednesday would be a better day to meet, and would fall in line with the Annual Meeting being held on Wednesday.

Ted Nighswonger moved to change the monthly meeting date from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Brett Oelke and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

8. AGENCY REPORTS

No one from DWR was available for the meeting, as they were attending their yearly retreat.

Armando Zarco informed Shannon to relate to the board of the upcoming Governor's Water Conference.

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

Shannon distributed a flyer for the Ogallala Aquifer Summit taking place March 31 – April 1, 2020 in Amarillo, Texas. She was not able to attend the one last year, however Ray Luhman, former manager had. He shared that he felt it was a "good meeting". Shannon is planning on attending this meeting.


10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

A board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., with a Foundation meeting to follow. The Christmas party then will take place at 5:30 p.m. at City Limits.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections, Brett Oelke moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Respectfully submitted:



Lynn Goossen, Acting Secretary