

**NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
APRIL 8, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The April 8, 2020 board meeting was opened via teleconference by President, Brett Oelke.

Board members present for some or all the meeting were:

Jeff Deeds, Nate Emig, Karen Flanagin, Lynn Goossen, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, & Dylan Loyd.

Board members absent: Monty Biggs and Brent Rogers

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; Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman – DWR; Keadron Pearson – KWO, David Barfield – KWR Consulting.

Additions to the agenda were noted:

Unfinished Business – c. Board Position 11

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Dylan Loyd moved that the consent agenda be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Shane Mann moved that the March minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Flanagin and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Ted Nighswonger moved the updated financials be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Dylan Loyd and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Nothing was presented.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. COVID 19 OFFICE PROCEDURES

Shannon has been monitoring advice from the CDC, KDHE, and the Governor's office and has stayed in contact with Brett Oelke of any concerns. As of March 23, the office has been locked with staff inside to assist callers. Several events came about that brought our awareness higher so a conference call with board officers was called on March 24th. As the office has capability of working remotely, it was decided to mirror what KDA is doing and work from home. As of today, Shannon and Jody are taking turns working every other day in the office, to keep up on mail/bills. Dan will be working out of the work pick up, with rate test needing done and seals needing installed.

b. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

They took an early recess with only critical decisions made. No action was taken on any of the items Shannon had been monitoring.

c. MAMMOTH UPDATE

We have an agreed contract and are moving ahead as fast as we can. The front page of the newsletter introduces the app. Shannon is working with Mammoth to enhance the graphics for the website to include bulleted points on the benefits of TAPPH2O. So far we have 57 wells signed up, which do not include Lynn Goossen's test pilot wells.

5. FIELD REPORT

Dan has had little field activity this month. The wet weather combined with trying to make appointments for tests has limited that. With the weather warming up, his office will be the work truck as much as possible, trying to limit time inside the office due to COVID-19.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

There was no conference call this month. Kelly Stewart will check on the progress of the water use calculator again.

There have been no legal updates at this time.

b. MASTER IRRIGATOR PROGRAM

The Master Irrigator Program originated in Texas. Colorado has now developed their own, with assistance from the Texas program. Shannon has been in touch with the Colorado administrators, who are more than willing to help us get one started for Kansas. Shannon has been in touch with NRCS regarding possible funding of this program. Weston McCrary with NWKTC is also very interested in collaborating on this venture. Discussion ensued on delivery methods, and what the board's vision of this project should look like.

c. BOARD POSITION 11

Jeff Deeds has been in touch with Marsha Schilling of Edson regarding the At-Large position. He stated that she is willing and ready to serve.

Jeff Deeds moved to nominate Marsha Schilling for Position #11. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

Lynn Goossen recommended to appoint Marsha Schilling to Board Position #11 At-Large Member.

Lynn Goossen moved to appoint Marsha Schilling to Board Position #11 At-Large Member. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing was presented.

8. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart reported that his office had been shut down for 2 weeks. They have been following the CDC, KDHE, and Governor's recommendations. All field offices will be bringing in 1 – 2 employees to work in the office, the rest will be working remotely. Also, Steven Walters has turned in his resignation. He will be working for NRCS out of Hays.

Keadron Pearson reported the next Kansas Water Authority meeting is scheduled for April 14, via GoTo Meeting. Information to join the meeting is available on the KWO website. She is also trying to schedule an Upper Republican RAC meeting via teleconference. There are several unfilled positions if anyone is interested.

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

No comments received.

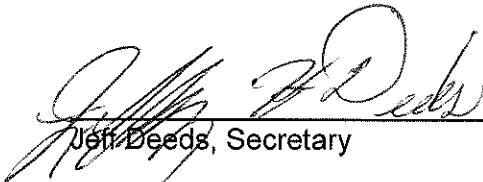
10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, 2020 at 10 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby. If a teleconference is warranted, the meeting details will be sent to board members and agencies, as well as posted on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary

