

**NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4**  
**June 16, 2021**

**1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA**

The June 16, 2021 board meeting was opened at the GMD4 office in Colby, Kansas by President Brett Oelke and via teleconference.

Board members present for some or all the meeting were:

Jerry Binning, Jeff Deeds, Nate Emig, Lynn Goossen, Shane Mann, Brett Oelke, and Marsha Schilling

Board members absent: Karen Flanagan, Dylan Loyd, Ted Nighswonger, and Brent Rogers

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain, and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – GMD 4 attorney; Kelly Stewart (in person) and Rebecca Hageman – DWR (virtually); Keadron Pearson – KWO (virtually); and Dwayne Kersenbrock

Changes to the agenda were noted:

Add 8 a. Management Program Hearing 10 a.m.  
Add 8 b. 2022 Budget

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Shane Mann moved that the consent agenda be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Nate Emig moved the minutes of the May 5, 2021 board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Jerry Binning moved that the updated financial reports and expenditures for the month of May be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Nate Emig and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**3. OPEN FORUM**

Nothing presented.

**4. AGENCY REPORTS**

Kelly Stewart reported that he completed the review of the over pump list. He has been working with Shannon on getting power records to validate water use on the last couple that were here in GMD 4. He also reported that the penalty would be taken off the 2022 LEMA allocation. Kelly also reported that there were several reported broken/repaired

meters during water use reports, without the reports submitted to DWR. Rebecca spent quite a bit of time getting the documentation from producers for those meters. Kelly reported that approximately 90% of Water Use Reports were filed online.

Keadron Pearson reported that the next KWA meeting is scheduled to meet virtually on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. At this meeting the authority will provide comments on the first full draft of the water plan update and vote to approve its release for public comment. A copy of the draft will be provided in the meeting materials. June 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for the 2021 RAC Membership drive. Also, tomorrow there will be a Kick-Off Meeting for the Upper Republican Watershed at 10 a.m. C.D.T.

## **5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **a. MAY UPDATES**

It has been much quieter with producers out planting. Meter repair forms have been coming in for those that did routine maintenance or fired up and it wasn't working. We have also had quite a few TappH2O signups and are well over 400 now.

Gary Showalter of Energized Water Systems contacted Shannon with a device that goes into your pipe and energizes your water. He says there are lots of benefits in plant health and water savings with this device. Shannon passed around the literature provided to her.

DWR issued a term permit for Alan Townsend. The LEMA does not address term permits, which may need to be addressed in a future LEMA. Discussion was had on the circumstances leading to the issuing of the term permit with concern that DWR took away the "local control" of the LEMA by issuing the permit.

### **b. JUNE & JULY OPPORTUNITIES**

The Management Program Hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. today. June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. there will be a zoom call on the Upper Republican Watershed. Dave Brenn contacted Shannon regarding presenting at a meeting in August to the New House Water Committee and others attending the Kansas Water Congress in Garden City. KDR and DWR will also present at the meeting.

## **6. FIELD REPORT**

Dan reported that he has started checks in SD-6, including doing timed meter checks. He is also seeing several Netafim meters in the areas where the aquifer has dropped out.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a. GMD 4 LEMA**

The GMD 4 LEMA Advisory Committee met on May 12, 2021. They recommended not change anything, except to look at the conversion of stock water. As this GMD 4 LEMA is less restrictive than the SD-6 LEMA, they did not feel carryover should be included.

As required by the LEMA, Shannon put together the GMD 4 LEMA Annual Report. Shannon feels it is important to have public meetings to get producer input for the next LEMA. Staff will get dates set up in Saint Francis, Goodland, Colby, and Hoxie; as well as send out postcards.

Shannon also distributed a summary of the model report received from Brownie Wilson. Brownie ran several scenarios with the new model and discussion was had concerning the results of those model runs.

**b. SD-6**

A public meeting has been scheduled for August 18, 2021 to be held at 3 p.m. at the Hoxie Elks Lodge. Jody will print postcards in house to send to SD-6 producers.

**c. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Staff**

**Jeff Deeds moved to go into executive session at 10:51 am for 30 minutes with the board of directors, Adam Dees and staff as needed for the purpose of performance reviews. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Jeff Deeds moved to go into executive session for an additional 20 minutes at 11:21 a.m. with the board of directors, Adam Dees, and staff as needed. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Jeff Deeds moved to go into executive session for an additional 20 minutes at 11:41 a.m. with the board of directors, Adam Dees, and staff as needed. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**Jeff Deeds moved to go into executive session for an additional 30 minutes at 12:02 p.m. with the board of directors, Adam Dees, and staff as needed. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. MANAGEMENT PROGRAM HEARING**

Brett Oelke opened the hearing at 10:37 a.m. Shannon noted that the only change made was changing the 2020 Board of Directors to read the 2021 Board of Directors. There was no other testimony. The hearing was closed at 10:38 a.m.

**Lynn Goossen moved to approve the Management Program as corrected. The motion was seconded by Marsha Schilling and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).**

**b. 2022 BUDGET**

Shannon handed out a copy of the 2022 budget worksheet. She noted that it is pretty much the same as the budget that was presented at this year's annual meeting. The budget hearing is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:**

Nothing presented

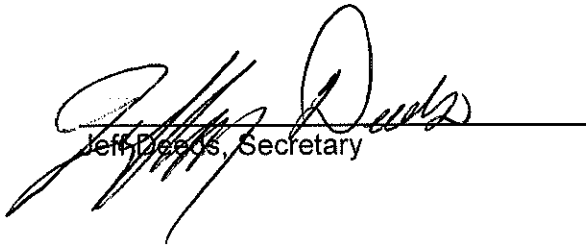
**10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby, with an alternate date of August 11, 2021 if needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary