

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
September 1, 2021

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The September 1, 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, Nate Emig, Karen Flanagan, Lynn Goossen, Dylan Loyd, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, Brent Rogers and Marsha Schilling

Board members absent: Jeff Deeds

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 and Rebecca Hageman – DWR (virtually); Keadron Pearson and Kirk Tjemeland – KWO (virtually); David Barfield – KWR Consulting (virtually); Norbert Russ and Gary Showalter – Energized Water (virtually); Andy Lyon – DOC; John Mosbarger; and “owner” (virtually).

Shane Mann moved to appoint Brent Rogers as acting secretary in Jeff Deeds absence. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Brent Rogers moved the minutes of the August 4, 2021 board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Marsha Schilling and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

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

3. OPEN FORUM

Nothing presented.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman attended the meeting virtually, again due to COVID State guidelines. It has been quiet in the office. Rebecca wanted to remind producers that the deadline to file for a 2 year MYFA is December 31, 2021.

Keadron Pearson of the KWO reported the full draft version of the State Water Plan is available for comment. There is a section specific to the Upper Republican region. There will be a Kansas Water

Authority meeting in October, however a date has not been set yet. It will be posted on the website as soon as the date is decided.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. AUGUST UPDATES

Most of the excitement this month has been centered on the Kansas Water Congress and Kansas House Water Committee Special Session. GMD 4 got many kudos for managing our water resources. It seems that there will be a push for other GMDs to follow suite. It was also noted that there are 17 state agencies and 5 federal agencies that all have a hand in Kansas water management.

b. SEPTEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

For now things look to have calmed down with fall harvest approaching. However there may be several meetings Shannon will be attending in October and November.

6. FIELD REPORT

Dan has been out in the field, working primarily on the 5-5-11 checks, with approximately 3-4 left mainly in the Sherman County area. With pumping starting late in the SD-6 area, test is now getting in and doing some rate tests and collecting readings. He noted that there are some producers that are not maintaining access points to wells/meters.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

LEMA Public meetings were held in Saint Francis, Goodland, Colby, and Hoxie. Shannon felt all of them were positive and productive. Comments from all of the meetings were compiled and included in the board members packet mailing, with the exception of Hoxie that was distributed during the board meeting. Discussion ensued. Shannon will look through the LEMA document for what needs changing and send out "homework".

b. SD-6

Shannon distributed a copy of the comments received from the SD-6 LEMA meeting. Discussion ensued. Shannon will contact both feedlots in SD 6 to determine their current capacity as that date may need updated from 2010.

c. CITY WATER BILL/SPRINKLER/SEPARATE METER

The City of Colby believes that we are actually using that much water. Jody had called Alan with Green Acres to see if he had gotten in touch with his contact to give us a bid on adding in a separate meter. The board asked Shannon to follow up on that bid, as well as look at zeroscape ideas.

d. Gary Showalter and Norbert Russ attended the meeting virtually to introduce their Energized Water Systems. The systems are used to improve plant life and yield. Discussion ensued.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. ANDY LYON – FUNDING POTENTIAL

Andy is with the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation. He would like to see partnerships develop with the GMDs to determine the needs of producers in the different

areas. The board was positive with moving forward with the process. Andy will contact Shannon to discuss details.

b. EXECUTIVE SESSION – John Mosbarger

Dylan Loyd moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the board, staff, attorney, Shannon, and John Mosbarger to protect trade secrets. The motion was seconded by Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Brent Rogers moved to remove water right #28513 D2 in Group #1376, leave 18” on 120 acres with 28513 D1 and to combine group #1375 with 1604 including 28513 D2 and 2700 AF. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

c. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Arlin Ziegler

Brent Rogers moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes with the board, staff, attorney, and Shannon to protect trade secrets. The motion was seconded by Dylan Loyd and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

No action taken.

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

Shannon had a request from Debbie Potter with the Conservation District to borrow an office in our building, to meet with clients, as she is having to work from home. The board had no issue with her using one of our spare offices.

Lynn Goossen noted that Farm Bureau had an issue with the GMD 4 LEMA, because it excluded municipalities. After attending the Kansas Water Authority meeting in Garden City, Lynn felt that the Playa Lakes organization may be a partner for the municipalities to work with.

David Barfield gave a summary report on his take away from the SW Kansas meeting 2 weeks ago. He also updated the board on the progress of the GMD 1 LEMA process.

10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9 am CDT at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Brent Rogers, Acting Secretary

