

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
January 5, 2022

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The January 5, 2022 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, Karen Flanagin, Lynn Goossen, Dylan Loyd, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, and Brent Rogers

Board members absent: Marsha Schilling

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

Changes to the agenda were noted:

Add 8. e. Water Tech Expo Sponsorship

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Ted Nighswonger moved the minutes of the December 1, 2021 board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Nate Emig and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

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

3. OPEN FORUM

Shannon passed around a Christmas card from David Barfield. There was a Tweet from Farm Policy a few days ago showing irrigation trends across the nation. Brett Oelke was able to find it to share. Adam Dees shared there was a Jefferson Hour series in February that talks about water in the western states.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart reported that the Stockton Field Office is once again open to the public, and staff are working in the office again. Water Use Reports were mailed out the end of December, and the online reporting system was opened up for reporting on January 3rd. Kelly wanted to remind everyone that producers can find last year's ending meter readings by clicking on the PDF copy

of last year's use report. Staff members are once again working in cooperation with KGS to measure observation wells across the northwest part of the state.

Rebecca Hageman wanted to also remind producers that copies of the meter repair forms turned in during the 2021 year would be available through their office if needed.

Keadron Pearson of the Kansas Water Office reported that the next virtual Kansas Water Authority meeting will be January 27, 2022. The Winter Water Technology Expo will be held on February 3, 2022 in Garden City. Keadron is hoping to have an in-person Upper Republican RAC meeting this month in Colby.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. DECEMBER UPDATE

Shannon and Jody have been working to update annual meeting information, and prepare for the end of year financials and the 2021 audit.

Shannon had extra copies of the 2022 Edition of the Kansas Agriculture magazine, which featured GMD 4 and the LEMAs in place in the district.

b. JANUARY OPPORTUNITIES

There is a Playa Lake Tour January 11th & 12th in Dodge City. The GMDA Annual meeting is scheduled for January 18-20, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas. However, Shannon will not attend either event with it being water use reporting season, and being short staffed.

February 8 – 9th, Shannon will be attending the Legislative Retreat in Topeka. She will also be presenting virtually for the Colorado Master Irrigator Program January 19th.

Discussion was had on what to replace the television used for virtual meetings.

Shannon also reported that Weston McCary contacted her and will be taking a job with the KWO sometime in January. He will be working on the Water Technology Farms.

6. FIELD REPORT

There was no field work to report. After January 1st, beginning readings need to be recorded for all 5-5-11 contracts (about 60). Shannon has temporary help lined up to get those readings.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

Shannon had sent out a rough draft copy of the GMD 4 LEMA in board packets. Adam had sent her back an updated rough draft that included some formatting changes (title page and table of contents), as well as including the list of townships *included* in the LEMA instead of listing the excluded townships. The board would like to get public feedback at the annual meeting. Shannon heard from KDA, that they would like to schedule all 4 hearings (2 for the GMD 4 LEMA and 2 for the SD-6 LEMA) for the

150 INSURANCE			\$10,400.00		\$10,400.00		\$10,900.00
151 Office	10273	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,500.00	
152 Public Officials' Liability							
153 Auto							
154 Workmans' Comp.							
155 Inland Marine							
156 Unemployment	215	\$400.00		\$400.00		\$400.00	
160 TELEPHONE	4645	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS			\$240,000.00		\$243,812.00		\$240,000.00
171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	241117	\$240,000.00		\$243,812.00		\$240,000.00	
172 Health Insurance							
180 TRAVEL			\$14,000.00		\$14,000.00		\$14,000.00
181 Board	5652	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	
182 Staff	1327	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	
190 VEHICLES			\$7,665.00		\$7,665.00		\$7,327.00
191 Repairs/Maintenance	1917	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
192 Operation	4170	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00		\$4,170.00	
193 Tags	157	\$165.00		\$165.00		\$157.00	
194 Purchase/Lease							
200 CONTRACTED SERVICES			\$91,700.00		\$91,700.00		\$81,800.00
201 Accounting	6715	\$6,700.00		\$6,700.00		\$6,800.00	
202 Legal	8500	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00	
203 Misc. Support	6805	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00		\$20,000.00	
204 Legislative Support	12557	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
205 Drilling							
206 Weather Modification							
210 PUBLICATIONS			\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,200.00
211 Legal Notices	1092	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,200.00	
220 COOP PROGRAMS			\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
221 Administrative							
222 Equipment							
223 Contracted Studies							
224 Education Program	320	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
230 ADMINISTRATIVE			\$9,150.00		\$9,150.00		\$10,650.00
231 Office Supplies	2379	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	
232 Copy Machine	1165	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
233 Computer Maint		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
234 Postage Meter Lease	554	\$650.00		\$650.00		\$650.00	
235 Bank Charges							
236 Field Supplies	2508	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00		\$3,000.00	
240 NEW EQUIPMENT			\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00
241 Field	305	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
242 Office	1498	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE			\$0.00		\$0.00		\$235,066.00
260 FACILITY			\$19,000.00		\$19,000.00		\$19,000.00
261 Rent							
262 Maintenance	14727	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	
263 Remodel/Purchase							

264 Building Utilities	6500	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	
REIMBURSED EXPENSES							
300 FOUNDATION			\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
305 Foundation Subscriptions							
325 Foundation Telephone							
345 Foundation Accounting							
350 Foundation Legal							
370 Foundation Tech Support							
		\$428,015.00	\$428,015.00	\$431,827.00	\$431,827.00	\$419,977.00	\$655,043.00

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wtr_rt =	848,312	2022 Assessed	
land =	2,715,924	for	431827
		2021	
		Carryover	235066
wtr (.349) =	#####	2022 Budget	
land (.05) =	135,796	Cap	655043
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surplus	\$30.00		

Jerry Binning seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

b. GAAP RESOLUTION

Shane Mann moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, Colby, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2021 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Directors or the members of the general public of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or resolutions or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, Colby, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 5th day of January, 2022 that the Board of Directors waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4, for the year ended 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater

Management District No. 4 to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or “nay” votes).

c. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

After discussion regarding the importance of representation in Topeka during the legislative sessions coming up, the board felt that a committee consisting of the officers would be “on-call” for phone/video conferencing with Shannon when the need arises.

d. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STAFFING

Brent Rogers moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes with the board of directors, attorney Adam Dees, and manager for staffing issues. The motion was seconded by Dylan Loyd and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Brent Rogers moved to go into executive session for an additional 10 minutes with the board of directors, Adam Dees, and manager. The motion was seconded by Dylan Loyd and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

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No action taken.

e. WATER TECH EXPO SPONSORSHIP

Keadron had approached Shannon regarding sponsorship for the Water Tech Expo taking place in Garden City on February 3rd. The Expo showcases the role of irrigation technology, soil moisture probes, crop selection and seeding rates, as well as other technologies and management tools in maximizing water use efficiency and improving producers bottom-line.

Dylan Loyd moved to pay a sponsorship of \$250 for the Expo. The motion was seconded by Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

Adam Dees informed the board that he misspoke regarding no increase in his contract for 2022 at the last meeting. The increase amounts were discussed.

Ted Nighswonger moved to approve the new contract with increases discussed. The motion was seconded by Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

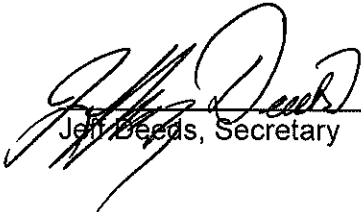
10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 9 a.m. CST at the Hoxie Elks Lodge in Hoxie. The 47th Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., with an alternate date of February 23, 2022 if a quorum is not possible.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary

