

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
February 16, 2022

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The February 16, 2022 board meeting was opened at the Hoxie Elks Lodge in Hoxie, Kansas by President, Brett Oelke.

Board members present for some or all the meeting were:

Jeff Deeds, Karen Flanagan, Lynn Goossen, Dylan Loyd, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, Brent Rogers and Marsha Schilling.

Board members absent: Jerry Binning and Nate Emig.

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Jody McCain and Colter Stoll – GMD 4 staff; Adam Dees – GMD 4 attorney; Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman – DWR.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Brent Rogers moved the minutes of the January 5th board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Ted Nighswonger moved that the financial reports and expenditures for the month of January be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Deeds and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

3. OPEN FORUM

Brett welcomed Colter Stoll, our new field scientist, and had everyone introduce themselves.

Brett noted that with the introduction of HB2686, the GMD 4 officers felt that Shannon's presence was required in Topeka at the House Water Committee this week.

Jeff Deeds had sent Shannon a photo from a presentation by the Hays City manager gave at the KARL seminar he attended last week pertaining to water use. A copy of the slide presented at the meeting was shared with the board. Discussion ensued.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart reported that preliminary data of the well measurements by KGS does show some decline, however we need to keep in mind that we are in a drought year. It is water use reporting season, and in checking the progress approximately 50% of reports have been filed. Kelly noted that the reminder email received a week early, was sent in error, the deadline is March 1, 2022.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Shannon will give a full report on the January/February updates and March Opportunities at the March 2, 2022 board meeting.

6. FIELD REPORT

Colter Stoll has been hired as the new GMD 4 field scientist. This is his 3rd day on the job. He will report at next month's meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. GMD 4 LEMA
Tabled to the next meeting, as they would like to listen to feedback from producers at the annual meeting this afternoon.
- b. SD-6
It has been sent to the Chief Engineer. We are waiting for public hearings to be set by the Chief Engineer.
- c. CONTINGENCY RESERVE #'S
Nate Emig had asked for a historical look at the numbers from the last several years. The board wanted to table this topic until Nate is in attendance.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. NEWSLETTER
Items mentioned for the newsletter included information on HB-2686, water level data, and TAPPH2O.
- b. HOXIE GOLF COURSE
Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman reported that the golf course is running short on water for their LEMA quantity. The only solution at the moment is to purchase water from the City of Hoxie and that is too costly. Kelly also thought of a potential term permit that is limited to another irrigation right's LEMA allocation within two miles. Kelly will contact the golf course groundskeeper to discuss their options. Adam will work on "specialty crop" language to be added to the GMD 4 LEMA.
- c. FIELD EQUIPMENT
The Panametrics 878 is the equipment we use to test meter accuracy. It is about 10 years old. It works fine, but because of its age, it is difficult to find someone to calibrate it. DWR is now using the PT9000. Shannon included a copy of the quote on the PT9000.

Brent Rogers moved to purchase a new PT9000 for the quoted price of \$11,780.55, with Jody sending a Tax Exempt Certificate to eliminate the additional \$1060.26 tax quoted. The motion was seconded by Marsha Schilling and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

d. BARFIELD CONTRACT

Shane Mann moved to renew the contract with KWR Consulting, paying the retainer fee of \$750. The motion was seconded by Ted Nighswonger and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

e. 5-5-11 LIMITATIONS

Tabled to the March meeting.

f. ANNUAL MEETING

A quick run through of which officers were roles for the meeting were discussed, as well as noting that it is an uncontested election.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. CST, until after the Annual Meeting.

At 2:30 pm CST, the monthly board of directors meeting resumed.

g. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Brent Rogers moved that board members retain offices previously held. The motion was seconded by Karen Flanagin and passed unanimously by voice vote (no abstentions or "nay" votes).

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

Shane Mann stated he had received a phone call from a GMD 1 board member, and former GMD 4 manager Kate Wells has been offered the GMD 1 manager position.

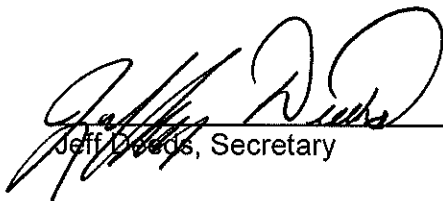
10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 9 a.m. CST at the GMD 4 office in Colby.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business and no objections the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary

