

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 4
January 8, 2025

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The January 8, 2025, board meeting was opened at the GMD 4 Office, Colby, Kansas by President, Brett Oelke.

Board members present for some, or all the meeting were:

Jerry Binning, Jeff Deeds, Nate Emig, Karen Flanagan, Lynn Goossen, Dylan Loyd, Shane Mann, Ted Nighswonger, Brett Oelke, Brent Rogers and Marsha Shilling.

Board members absent: None

Others present for some, or all of the meeting were: Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain, Colter Stoll and Eryn Freeman – GMD 4 staff; and Jake Kling – GMD 4 attorney; Kelly Stewart and Rebecca Hageman (virtually) – DWR; Keadron Pearson – KWO; and Carl Davis.

Changes to the agenda were noted:

Add **8. b. Application #51,137**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Ted Nighswonger 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.)

Brent Rogers moved the minutes of the December 18, 2024 board meeting be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

Shannon distributed the updated financial reports and expenditures.

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

3. OPEN FORUM

Ted Nighswonger introduced Carl Davis, who is running for the Graham County Position #9 on the board. Board members introduced themselves and the county/position they represent.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

Kelly Stewart noted that Earl Lewis has approved the management program draft. After Christmas, members of the Stockton Field office were out helping KGS with their annual well measurements. Now they are ready to assist producers with online water use reporting.

Rebecca Hageman reported she had sent the Pin/Person ID information to GMD 4 to be able to assist producers who may not receive their reports due to being lost in the mail system.

Keadron Pearson reported that the next Water Authority meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2025, in Topeka.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. December

Shannon reported that we are in the calm before the storm – water use reports, legislative session, audit, annual meeting, public meetings, and 5-5-11 checks.

It took Shannon two hours to travel to Hoxie on Monday for the public meeting. Thirteen people attended the meeting, including board members Brett Oelke and Brent Rogers. Due to the travel conditions on Monday, the Saint Francis Meeting was postponed. A new date has not been set yet, but we will inform producers when the new date and time is set.

b. Future Opportunities

Tomorrow, January 9, 2025, is the Irrigation Water Day program taking place at the Colby Event Center. So far approximately 70 people have registered for the event, starting at 9 a.m.

The Goodland public meeting is set for Friday, January 10, 2025, starting at 9:30 a.m. M.S.T. at the Fort Hays Tech – Northwest Student Union.

The Colby public meeting is set for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, starting at 9:30 a.m. C.S.T. at the Colby Event Center.

Shannon will host a virtual Public Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 10 a.m. C.S.T., in hopes that producers not able to make the in-person meetings will log on, and share their opinions.

February 3rd through the 5th is the GMD Legislative Retreat in Topeka and the KGMDA Annual Meeting. Board members interested in attending need to let the office know ASAP, so accommodation can be secured.

February 19th is our Annual Meeting in Hoxie at the 4-H Building, starting at 1:30 p.m. C.S.T.

Ted Nighswonger asked Shannon how the RCPP process was going and if there were any updates. Shannon informed the board of the frustrations and delays in the process. The board provided encouragement for defending the integrity of GMD 4 stakeholder data.

6. FIELD REPORTS

Since the last meeting, Colter has been out in the field and checked 35 wells, which are in the 5-5-11 program. He hopes to be done with these checks in the next two weeks, pending the cooperation of the weather. Colter has worked on a couple of change applications and MYFA applications and assisted with water use reporting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GMD 4 LEMA

Shannon's goal is to submit a request to the state by late summer.

It was noted that Shannon needs to reiterate at the rest of the public meetings that the AEM Mapping data belongs to KGS and does not belong to the GMD.

b. SD-6

Nothing to report.

c. Other LEMA Developments

Nothing to report.

d. Management Program

Shannon finally received the Chief Engineers approval of the Revised Management Program. Upon receipt of said approval, Jody sent a legal notice to area newspapers regarding the required public hearing which will take place during the annual meeting on February 19th in Hoxie.

e. GMD 4 Regulation Change

Shannon would like to visit with Earl Lewis and Lane Letourneau while they are in Topeka for the Legislative retreat.

f. Annual Meeting

Shannon asked for a volunteer to preside over the elections at the annual meeting. Brent Rogers volunteered to do it.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Revised Operating Budget @ 10:30 a.m.

Shannon Kenyon opened the budget hearing at 10:30 a.m. She reported there was no pre-filed testimony. Shannon provided her testimony and passed around the budget showing the 2025 final assessed, and the 2025 revised to include the 2024 carry-over. The budget hearing was closed at 10:31 a.m.

Following discussion, Karen Flanagin moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the 2025 budget of \$440,448.00 approved originally on August 14, 2024, requires amending in order to incorporate the 2024 cash carryover funds; and

WHEREAS the district lawfully scheduled and conducted a public hearing to consider all testimony regarding the budgeting of carryover funds and other issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2025 final operating budget shall be adopted as revised based on its presentation by GMD 4 staff during the lawfully conducted public hearing. The final 2025 operating budget of \$798,750.00 shall be:

2024 Expended		2025 Proposed		2025 Final Assessed		2025 Revised	
	110 POSTAGE		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
	111 Newsletter	\$0.00					
1831	112 General	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
	120 PRINTING		\$300.00		\$500.00		\$1,500.00
	121 Newsletter	\$0.00					
1063	122 Administrative	\$300.00		\$500.00		\$1,500.00	
275	130 DUES	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
487	140 SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	150 INSURANCE		\$19,000.00		\$19,000.00		\$16,500.00
13831	151 Office	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
	152 Public Officials' Liability						
	153 Auto						
48	154 Workmans' Comp.						
	155 Inland Marine						
1354	156 Unemployment	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$1,500.00	
5544	160 TELEPHONE	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
	170 SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$300,048.00		\$270,048.00		\$270,048.00
204685	171 Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.	\$300,000.00		\$270,000.00		\$270,000.00	
2	172 Health Insurance	\$48.00		\$48.00		\$48.00	
	180 TRAVEL		\$20,000.00		\$18,000.00		\$20,000.00
10,396	181 Board	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$12,000.00	
5,953	182 Staff	\$10,000.00		\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	
	190 VEHICLES		\$24,200.00		\$14,000.00		\$18,000.00

4,810	191 Repairs/Maintenance	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$8,000.00	
7,368	192 Operation	\$20,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
158	193 Tags	\$200.00					
	194 Purchase/Lease						
	200 CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$41,000.00		\$46,000.00		\$50,000.00
7,540	201 Accounting	\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00		\$9,000.00	
16,580	202 Legal	\$12,000.00		\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	
4,742	203 Misc. Support	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$6,000.00	
13,415	204 Legislative Support	\$15,000.00		\$12,000.00		\$15,000.00	
	205 Drilling						
	206 Weather Modification						
	210 PUBLICATIONS		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
586	211 Legal Notices	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	
	220 COOP PROGRAMS		\$30,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
	221 Administrative	\$5,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
	222 Equipment	\$10,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
	223 Contracted Studies						
1124	224 Education Program	\$15,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
	230 ADMINISTRATIVE		\$23,000.00		\$16,500.00		\$19,500.00
2901	231 Office Supplies	\$8,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	
1971	232 Copy Machine	\$2,000.00		\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	
6792	233 Computer Maint	\$7,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$8,000.00	
	234 Postage Meter Lease						
	235 Bank Charges						
947	236 Field Supplies	\$6,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
	240 NEW EQUIPMENT		\$22,000.00		\$13,500.00		\$13,500.00
464	241 Field	\$12,000.00		\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	
3137	242 Office	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
38435	250 CONTINGENCY RESERVE		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$346,502.00
	260 FACILITY		\$16,000.00		\$23,000.00		\$23,000.00
	261 Rent						
11633	262 Maintenance	\$16,000.00		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
	263 Remodel/Purchase						
7177	264 Building Utilities			\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	
	REIMBURSED EXPENSES						
	300 FOUNDATION		\$0.00				\$0.00
	305 Foundation Subscriptions						
	325 Foundation Telephone						
	345 Foundation Accounting						
	350 Foundation Legal						
	370 Foundation Tech Support						
		\$507,748.00	\$507,748.00	\$440,448.00	\$440,448.00	\$452,248.00	\$798,750.00

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

GAAP RESOLUTION

Ted Nighswonger 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 2024 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 2024.

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 8th day of January 2025 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 2024.

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 Jerry Binning and passed unanimously by voice vote (no “nay” votes).

b. Application #51,137

This application was discussed in a previous meeting during executive session. The application was submitted and needs a waiver of 5-24-2.

Brent Rogers moved to approve a waiver of 5-24-2 for application #51,137. The motion was seconded by Lynn Goossen and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

At 10:10 a.m. Dylan Loyd moved to recess the meeting, to take care of foundation business before the budget hearing at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Shane Mann and passed unanimously by voice vote (no "nay" votes).

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

9. OPEN SESSION – Public Questions/Comments:

Brett Oelke noted that in the public meetings, Shannon should reiterate that the AEM Mapping data belongs to KGS, not the District. Shannon discussed the handout and how she was presenting the data at the public meetings.

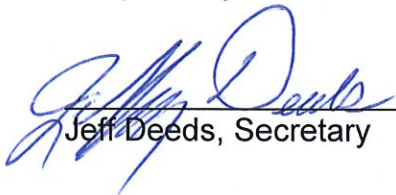
10. SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025, in Hoxie at the 4-H Building, with the Annual Meeting and Management Program Hearing scheduled at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jeff Deeds, Secretary

