

Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee
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The meeting of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman, Randy Hayzlett on March 7th, 2012 at 9:00a.m. The meeting was held at the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Office located at 2009 E. Spruce Street, Garden City, KS.

Present by phone or in person:

Randy Hayzlett	Committee Chairman and Southside Representative
Ron Conway	Committee Vice-Chairman and Lake McKinney Representative
Steve Hines	Frontier Ditch Representative
Al Knoll	Garden City Ditch Representative
Hal Scheuerman	Kearny County Farmers Irrigation Association (Amazon Ditch) Representative
Diane Coe	Kansas Water Office
Kevin Salter	Interstate water engineer, DWR
Harold Knoll	Associated Ditches
David Brenn	Kansas Commissioner, ARCA & GMD3 Board (Surface Water)
Tim Gillen	Finney County Water Users
Mike Stanley	Finney County Water Users
David Becker	Finney County Water Users
Mark Rude	Committee Treasurer, GMD3 Executive Director
Patty Stapleton	Committee Recording Secretary, GMD3 Office Administrator
Jason Norquest	GMD3 Assistant Manager
Brandi Cole	DWR
Trevor Ahring	GMD3 EIT / GIS

Absent with Notice

Mike Meyer Water Commissioner, KSDA-DWR

Agenda and Meeting Minutes Approval

Chairman Randy Hayzlett asked for discussion on the meeting agenda. Al Knoll moved to revise the agenda and move items 6 and 7 after the approval of the minutes. Steve Hines seconded the revised agenda. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mark Rude read the minutes from the January 3rd, 2012 meeting. Corrections were completed throughout the reading. Hal Scheuerman moved to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Al Knoll seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

KWO / Legislative Report

Mark handed out a draft 2011 Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Grant for all present to review. For the sake of the new Legislatures the report does have some old history. Revisions along with addition of pictures will complete this report.

Discussion occurred regarding the quarterly reports. Diane Coe with the Kansas Water Office stated the quarterly reports consist of the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee agenda, minutes and financials. Along with the GMD3 agenda, minutes and financial. The quarterly reports are due February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Financial Report

Mark Rude reviewed the Financial Balance Sheet with the committee. He reported that a Certificate of Deposit was moved to Commerce Bank for a better rate. After discussion, Steve Hines moved to approve the financial report and submit it for the annual audit. Harold Knoll seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

GMD3 Assessment for 2011

All members of the committee were in agreement that GMD3 would not receive their administrative payment until the quarterly reports were completed and submitted.

Projects Update

Amazon Headgates

Hal Scheuerman reported on the Amazon Headgates. Announcing the project should be completed in the next 30 days. He shared pictures with all those present of the work that had been completed to date.

Frontier Flume

Steve Hines reported the Frontier Flume project is completed. However, a final inspection is still needed. He added that the grass seed still needs to be planted and the grouting needs done on the ends of the flume.

Preferred Interstate Supply Evaluation

Mark recapped the LiDAR project that is in the works. Due to the weather it was delayed for awhile.

Mark added that evaluation by Spronk Water Engineers of the Super Ditch was completed at its current state. Steve Hines took the opportunity to coordinate with District 67 Ditches. This was a good opportunity for a working partnership with several entities. Kevin Salter with DWR provided a brief update of the Super Ditch. After much discussion Hal Scheuerman moved to share the Spronk Water Supply report with others upon Spronk Waters' approval. Ron Conway seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Update on BOR Grants

Rural Water Improvement Feasibility.

Mark Rude reported the Rural Water Improvement Feasibility Grant is currently pending. Currently, funds are unavailable. However, our grant is still pending when funds are available.

Basin Planning Grant

Mark stated the initial submittal had been completed. Bureau of Reclamation requested a full proposal. Since no Colorado partnership was found the full submittal was not completed.

Possible Watershed Group, Water Quality

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner offered funding for Watershed Committees. This is a prime framework for communication on water quality.

1. Feasibility of water treatment
2. Piping fresh water in from fresh water supply.

A draft request for proposal has been reviewed. Bureau of Reclamation will provide 100% of the funding for the first year up to \$50,000 and 50% funding for the second year. Randy Hayzlett asked who the committee would be made of. Mark answered the making of the committee would be some of the member on the Arkansas River Litigation Funds Advisory Committee, State Agency Folks, Colorado Water Quality Control Board.

System Optimization Review

Mark stated the System Optimization Review should be finalized this calendar year. A decision will be decided for review. Maps of the ditch system were provided to each Ditch Representative for the purpose of indentifying of improvements on each canal that would lead to efficiencies.

Arkansas River / Ditch Gages, USGS Funding

Mark Rude advised the committee that the gages are now funded. Information is being produced and reported by USGS. USGS is also collecting information from the tipping bucket on their time. But due to lack of funding the tipping bucket information is not being published. \$10,000 will provide funding for USGS to publish the information from the tipping buckets. After some discussion the funding of the tipping bucket publishing was not voted on. There was discussion about getting the South Side return gage installed and the operation of the gage under the same funding source as the other USGS gages.

Upcoming Meetings

Upper Arkansas BAC

Randy Hayzlett stated that the Upper Arkansas BAC meeting will be held April 4th at 1:00 p.m. at Horse Thief Reservoir.

GMD3 Annual Meeting

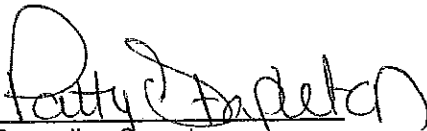
Mark Rude reminded all persons present that GMD3 will hold their annual meeting on March 14th, 2012. It will be held in Liberal, Kansas at the Chamber of Commerce Depot starting at 10:00 a.m.

Future Meeting

Mark Rude suggested a meeting to be held April 4th, 2012 at 8:30a.m. This will allow Diane Coe from the Kansas Water Office the chance to attend in person.

Adjournment

Hal Scheuerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:36. Al Knoll seconded. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned.


Recording Secretary


Committee Chairman