

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 8th, 2012**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The August Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Kent Dunn at 9:09 a.m. The meeting was held in the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 Board Room.

Directors Present

Kent Dunn, President, Seward County Representative
Nathan Kells, Vice President, Haskell County Representative
Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative
Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative
Mike McNiece, Industrial Representative
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative
Wayne Breeding, Morton County Representative
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative
Meghan Houtsma, Secretary, Hamilton County Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Steve Stoné, Finney County Representative
Dave Brenn, Surface Water Representative
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative
Tom Bogner, Ford County Representative

District Staff Present

Mark Rude, Executive Director
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator
Chris Law, Resource Technician
Trevor Ahring, EIT / GIS
Brandi Sneath, Office Assistant

Others in Attendance

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, KDA/DWR, Garden City, Ks
Tracy Streeter, KWO Director
Dr. Bill Golden, KSU
Troy Dunlar, KSU
Jan King, GMD1 Manager
Gregg Graff, GMD1 Board Director

APPROVE AGENDA

President Dunn asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. After some discussion, Mike McNiece made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Wayne Breeding seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

President Dunn drew the attention of the Board to consider the July 11th, 2012 draft minutes. Wayne Breeding made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. Hal Scheuerman seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn next drew the attention of the Board to review the July, 2012 financial report documents. Hal Scheuerman made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of July, 2012, as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Alan Schweitzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn signed and submitted the financial documents.

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President's Report, President Kent Dunn

Water Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Mike Meyer

Water Commissioner, Mike Meyer reported that Chief Engineer David Barfield is attending a hearing with Nebraska in the state of Maine on the Republic River issues. He will probably be out for about a month.

The local DWR field office has started processing applications for Multi Year Flex Accounts. Mike advised that if spacing is not met between wells they will need to be reviewed by GMD3 Board for a waiver recommendation. There may be several applications brought to the board in the next month asking for spacing waivers.

Mike made the board aware of the consequences if a drought term permit is overpumped. A \$500.00 penalty will be assessed along with the amount that was overpumped will be reduced in the form of a penalty the next year. If the producer doesn't want the penalties then a multiyear flex application should be completed. Mike also stated that the penalty could be higher if the producer is a past violator.

Board Review, File No. 18,477 and 33,264 well spacing waiver, Mr. Cottrell

Jason Norquest spoke to the directors regarding the board review for Mr. Cottrell; water right 18,477 and 33,264. He stated the applicant wishes to move authority between two existing wells under the same water right, and switch the authorized quantities between two existing wells with different water rights. Spacing to neighboring wells does not meet the requirements; however the neighboring wells up to one mile are his.

After some discussion Hal moved to recommend approval of both well spacing waivers. Alan Schweitzer seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Governor's Ogallala stakeholder meetings, Tracy Streeter, KWO Director

Tracy Streeter with the Kansas Water office spoke to those in attendance regarding the Governor's Ogallala stakeholder meetings. Two meetings will be held on August 22. The first meeting will be held in Scott City the morning of the 22nd. The second meeting will be held in the afternoon at the Garden City High School. There is no set agenda. The Governor would like a lot of dialog and to discuss the water supply of today and where we are heading into the future.

GMD3 Economic Modeling Project. Draft Report, Dr. Bill Golden

Dr. Bill Golden spoke to all present regarding the GMD3 Economic Modeling Project. He reminded the group that his last presentation focused on the math behind the model. Today will focus on what drives the model and the results. The model area focuses on three high priority areas. Three constraints were identified in Dr. Golden's power point presentation. *Ground water use constraints*: Used with the KGS model. This constraint limits producers to a budget instead of status quo. There are two weather constraints: *Normal Weather & Drought Weather*. Both weather constraints change by sub area. The impact of drought condition can be less severe with conservation of groundwater occurring today. Producers and communities will experience negative impacts when the remaining groundwater is not valued. However, when the remaining groundwater is valued both producers and communities may experience positive impacts. The impacts depend on the hydrology, overall reductions and dryland options.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were announced.

Old Business

No old business was mentioned.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

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Executive Director Report, Mark Rude

Mark stated that GMD3 and DWR are working together to complete an MOU on flow tests on wells with flex accounts. After the flow test the meter is to be sealed to prevent tampering and or removal. The consensus of the directors was that a Memorandum of Agreement is needed between GMD3 and DWR local field office.

Technology for paperless field work and agency coordination

Mark Rude advised that discussion has continued on technology for paperless field work. Agency coordination between Secretary of Ag, DWR and other GMD's are positive. Further research will be completed for the electronic form, the workings of technology and then the implementation.

Report on Water Congress meeting

The Water Congress meeting was held in Greensburg Ks. Kirk Heger, Kent Dunn, Hal Scheuerman, Dave Brenn and Mark Rude all attended.

Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Monthly Western Water Conservation Projects Fund Business

Mark Rude drew the attention of the board to the financial documents of the Western Water Conservation Projects Fund and activity of the advisory committee. After some discussion of the Board, Kirk Heger moved to accept the financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Nathan Kells seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Review of Payment Vouchers

No payment vouchers were presented.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No board member reports.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Meyer brought to the boards attention on a hearing that will be held Tuesday, August 14th. The hearing is on a producer that allegedly tampered with his meter. Jason Norquest and some DWR staff will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Meghan Houtsma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seth Nelson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meghan Houtsma