

**Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 7th, 2014**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The January Board of Directors meeting of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District was called to order by President Dunn at 9:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the GMD3 Board Room, 2009 E. Spruce St. Garden City, KS.

**Directors Present**

Nathan Kells, Vice President, Haskell County Representative  
Mike O'Brate, Treasurer, Gray County Representative  
Kirk Heger, Stevens County Representative  
Douglass Fox, Meade County Representative  
Mike McNiece, Industrial Representative  
Clay Scott, Grant County Representative  
Steve Stone, Finney County Representative  
Randy Hayzlett, Secretary, Surface Water Representative  
Wayne Breeding, Morton County Representative  
Ross Geubelle, Hamilton County Representative  
Kent Dunn, President, Seward County Representative  
Seth Nelson, Stanton County Representative

**Directors Absent with Notice**

Hal Scheuerman, Kearny County Representative  
Alan Schweitzer, Municipal Representative  
Jeff Reinert, Ford County Representative

**District Staff Present**

Mark Rude, Executive Director  
Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager  
Patty Stapleton, Office Administrator  
Chris Law, Director, Field Services  
Trevor Ahring, EIT/GIS  
Brand Sneath, Office Assistant

**Others in Attendance**

David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Topeka, KS  
Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Division of Water Resources, Garden City, KS  
Brett Rooney

**APPROVE AGENDA**

President Dunn asked for consideration of the meeting Agenda. President Dunn asked to add Executive Session after New Business to discuss personnel matters that if discussed in open session, may waive rights to confidentiality. After some discussion, Clay Scott made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Mike O'Brate 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 December 11th, 2013 draft minutes. Steve Stone made a motion to approve the December 11th, 2013 Board Meeting minutes. Nathan Kells seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

President Dunn next drew the attention of the Board to review the December 2013 financial report documents. Nathan Kells made a motion as follows: Approve the financial reports and payments for the month of December, as presented at this meeting, and to submit them for the annual audit. Kirk Heger seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all in favor.

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President Dunn signed and submitted the financial documents.

**Executive Director Report, Mark Rude**

**SW Kansas Irrigation Association Annual Meeting, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Ulysses Ks**

Mark Rude handed out a newly revised agenda for the SW Kansas Irrigation Association annual meeting. The meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Ulysses, KS. Kirk Heger stated they are expecting approximately 200 people in attendance. Discussion will flow around groundwater model tools and demonstration of the model. County water discussion breakout sessions will follow.

**Arkansas River Basin Plan of Study water quality meetings**

Mark stated more water quality meeting will be held in the near future. The county locations are Hamilton, Kearny and in Colorado.

**KGMDA meeting and Kansas Water Authority meeting January 29-30<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS**

Mark announced the KGMDA and Kansas Water Authority meetings will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Topeka, KS. Those in attendance will be GMD Managers, State Agencies and GMD Board of Directors that are available.

Discussion from the Kansas Water Authority will be the considered for the GMD Roundtable that will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Topeka, KS.

**GMD Legislative Retreat & GMD3 Board Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Topeka, KS**

Mark reminded the directors that February is our Legislative Retreat that will be held in Topeka, KS at the Ramada Inn, February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The setup of the meetings allows directors to be in attendance with only one overnight stay.

A draft itinerary of the scheduled local producer meetings for January and February will be sent to directors for review.

**GMD3 Annual Meeting, Water & the Future of SW KS, March 12, 2014 Ulysses, KS**

Mark announced the GMD3 annual meeting will engage municipalities and industries as well as State agencies. The theme will be "Water & the Future of Kansas". Notices in papers and emails will be submitted along with radio spots.

**Out of State Travel Request, Four States Irrigation Council**

Mark asked for out of state travel for board and staff to attend the Four States Irrigation Council, which will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado. After some discussion, Clay Scott moved to approve out of State travel for GMD3 board and staff. Kirk Heger seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Committee Reports**

Executive Committee held a brief meeting this morning, (January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014) to discuss personal matters.

**Old Business**

No old business was needed to be taken from the table for discussion.

**New Business**

There was no new business brought to the table.

**Executive Session**

Mike O'Brate moved to adjourn for a 10 minute executive session. Nathan Kells seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

10:10a.m. meeting was adjourned for executive session.

10:20a.m. meeting was called back to order from executive session.

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Nathan Kells moved to approve raises that were discussed in executive session. Randy Hayzlett seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

**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, Nathan Kells moved to accept the December financial report and payments as presented and submit them for annual audit. Wayne Breeding seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion on the Amazon flume was held. The project has been in advisory committee discussion for the last two years

Mark noted a voucher that will be presented soon regarding the administration fee made payable to GMD3. The final dollar amount to be paid to GMD3 will be 3% of the total \$32,782.00 expenditures for 2013.

Mark will provide a 2013 Fund Activity Projects report to the Legislatures in the next few weeks.

**President's Report, President Kent Dunn**

**Water Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Mike Meyer**

Mike Meyer announced that annual water use cards are being mailed out. A new program to complete and submit the water use reports on-line has been implemented. Training for producers on the new program is available. Submittal of water use cards is still available.

Measuring of static water levels in Haskell, Grant, Kearny, Finney and Gray is almost completed. Details will be announced at the GMD3 annual meeting.

**GMD3 Map Data Updates, Trevor Ahring**

No discussion in the interest of time with chief engineer.

**Board Discussion with Chief Engineer David Barfield, 11:00am.**

Chief Engineer, David Barfield touched on the following topics:

- Due to DWR moving from Topeka to Manhattan approximately 35% have left the agency or retired.
- Online water use reporting had a good trial run. Will roll it out harder next year.
- Claussen court case: 30 days to appeal to State Supreme Court
- Garretson court case was briefly discussed
- LEMA slide presentation was previewed: demonstrating the process of a LEMA
- Aqueduct: action from the legislative to proceed is needed

**Board Member Report**

There were no board member reports announced.

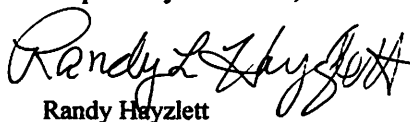
**Public Forum**

There were no public forum announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Doug Fox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross Geubelle seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12: 15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Randy Hayzlett