

WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO.1

January 19, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Callender
Bob Hoeme
Travis Weaver
Brian Bauck*
Ray Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING

Toni Palen – Administrative Assistant

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING

Tom Adrian*	Adrian & Pankratz Law Office
Mike Meyer* Water Commissioner	Division of Water Resources, Garden City Office
David Barfield*	KWR Consulting
Keadron Pearson*	Kansas Water Office
Don Smith	

* Virtual Attendees

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No.1 Board meeting was called to order by President Mark Callender at 8:05 a.m. January 19, 2022 at the District Office, Scott City.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bob Hoeme seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 & DECEMBER 29, 2021 MINUTES

Brian Bauck made a motion to approve the December 15, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mark Callender updated the board about the new computer on the storage it has and cost. The board reviewed the financials then Bob Hoeme made a motion to approve all three sets of financials for the month of December 2021 as presented. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2022 FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

2022 Financial Resolution was reviewed by the board. Ray Smith made a motion to approve the 2022 Financial Resolution as presented. Bob Hoeme seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BANK SIGNATURE CARDS

Mark Callender mentioned that we need to take Kyle Spencer and Maggie Morrison off of the signature cards, and add Toni Palen at First National Bank of Dighton, First National Bank of Scott City, and Security State Bank of Scott City on all accounts. Mark Callender also suggested we add a board member to those accounts to replace Bob Hoeme since he is not running for the board again. After discussion, the board suggested Mark to be added for now since he is in Scott City more than other board members. Mark Callender agreed and proposed that we take him off and add new Manager and new board member from Scott County after the Annual Meeting. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the changes on the signature cards as presented and Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA/PLANNING

The board reviewed the draft agenda, proposed 2023 budget along with the election policy and voter registration requirements for the annual meeting. Mike Meyers brought the board up to date on what David Barfield will be able to show in order for the board to get good feedback and answer any questions regarding the Lema Plan. Additional discussion was held about whether we can get the Lema Plan done by the end of

this year with not having a manager hired yet. The board decided to keep moving forward. The appeal process was brought up by Don Smith. The board discussed this and decided to wait until after the annual meeting, also to utilize the county meetings for further information on the appeal process. Mike Meyers spoke about the Wichita County's WCA in detail about expiration dates and automatic renewal method. The board conversed about this in great detail. David Barfield joined the meeting at 8:46 a.m. by zoom. The board updated David on wanting to move forward with the Lema Plan. After discussing with the board, David agreed that it could still work. David explained he would have information on water usage, allocation sheets and customized reports for people at the annual meeting. More discussion was held with the board about the Lema Plan and hiring new manager. The board agreed they need to be aggressive and be open to ideas, appeal process, and listen to feedback. Mark Callender asked Toni Palen if she had quote from BCBS insurance. Toni stated no, but the insurance won't be effective until April 1st. Mark will email BCBS for quote. The board discussed the weather mod program and decided to update people at the annual meeting. The board reviewed the 2021 statement of expenditures and the 2023 budget. A motion to approve the 2021 statement of expenditures and the proposed 2023 budget was made by Ray Smith. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously. David Barfield asked the board if they wanted him to represent GMD1 in Topeka and Mark Callender said he would get back to him after checking into it. Discussion among the board continued with Mark Callender updating the board that DWR would be sending someone out once a week to help us with our water usage reports. The board discussed selling the airplane hangar. After discussion the board agreed that they need to do something with the material inside the hangar such as the air compressor and tools before selling.

WCHL APPEAL

The board discussed the B2 appeal – File #26246. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the appeal and Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

WR REPORT

Mike Meyers reported that they are measuring static water levels and doing water use reports. He discussed that the raw data collected is showing a decline in water levels. However, he hopes to have a final report from KGS to us by the next board meeting in February. He stated that they are starting to get water use reports in and their office is working on helping those individuals that need assistant. Last comment was on the expiration of last year's WCA. The goal was to cut water usage down by 15% and reports are showing they saved more water than planned.

KWO/RAC REPORT

Keadron Pearson shared there would be legislative visits with RAC members next week. Also, on January 26th the water authority members will be meeting up with our legislative members in Topeka and the following day is the Kansas Water Authority Meeting. Information on that meeting is on their web site and there will be a virtual option for anyone to listen in. On February 3rd is the Finney County Winter Water Technology Expo. at the Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Keadron will let us know of upcoming meeting at the end of February.

WX. NONE

OTHER - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Ray Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. for one hour for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Travis Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, Brian Bauck, and Administrative Assistant, Toni Palen along with Tom Adrian with Adrian & Pankratz Law Office. At 11:00 a.m. the executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session. At 11:00 a.m. Travis Weaver made a motion to go into executive session for one hour for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Ray Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive

session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, Brian Bauck, and Administrative Assistant, Toni Palen along with Tom Adrian with Adrian & Pankratz Law Office. At 12:00 p.m. the executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session. At 12:00 p.m. Mark Callender made a motion to go into executive session for 1 ½ hours for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Travis Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, Brian Bauck, and Administrative Assistant, Toni Palen along with Tom Adrian with Adrian & Pankratz Law Office. At 1:30 p.m. executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

CALENDAR

Next board meeting is on February 16th. The annual meeting is February 23, 2022. There was also tentative plans to schedule county meetings after the annual meeting.

ADJOURN

Bob Hoeme made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:


-Manager
Administrative Asst.

Approved:


Mark Callender, President

Date: 2/15/2022

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 16, 2022

<u>TIME</u>	<u>AGENDA</u>	<u>ACTION REQUIRED</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>
8:00 a.m.	Call Meeting to Order		
	Approval of Agenda	X	1
	Approval of February 5, 2022 Board Minutes	X	2-3
	Financial and Treasurers Report	X	4-16
	Lema Allocation Appeals:		
	Doug Mckinney WR #3815	X	17-22
	Brad Bangerter WR #8376	X	23-32
	Brian Bauck - Review WR#17411		32-40
	Voter Registration Concerns		
	Update on Mega Water Bill		
	Annual Meeting Preparation		
	Aircraft, Tools & Offer		
	DWR Report:		
	KWO Report:		
	Upper Smoky Regional Advisory Committee Report:		
	Other:		
	Public Comment:		
	Executive Session:		
	Calendar/Meetings:		
	Board Meeting – March 16, 2022		
	Annual Meeting – February 23, 2022		

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February 5, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

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Ray Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Bauck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING

Toni Palen – Administrative Assistant

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No.1 board meeting was called to order by President Mark Callender at 1:30 p.m. February 5, 2022 at the District Office, Scott City.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2022 MINUTES

Ray Smith made a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 board meeting minutes. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OPEN MEETING DISCUSSION

The board discussed annual meeting cutoff dates for voter registrations. Mark Callender clarified that checks written out of the district checking accounts have two signatures on them. Also, Mark communicated that the auditor would give her presentation at the April Board Meeting. Mark stated we need to get Wifi information for the annual meeting. Board members discussed hiring a candidate they had interviewed and made a proposal to her for the Western Kansas Ground Management District No. 1 Manager position. The candidate acknowledged the proposal and stated she would get back to the board in a few days.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Ray Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 1:45 p.m. for 1 ½ hours for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Travis Weaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, Katie Durham, and Administrative Assistant, Toni Palen. At 3:00 p.m. the executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session. Travis Weaver made a motion to go into executive session at 3:15 p.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Bob Hoeme seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, and Administrative Assistant Toni Palen. At 3:40 p.m. the executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session. Travis Weaver made a motion to go into executive session at 3:45 p.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and to protect their privacy. Ray Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included board members Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Bob Hoeme, Ray Smith, Katie Durham, and Administrative Assistant, Toni Palen. At 4:15 p.m. the executive session was closed. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during the executive session.

CALENDAR

Next board meeting is February 16, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the District Office. The annual meeting is February 23, 2022 at the William Carpenter Building at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Bob Hoeme made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

TawPa
-Manager
Administrative Asst.

Approved:

Mark Callender
Mark Callender, President

Date: 2/16/2022