



# WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

## Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Board Meeting July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:00 a.m. CST

The meeting will be made available in person at 906 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Scott City, KS or by posted zoom meeting link

<b>I. Call Meeting to Order</b>		Action
a. Review & Approve Agenda	Pg. 1	Action
b. Review & Approve Minutes of the June 29 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting	Pg. 2-3	Action
c. Review & Approve June 2022 Financial and Treasure Report	Pg. 4-14	Action
<b>II. Correspondence</b>		
a. Staff may report on correspondence received since the previous Board Meeting on June 29 <sup>th</sup> . -July Newsletter -KDA Summit August 18 <sup>th</sup> -Website Update -LEMA Press Release	Pg. 15-16	
<b>III. Old Business</b>		
a. Chris Winderlin	Pg. 17-18	Action
b. GMD1 Audit – Letter & Contract Review from Dirks, Anthony & Duncan, LLC	Pg.19-23	Action
c. Recap from Meeting with Cobalt Cattle Company LLC.		
<b>IV. New Business</b>		
a. TAPP H2O Contract Amendment & Options	Pg. 24	
b. Bestifor – Water Use Tracking App		
c. Adoption of 2023 Proposed Budget – Resolution		Action
d. Set 2023 County Assessments		Action
e. Aviation Hanger Discussion and Visit		Action
<b>V. Legislative Update</b>		
<b>VI. DWR Report</b>		
<b>VII. KWO Report</b>		
<b>VIII. Public Comment</b>		



IX. Meeting Adjourn		Action

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**WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO.1**  
**June 29, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Callender – President, Lane County  
Travis Weaver – Vice President, Greeley County\*  
Steve Compton – Secretary, Scott County  
Ray Smith – Wallace County Member  
Brian Bauck – Wichita County Member\*

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING**

Katie Durham – District Manager      Toni Palen – Office Administrator

**OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING**

Reece Hiebert*	Adrian & Pankratz Law Office	
David Barfield*	KWR Consulting	
Austin McCollough*	Division of Water Resources	*Virtual Attendees
Weston McCary*	Technology Projects Coordinator	
Keadron Pearson*	Kansas Water Office	
Mike Meyer	Division of Water Resources	
Don Smith *	Landowner	

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – President Mark Callender called to order the June 29, 2022, Board of Directors meeting of The Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No.1 at 8:07 a.m. at the District Office in Scott City, Kansas.
  - a) **Review and Approve Agenda** – Mark Callender asked DWR and KWO if they had any new information to report on since the June 15, 2022 meeting. Mike Meyer and Keadron Pearson both replied they had no new changes and agreed there would be no need to give a report at this time. Ray Smith made a motion to approve the June 29, 2022 Agenda with the changes noted above. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - b) **Review & Approve June 15, 2022 Minutes** – Ray Smith stated under **New Business, IV a)** should read 1-2 Board members. Katie Durham suggested to the Board that we strike the last sentence in that section and reword it to be “clarifications were provided by counsel, that we will have a public hearing on July 29, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at the District’s office, for which a quorum is not required. Following the budget hearing, the Board will have a regular meeting to adopt the budget at 9:00 a.m.” Ray Smith made a motion to approve the minutes by including the previously mentioned edits. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Travis Weaver asked Katie Durham if she had heard anything from Scoular Company. Katie replied that she had provided them some information through email but hasn’t heard anything recently. After Katie and Travis discussed, Katie agreed to reach out to them via email and would cc: Travis to see if they needed further assistance. Katie also updated the Board that she has been receiving calls and emails from journalists, newspapers, and from Topeka regarding the Four County LEMA. Katie questioned the Board on how they want her to handle these types of inquiries. The Board agreed to handle these on a case-by-case basis. Ray Smith questioned if we were going to have a press release for the Four County LEMA. Mike Meyer replied that DWR will schedule a hearing date after the Chief Engineer approves the LEMA for review. Lastly, Katie stated she had reached out to Dirks, Anthony & Duncan LLC about the concerns they had after looking over the District’s yearly audit. Katie updated the Board that Dirks, Anthony & Duncan

LLC. are willing to write a letter of intent concerning the District's previous audit. The Board discussed the references that they had heard back from and decided to switch to Dirks, Anthony & Duncan, LLC. The District will review a contract with them at a later date.

- b) **Governor's Water Conference** – David Barfield requested to provide a presentation at the Governor's Water Conference. David stated the Governor's conference is coming up in November, however the abstracts are due this coming Friday. David previously discussed with Katie Durham about going to the meeting and doing a presentation at the conference stating that he felt the District would benefit in their efforts to present the Four County LEMA at the conference. The Board agreed to have David and Katie go to the conference, and to have Katie do the presentation. Katie mentioned that a draft could be presented at the October Board meeting for the Board's review. Mark Callender stated he thinks a few Board members should also go.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **July 29<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing & Noticing** – Katie Durham informed the Board that the Budget Hearing was going out in several newspapers on Friday, July 1, 2022. It was decided that Mark Callender and Steve Compton would be the two Board members in attendance for the Budget Hearing on July 29, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. The Board meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Proposed Draft LEMA Proposal & Discussion** – The Board reviewed the Draft Proposed Four County LEMA. David Barfield, Katie Durham and the Board members discussed the LEMA, made some changes regarding the grammar, clarified a few points, and made changes to the footnotes. After all the changes were made, Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the Four County LEMA contingent on discussed changes. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Steve Compton made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 10:49 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. to protect the privacy of a non-elected personnel. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Those present for the executive session included Mark Callender, Travis Weaver, Brian Bauck, Ray Smith, Steve Compton, Katie Durham and Reece Hiebert. At 11:09 a.m. executive session was closed. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

- V. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Katie Durham shared there will be meetings in the future with the water committee but wasn't sure of location and schedule. Mark Callender requested Katie to let the Board know of location and schedule when it's available. Mark mentioned an interest in going and any other Board members that might want to participate.

VI. **DWR REPORT** – NONE

VII. **KWO REPORT** – NONE

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – NONE

- IX. **MEETING ADJOURN** – Steve Compton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Toni Palen, Office Administrator

Approved:

 Date: 7/29/22  
Mark Callender, President