



Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

July 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. CST

The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams meeting link due to scheduling conflicts, directly following the GMD1 2026 Budget Hearing.

I. Call Meeting to Order		Action
a. Review & Approve Agenda	Pg. 1	Action ✓
b. Review & Approve March 27 th Special Board Meeting Minutes	Pg. 2	Action ✓
c. Review & Approve May 26 th Regular Board Meeting Minutes	Pg. 3	Action ✓
d. Review & Approve May 2026 Financials	Pg. 4-15	Action ✓
e. Review & Approve June 2026 Financials	Pg. 16-27	Action ✓
f. Approval of Board Member's Reimbursements - ITI Grant	Pg. 26	Action ✓
II. Correspondence		
a. Staff Report: General Updates ✓		
b. Governor's Water Task Force – Sean Miller ✓		
III. Old Business		
a. Wichita County LEMA Renewal Update	Supplement	Action ✓
IV. New Business		
a. 2026 Budget Resolution	Supplement	Action ✓
b. Eye Medical & Cancer Policy Approval		Action ✓
c. Lease Upgrade on Printer	Supplement	Action ✓
d. Tribune Change Applications	Pg. 28-29	Action →
e. Airport Hangar Lease – 9:00am	Pg. 30-31	Action →
f. KWPPi Application	Pg. 32	Action
g. Master Irrigator Grant	Pg. 33-44	Action
h. Executive Session		
V. Public Comment		
VI. Meeting Adjourn		Action

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March 27, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Manager – Katie Durham*
Water Resource Specialist – Tallee Davis*

AGENCIES PRESENT

Hinkle Law Firm – Tom Adrian*
Division of Water Resources – Mike Meyer*
KWR Consulting – David Barfield*

GUEST PRESENT

Don Smith*

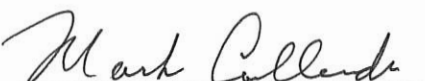
* Virtual Attendees

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The President of the Board, Mark Callender, called the Board of Directors meeting to order on March 27, 2025, at 9:32 a.m. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting link was provided to the public through the email form posted with the announcement of the Special Board Meeting.
- II. **Wichita County LEMA Renewal** – On March 26th, 2027, Katie Durham, Mark Callender, and Brian Bauck met with the Division of Water Resources in Hays. DWR participants included: Earl Lewis; Chief Engineer, Water Commissioner, Stephanie Kramer; Chief Legal Counsel, Lane Letourneau; Water Appropriation Program Manager, Ken Kopp, and Mike Meyer; Water Commissioner. Katie provided a summary of the meeting regarding the Order of Decision Regarding the Wichita County Local Enhanced Management Area Letter from DWR. Issues highlighted in the letter include: all zero use water rights within the GMD having an allocation, carryover of unused allocations would expand the overall goal of reduced use, expanding the appeal period would create a sliding allocation target, and options for files already enrolled in the Wichita County WCA to be excluded from the LEMA. Discussion was had on the potential ramifications of no carryover and the shift in mindset of using the full allocation if you cannot carry it over. Options for further defining the appeals process and allocations for files with no use are being explored. Brian Bauck made the motion for Katie to proactively communicate with Earl Lewis ahead of the April 6th DWR meeting regarding refinement of the appeals process, reinstating allocations for zero use with a simple opt in process, and the potential of allowing for 2 years of carryover with guard rails in place. Ray Smith seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
- III. **GMD1 Personnel** – Mark Callender brought forward discussion regarding hiring an ITI Assistant/Field Tech due to Pat Ryan leaving. There are DOC funds available to pay for an ITI Assistant, however a review of the budget will be needed to assess the feasibility of retaining a full-time position long term. Discussion was had regarding assessments and how each GMD varies, verified claims, and probable need for a gradual increase in assessments as the GMDs take on more responsibilities required by the State.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments.
- V. **MEETING ADJOURN** – Brian Bauck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Steve Compton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:


Tallee Davis – Water Resource Specialist


Mark Callender – Board President

7/22/26
Date



Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1

May 26, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President – Mark Callender, Lane County *
Treasurer – Steve Compton, Scott County *
Member – Brian Bauck, Wichita County *
Vice President - Travis Weaver, Greeley County *

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Manager – Katie Durham
Water Resource Specialist – Tallee Davis
Office Administrator - Toni Palen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Member - Ray Smith, Wallace County

Agencies Present

Hinkle Law Firm - Tom Adrian *
KWR Consulting - David Barfield *
KWO - Keadron Pearson *

Guest Present

Don Smith *
Greg Graff *

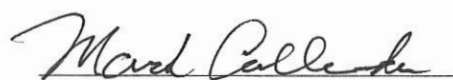
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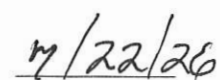
- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – The President of the Board, Mark Callender, called the Board of Directors meeting to order on May 26, 2026, at 10:01 AM. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The Board met to review and finalize updates to the WC LEMA renewal document. The discussion focused on final language revisions, policy clarifications, and readiness for submission.
Review & Approve Agenda - Travis Weaver moved to approve the May 26, 2026, Agenda. Brian Bauck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- II. **Correspondence**
Staff Report: General Updates - Field compliance checks are being completed this week by Pat Ryan ahead of the weather, and he is willing to return in the fall to train Katie Durham and, by then, perhaps, a new technician. Katie noted that a broader action plan tied to initiatives and HB 2279 is due by July 1st.
- III. **Old Business**
Wichita County LEMA Renewal Discussion on the following:
 - No need to re-appeal in the renewal period if already appealed in the initial period.
 - Terminology change - "Carryover" replaced with "banked quantity" to avoid confusion and controversy.
 - Discussion on Stock & Industrial conservation efforts and adding a bullet point in the executive summary referencing the updates made.
 - Clarified expectations for meter repairs.
 - David Barfield highlighted the regulatory requirement for demonstrating plan effectiveness and is working on updated modeling and using newer data from 2025 to update Attachment D.
 - Variability in groundwater conditions across subregions may drive future policy challenges.
 - The target to submit the WC LEMA Renewal is within the week.After board discussions, the consensus was to proceed with the changes without another full review. Steve Compton moved to approve the Wichita County LEMA renewal document with the changes discussed. Brian Bauck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Comment** - Don Smith raised concerns about subregional differences in groundwater.
- V. **Meeting Adjourn** – Brian Bauck moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Steve Compton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:


Toni Palen - Office Administrator


Mark Callender – Board President


Date