



WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Board Meeting August 24th, 2022

8:00 a.m. CST

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

I. Call Meeting to Order		Action
a. Review & Approve Agenda	Pg. 1-1a	Action
b. Review & Approve Minutes of the July 29 th Board Meeting	Pg. 2-4	Action
c. Review & Approve Minutes of the July 29 th Budget Hearing	Pg. 5	Action
d. Review & Approve July 2022 Financials and Treasure Report	Pg. 6-15	Action
II. Correspondence		
a. Staff may report on correspondence received since the previous Board Meeting on July 29 th -Cost-Share Postcard -KWA Meeting August 10 th -Garden City Meeting August 21 st -GMD3 Board Meeting		
III. Old Business		
a. Auditor Update	Pg. 16-20	Action
b. Insurance – Comparables		
IV. New Business		
a. Executive Session No. 1		Action
b. Review 2023 County Assessments	Pg. 21	Action
c. Airport Hanger Lease		
d. LEMA – Public Hearing Update		
e. TAPP H2O	Pg. 22-23	
f. Executive Session No. 2	Pg. 24-29	Action
g. Municipal & Domestic Well Outreach		
V. Legislative Update		
VI. DWR Report		
VII. KWO Report		
VIII. Public Comment		

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IX. Meeting Adjourn		Action
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WESTERN KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO.1
July 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Compton

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING

Katie Durham – District Manager
Toni Paien – Office Administrator

OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE MEETING

Tom Adrian*	Adrian & Pankratz Law Office	
David Barfield*	KWR Consulting	
Austin McCollouch*	Division of Water Resources	*Virtual Attendees
Keadron Pearson	Kansas Water Office	
Mike Meyer*	Division of Water Resources	
Mathew Medill	CPA, CFE, Dirks Anthony & Duncan, LLC	
Greg Graff		

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – President Mark Callender called to order the July 29, 2022, Board of Directors meeting of The Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No.1 at 9:15 a.m. at the District Office in Scott City, Kansas.
- a) **Review and Approve Agenda** – Katie Durham requested to add Lane County Feeders Term Limit Application to the Agenda under New Business for review. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the July 29, 2022 Agenda with the addition of adding Lane County Feeders Term Limit Application to the Agenda. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- b) **Review & Approve June 22, 2022 Minutes** – Brian Bauck made a motion to approve the June 29, 2022 minutes. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c) **Review & Approve June 2022 Financial and Treasure Report** – Brian Bauck made a motion to approve the June 2022 Financials and Treasurer Report. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- a) Katie Durham mentioned the Newsletter that is in draft form with questions regarding the TAPP H2O. The Board agreed to not include the TAPP H2O article in the Newsletter at this time. Keadron Pearson stated there is a Summit of Agricultural Growth meeting to be held August 18, 2022 in Manhattan Kansas. Also, David Barfield added there is a Water Authority meeting on August 10, 2022 in Salina Kansas. Keadron stated the agenda and meetings would be on the KWO website.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) **Chris Winderlin** – The Board discussed Chris Winderlin's request for cost share reimbursement for replacing 3 regulators on water right numbers SE SC-14, NE SC-14 and NW SC-18. The Board agreed this was a maintenance issue, therefore did not meet the requirements of the cost share

for water conservation. Travis Weaver made a motion to deny the cost share application based on the Board's discussion above. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- b) **GMD1 Audit – Letter & Contract review from Dirks, Anthony & Duncan, LLC** – Katie Durham introduced Mathew Medill a CPA, CPE - Owner of Dirks, Anthony & Duncan, LLC. The Board reviewed his letter to the District regarding audit laws, compliances and regulations. Mr. Medill provided a draft contract from his firm for the Board to view their policy, procedures and fees. Katie Durham stated she will review current contract that the District has with Lewis, Hooper and Dick. The Board agreed to table for next month's Board Meeting for further discussion. Katie discussed the financial reports and changing the way we categorize a few items and separate them out more starting January 2023 to better understand the reports. Also, Katie brought up the AT & T bill stating the District pays close to \$350.00 per month for 3 lines one of which is a fax line that we don't use. Katie will be looking into this to see about switching companies or getting AT&T to lower the amount and will cancel the fax line.
- c) **Recap from Meeting with Cobalt Cattle Company LLC** – Katie Durham stated that Cobalt Cattle Company would be writing a letter of recommendation for the District's FCL proposal.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **TAPP H2O Contract Amendment & Options** – The Board discussed the current executed contract (ending year 2023) with TAPP H2O as well as the proposed modifications, provided by TAPP H2O representatives. The Board noted that additional detail and discussion was needed pertaining to the District's involvement moving forward, and that further discussion would take place at the August Board Meeting. At this time the Board decided to postpone additional publication or advertisement.
- b) **Recap from July 28th Technology Meeting** – Katie Durham and Mark Callender provided a recap to the Board from their meeting in Colby Kansas on July 28th regarding water use/tracking technologies. The Board was provided information on the technologies discussed and suggested that Mr. Larson be invited to the August Board Meeting.
- c) **Adoption of 2023 Proposed Budget-Resolution** – The Board reviewed the 2023 Proposed Budget and Resolution. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget and 2023 Resolution. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- d) **Set 2023 County Assessments** – The Board reviewed the 2023 County Assessments. Brian Bauck made a motion to approve the 2023 County Assessments. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- V. **Lane County Feeders Term Permit** – Austin McCollough stated that Lane County Feeders has 7 wells with 9 water rights and would like to group everything together to manage their water better. Austin also stated this would be just for 1 year with a waiver of spacing. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the term permit for Lane County Feeders. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VI. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – None

- VII. **DWR REPORT** – Mike Meyer stated they are very busy with calls regarding wells that have currently gone dry, over pumping, and landowners interested in the Multi Year Flex Accounts due to the shortage of rain. Mike stated Garden City is at its driest record year. Mike complimented GMD1 on doing a good job on the Four County LEMA plan by making sure landowners knew this was a 5 year allocation, but you still have to abide by your base water right amount. Mike stated all their civil penalties from last years over pumping were issued to approximately 10 landowners in the District. Lastly, Mike discussed multiple owner groups, and dividing water rights with the Board. David Barfield asked Mike about the status of the FCL. Mike replied that they are having their legal group looking at it before they make a final decision, but everything looks like it's moving forward.

- VIII. **KWO REPORT** – Keadron Pearson mentioned there was a Kansas Water Authority meeting in Salina Kansas on August 10, 2022 in person only and another one in Manhattan Kansas on August 17, 2022 that will have virtual which are also on their web site. Keadron stated at the Manhattan meeting

they will be discussing and reviewing the State Water Plan and Budget to submit to the Governor's office. Lastly, Keadron let the Board know that she is currently working with the RAC now and that there will be a Water Expo this year but will be changing it more towards education.

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

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

a) **Aviation Hangar Discussion and Visit** – Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m. at the GMD1 Aircraft Hangar. The Board had discussion on leasing the hangar to the City and possibly building a garage within the hangar. Travis Weaver made a motion to close the meeting at the hangar at 12:31 p.m. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:



Toni Palen, Office Administrator

Approved:



Mark Callender, President

Date: 8/24/22