

DISTRICT MANAGER

Katie Durham

gmdl@wbsnet.org

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Toni Palen

admin@wbsnet.org

FIELD TECHNICIAN

Pat Ryan

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mark Callender, Lane County

VICE PRESIDENT

Travis Weaver, Greeley County

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Steve Compton, Scott County

MEMBER

Ray Smith, Wallace County

MEMBER

Brian Bauck, Wichita County

GMD1
906 W. 5th Scott City, KS 67871

Recipient Name
Address
City, ST ZIP Code

**Western Kansas
Groundwater
Management
District No. 1**

906 W. 5th
Scott City, Kansas 67871



The Waterline Newsletter

October 2022

Office Announcements

Thank you to everyone who has stopped in for an introduction over the last few months. We are happy to answer all your water related inquiries!

Did you know?

- GMD1 can help with all correspondence with the Division of Water Resources (DWR). Have you received a letter from the State and have questions? Feel free to reach out to GMD1 staff for assistance.
- Do you have questions about the Ogallala Aquifer, the Dakota Aquifer or water levels in your area? We have saturated thickness maps available for the GMD1 area.
- GMD1 provides assistance in replacing meter batteries, sealing meters, and can assist in preparing change of place of use forms.

Outreach and Education

The GMD1 Board of Directors have recently launched a **Municipal Outreach Initiative & a Stock Water Outreach Initiative** to engage community members on important water issues facing our communities. If you would like to learn more about these efforts, or would like to get involved please contact District staff.

Four County LEMA (FCL) Development & Updates

On **August 4, 2022**, the State Chief Engineer Earl Lewis, pursuant to statutory requirements, found the Proposed Four County LEMA Plan “acceptable for consideration.” This includes Scott County, Lane County, Wallace County and Greeley County. Wichita County is currently in year two of the Wichita County LEMA.

In order to be implemented by order of the Chief Engineer, two public hearings are required. **As a reminder, the first hearing is set for October 17, 2022 at the William Carpenter Building at 9:00 a.m. and will also be available by virtual access in Wallace County at the Risen King Church at 9:00 a.m. CST. The second hearing date & time is TBD.**

When available, the second hearing will be noticed on the District’s website and in local newspapers. **The proposed LEMA would commence in January of 2023.**

Have you requested your proposed allocation? Allocations have been revised and fine-tuned over the last several months. GMD1 staff strongly encourages all landowners to request their draft LEMA allocations.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Did you know that GMD1 has a Cost-Share Program? Submit an application by visiting the District office or print an application at www.GMD1.org.

Step 1. Fill out application.

Step 2. Await Board review.

Step 3. If approved, GMD1 will pay a portion of the cost directly to the dealer.

Post Legislative Audit

As requested by the House Committee on Water, the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit has been approved to conduct an audit of the State’s Groundwater Management Districts (GMDs), in an effort to assess their effectiveness in conserving water. This effort will be ongoing through the end of the year.

UPDATED MAILING LIST

We have updated our mailing list. If you receive duplicate mailings, or wish to be removed from our list, please call our office so we can make corrections.

Contact Us

GMD1
906 W. 5th
Scott City KS 67871
620-872-5563
GMD1@wbsnet.org
admin@wbsnet.org

Website – www.GMD1.org