



# Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

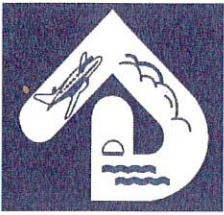
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8 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 February 28 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting	Pg. 2-3	Action
c. Review & Approve February and March 2024 Financials -March financials provided as supplement	Pg. 4-13	Action Action
<b>II. Correspondence</b>		
a. Staff Report: Board Calendar Review & 2024 Board Positions -Office Building: Garage Door Quote -NRCS/DOC/KWO Meeting April 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Email Newsletter & Yearly Recap Mailer/Website Updates -Ogallala Summit Recap -House Bill 2634 – Discuss Next Steps -Adrian & Pankratz Discussion	Pg. 14 Pg. 15	Action
<b>III. Old Business</b>		
a. GRASP/PLJV Update & RCPP Grant Progress/TSP Certification	Pg. 16-17	Action
b. Recap from County Outreach Meetings	Pg. 19-20	
c. Wichita LEMA Discussion – Planned Outreach/Mailers/Status	Pg. 21-22	
d. Update on Governor’s Strategic Plan for Water in Kansas		
e. Crop Insurance and Water Management Summit Report	Pg. 23-42	
<b>IV. New Business</b>		
a. Cost Share Reconciliation & Possibly Adding Funds	Pg. 43-48	Action
b. UpTerra	Supplement	Action
c. Source by Sound Ag Presentation – Katie Patterson		
d. WTAP Applications – Review & Recommend	Pg. 49-50	Action
<b>V. Legislative Update</b>		
<b>VI. K-State Update – Assisting with newsletters</b>		
<b>VII. DWR Report – Mike Meyer</b>		
<b>VIII. KWO Report – WISE Tour Event May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 &amp; Grant Updates</b>	Pg. 51	
<b>IX. Public Comment</b>		
<b>X. Meeting Adjourn</b>		Action

*Mark Callender Pres*  
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## FEBRUARY 28, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT

Tom Adrian	Adrian & Pankratz Law Office
Reece Heibert	Adrian & Pankratz Law Office
Mike Meyer	DWR
Eresey Alcantar Velasquez	DWR
David Barfeld	KWR Consulting
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Vijay Ramasamy *	Special Advisor of Water to Governor Laura Kelly
Titus Jaeger	PLJV Representative
Jeff Schmalzried	Lane County Feeders
Don Smith	

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Katie Durham - Manager  
Toni Palen – Office Administrator

\*Virtual Attendees

- I) **CALLED MEETING TO ORDER** – President, Mark Callender called the February 28, 2024, Board of Directors meeting of the Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1 to order at 10:08 a.m., located at The Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center in Scott City, Kansas.
- ✓ **Noted Changes To February 28, 2024 Agenda** – Katie Durham stated that Vijay Ramasamy will zoom in at 11:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. and added David Barfield to the Agenda.
  - ✓ **Noted Changes To January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 Board Meeting Minutes** – No changes.
    - a) **Review & Approve Agenda** – The Board reviewed the Agenda. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda with the noted changes above. Ray Smith Seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
    - b) **Review & Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2024 Board Meeting** – The Board reviewed the January 19, 2024 Minutes. Travis Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
    - c) **Review & Approve January 2024 Financials** – The Board reviewed the January 2024 financials. Ray Smith made a motion to approve the financials. Brian Bauck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- II) **CORRESPONDENCES:**
- a) **STAFF REPORT**
- **Board Callendar** – Katie Durham reviewed the upcoming meeting dates with the Board. Katie mentioned that she and Mark Callender attended the GMD round table discussion in Topeka, Kansas which went well. Katie stated that the postcards have been mailed out regarding the outreach meetings.
  - **Legislative Recap** – The Board had discussions on House Bill 2634 and on the status of stakeholder concerns that have been brought forth by individuals in Hamilton County.
  - **Ogallala Summit** – Katie informed the Board that the Ogallala Summit Conference is open for anyone who would like to attend. Katie informed the Board that K-State, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas are some of the states/entities that will be present. Keadron Pearson stated that there are close to 100 attending and mentioned that there were still openings available.
- III) **OLD BUSINESS**



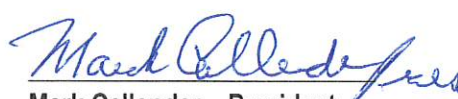
- a) **GRASP/PLJV Position Update** - Katie Durham mentioned that she is working with Matt Smith and Titus Jaeger with PLJV to facilitate producers in Greeley & Wichita County on available funds, resources, technologies, and cost sharing opportunities. Funds are available through the GRASP grant and may be available through the RCPP grant funds which will be essential in assisting with those resources.
- b) **Wichita LEMA Discussion – Outreach & Annual Report** - David Barfield discussed with the Board several scenarios on how the Four County LEMA would affect Wichita County LEMA. Discussion was had on the WC LEMA and ideas of adding some flexibility if the decision was to keep Wichita County in the WC LEMA. David adds that the Annual Meeting and Outreach meetings will help with feedback from the producers. In David's initial discussion with the Board, he recommended having a plan by Spring of 2025.
- c) **2023 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FEEDBACK** – Katie shared some of the feedback that she received while at the 2023 Legislative sessions.
- b) **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a) **COST SHARE RECONCILIATION** – Katie Durham went over the cost share report with the Board. She added that she received the information requested from Aaron Simon's cost share and should have his application wrapped up soon. Steve Compton made a motion to approve the Cost Share Reconciliation Report. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - b) **TERM PERMIT – LANE COUNTY FEEDERS** – Mike Meyer reported that Lane County Feeders is requesting a Term Permit for spacing on existing wells. He states that this waiver for spacing that would be for five years would provide them with flexibility to utilize the water for stock or irrigation but will be restricted to their base amount and their LEMA allocations. The Board discussed the Term Permit and had Mike clarify concerns that they had regarding allocations for stock water versus the LEMA for irrigation use. Ray Smith made a motion to approve the Term Permit. Travis Weaver seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c) **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
  - a) **ZOOM WITH VIJAY RAMASAMY** – Vijay zoomed in at 11:00 a.m. Vijay gave an update stating they have started the process for a “one stop shopping” website that they expect to have up and running by July. The website would give access to water services, state programs and other informational resources. Vijay mentioned that Governor, Laura Kelly is in support of the House Bill 2634 which was proposed by GMD1 and GMD4 to the House of Representatives. Vijay anticipates that the Senate will pass the bill and then the Governor will grant her signature. Vijay stated that they are going to ask the Kansas Water Authority to come up with a plan for long term additional funding for water in Kansas, and perhaps a dedicated source of revenue and expanding funds for the 2025 session. He also stated that the Governor would like to have good policies in place for special projects as they reach out to state agencies for feedback on what the funding should look like.
  - b) **GMD1 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM APPROVE** – Katie stated that the Updated Management Program was approved by the Chief Engineer, Earl Lewis.
- d) **K-STATE UPDATE - NONE**
- e) **DWR REPORT** – Mike Meyer introduced Eressey Alcantar Velasquez as their new employee. She will be working on sending letters out to WC LEMA producers on what is left of their allocations. Mike stated they are still trying to hire one more person. He reminded the Board that the Water Use Reports are due by March 1, 2024 with approximately 800 that have not been reported yet.
- f) **KWO REPORT** – Keadron Pearson reminded the Board that the Kansas Water Day will Be March 12, 2024, and the WISE tour & meeting is on May 29, 2024 in the GMD1 area. She added that decisions for Grant request are still in the process.
- g) **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no comments.
- h) **MEETING ADJOURN** – Brian Bauck made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:54 a.m. Ray Smith seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Date:

  
Toni Palen-Office Administrator

  
Mark Callender – President

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