



Western Kansas Groundwater Management District #1

Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 5th, 2025

9:00 am. CST

The meeting will be held in person at the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center,
212 E. 5th St, Scott City, KS, or via a posted Zoom meeting link.

I. Call Meeting to Order		Action
a. Review & Approve Agenda	Pg. 1	Action
b. Review & Approved Minutes of the January 19 th Board Meeting	Pg. 2-3	Action
c. Review of Materials for Annual Meeting	Supplement	
II. Correspondence		
a. Staff Report: Board Calendar & General Updates -EPA MAR Report	Pg. 4	
III. Old Business		
a. Wichita County LEMA Renewal Update -Outreach Meeting Scheduling		
b. RCPP Update & ITI Grant Update	Pg. 5-9	Action
c. WTAP Application Review & Recommendations	Pg. 10-26	Action
d. Revised GMD1 Cost-Share Program	Supplement	Action
e. Wichita County LEMLA Economic Study	Supplement	
IV. New Business		
a. VandWater – Executive Session		
V. Legislative Update		
VI. DWR Report – Mike Meyer		
VII. KWO Report – Keadron Pearson		
VIII. Public Comment		
IX. Meeting Adjourn		Action

*Mark Callender Pres.
3/5/25*



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FEBRUARY 19, 2025 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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Brian Bauck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

AGENCIES PRESENT

Hinkle Law Firm – Tom Adrian *
Division of Water Resources – Mike Meyer *
KWR Consulting – David Barfield *
Kansas Water Office – Keadron Pearson
Kansas Division of Conservation – David Jones *
Kansas Water Office – Weston McCary
Department of Agriculture – Steve Frost *
Agricultural Engineer – Lee Wheeler

GUEST PRESENT

Jacob Dooling *
Jamie Kratzor – Cobalt Cattle
Pat Jansen
Renee Cure – Medill & Thoof, CPA

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – The Board President, Mark Callender, called the February 19, 2025, Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. at the District Office at 906 W 5th St., Scott City, Kansas.
 - **Noted changes to the Agenda** – No noted changes.
 - **Noted changes to January 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes** – No noted changes.
 - a) **Review & Approve Agenda** – The Board reviewed the agenda. Ray Smith motioned to approve the agenda for February 19, 2025. Steve Compton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - b) **Review & Approve January 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes** – The Board reviewed the minutes. Steve Compton motioned to approve the January 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Ray Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - c) **Review & Approve January 2025 Financials** – Renee Cure with Medill & Thoof, CPA, explained the differences between the November General Fund Budget net income and the Balance Sheet dated as of December 19, 2024 net income that was in question at the November Board meeting. Mark Callender stated he would like to have a Fair Market Value on the financials once a year. Renee responded that we could do that. The Board reviewed the January 2025 financials. Steve Compton motioned to approve the January 2025 financials. Ray Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - d) **Cost Share Reconciliation through January 31st, 2025** – Katie Durham explained that the RCPP grant is frozen and asked the Board if they wanted to add more money to the GMD1 Cost Share Fund since we have received more cost share applications. The Board discussed revising the GMD1 Cost Share Application. Katie said she would revise the application using the two-tier approach discussed with the Board to review at the next meeting. Ray Smith motioned to approve the Cost Share Reconciliation through January 31, 2025. Steve Compton seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The Board discussed moving the annual budgeted amount for Cost Share into one of the CD's at the beginning of the year to gain interest until funds are needed. Katie explained that we have Cost Share applications totaling close to \$9000.00. Ray Smith motioned to move \$15,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Conservation Fund. Travis Weaver seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- II. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a) **Staff Report: Board Calendar & General Updates** – Katie reviewed the Board calendar, informed the Board on her presentation at the House Committee in Topeka, and shared that Weskan received approval for the Grant they applied for. Tallee Davis reported that she has been updating the web page and increasing our social media outreach platforms. The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting items that will be presented.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Wichita County LEMA Renewal Update** – Katie stated that the Wichita County LEMA proposal should tentatively be sent to Chief Engineer, Earl Lewis by July following continued Public Outreach and Education efforts planned, to ensure turn around and time for the public hearing.
- b) **RCPP Update & ITI Grant Update** – Steve Frost, with the Department of Agriculture, presented an update on the RCPP Grant, stating that it will be frozen until further notice. David Jones, with the Division of Water Conservation, reported on the latest developments with the grant they are funding, where each GMD will receive \$150,000.00 for system evaluations. Weston McCary and Lee Wheeler reviewed the 2025 Technology Initiative that was handed out and the onboarding steps with the Board.
- c) **EPA MAR Workshop Presentation Discussion** – Katie informed the Board that Bill Golden and Brownie Wilson have given her permission to share some of their information for her presentation at the EPA MAR Workshop in Washington, DC. She will also send the Board a final copy of her presentation for their review.
- d) **WTAP Application Review & Recommendations** – Steve Frost provided some insight on the WTAP Applications. After the board discussion, it was favored that the applications be tabled for approval for the next board meeting.
- e) **AEM Mapping Update** – Katie referred the Board to the proposed AEM Mapping Field area in the Board packet that Jim Butler provided, more information will be made available at the March 5th Annual Meeting.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Explanation on December 2024 Financials** – This is mentioned under section I.c) above.
- b) **Gap Resolution** – The Gap Resolution was presented to the Board for review. Steve Compton motioned to approve it. Ray Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- c) **Annual Meeting Update** – Katie stated that we are prepared for this year's upcoming Annual Meeting. She noted that postcards have been mailed, and that we advertised in all five county newspapers. Katie reviewed the items that the vendors will donate, along with two jackets with our logo and name for door prizes.
- d) **FCL Appeal discussion – Group 834** – The Board discussed the appeal for Group 834. Ray Smith motioned to proceed upon approval from legal counsel on the chosen Appeal approach discussed. Steve Compton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

V. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Katie gave a brief update on the Governor's Strategic Planning Process.

VI. **DWR REPORT** – Mike Meyer reported that their office is still processing water use reports and that approximately 1,000 people have not filed yet. He stated that KGS has finished measuring wells in GMD1, and DWR has a position open in their office.

VII. **KWO REPORT** – Keadron Pearson reported on upcoming meeting dates that are available on their website.


VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – NONE

IX. **MEETING ADJOURN** – Steve Compton motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:36 a.m. Ray Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Date:



 Toni Palen

 3/5/25

 Mark Callender