

Minutes: _____ Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4
February 15, 2006 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The February board meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. CST, February 15, 2006 in the district office, Colby, KS by President Robin Deeds. There were no changes to the published agenda.

Board members present for some or all of the meeting were: Dave Mann, Doug David, Robin Deeds, Mitch Baalman, Bill Nondorf, Roger Zwegardt, Dave Rietcheck, Jon Friesen, Scott Maurath and Monty Biggs.

Board Members absent were: Lon Frahm

Others present for some or all of the meeting were: Wayne Bossert, Ray Luhman and Dan Simmering – GMD 4 staff; Jeff Mason - Attorney, and Scott Ross, Mark Billinger and Kelly Stewart – DWR.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Monty Biggs moved: 1) for approval of the consent agenda including the January 12, 2006 minutes; and 2) the January financial reports including the January, 2006 expenditures totalling \$32,012.27. Dave Mann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to the items listed in the board packet, Wayne Bossert included a report on HB 2710 and a discussion he had with Representative Tom Sloan, Lawrence. Representative Sloan asked for ideas on how to include permanent retirements of partial water rights and how we would react to a pilot WTAP program for NW Kansas GMD 4. Manager provided these ideas as best as possible on such short notice and asked that the Kansas Water Congress process be considered as well.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2005 Audit Report: *Scott Maurath moved that the 2005 Audit report prepared by Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball be approved as presented. Mitch Baalman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

b. Impairment Procedures Discussion w/ DWR: Scott Ross reported that DWR is continuing to develop an impairment investigation process and would like to include the GMD's to the extent we are comfortable with. Scott asked the board how they would like to be involved. Discussion covered the following:

- 1) GMD should be involved in helping DWR decide the specific investigation process, but should not be involved in the implementation;
- 2) GMD should not be involved at all since this is a state responsibility;
- 3) GMD should only be kept informed of DWR's activities;

4) GMD should be involved in all aspects including cooperating in the data collection, evaluation, and (as practical) the investigation costs.

Most of the board seemed comfortable with our input in the design of the investigation process and in being kept informed by DWR, but were less comfortable in committing to sharing investigation costs, such as monitoring equipment costs, etc. It was suggested that sharing investigation costs may be a specific project-by-project decision.

c. Election of Officers (after annual meeting): Vice President Jon Friesen opened the floor for nominations for President. *Bill Nondorf moved that the Vice President ascend to President. Dave Rietcheck seconded the motion. (This motion was considered as a nomination of Jon Friesen for President). Dave Mann next nominated Scott Maurath for President. Monty Biggs seconded the nomination. Jon Friesen asked for additional nominations. There being none, the vote was 6 votes for Scott Maurath and 3 votes for Jon Friesen with 1 abstention. Scott Maurath was elected President.*

By agreement, Jon Friesen would continue running this board meeting. Jon next asked for nominations for Vice President. Monty Biggs nominated Mitch Baalman. Doug David seconded the nomination. *Monty Biggs moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mitch Baalman. Doug David seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

Jon next opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Doug David nominated Dave Mann. Mitch Baalman seconded the nomination. *Bill Nondorf moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dave Mann. Dave Rietcheck seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Dave Mann abstaining.*

Jon next opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Scott Maurath nominated Dave Rietcheck. Dave Mann seconded the nomination. *Bill Nondorf moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Dave Rietcheck. Doug David seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

6. OPEN SESSION - PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - None

7. DWR REPORT

Scott Ross updated the board on the Rawlins County impairment investigation and reported that they have begun meter inspections this week under the DWR/GMD Metering MOU.


8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

March 9, 2006 and April 6, 2006.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Maurath moved for adjournment at 3:30 p.m., February 15, 2006. Monty Biggs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Dave Mann, Secretary