

Minutes: _____ **Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4**
January 11, 2007 Board Meeting

1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The January board meeting was opened at 10:15 a.m. CST, January 11, 2007 in the district office, Colby, KS by President Scott Maurath.

Board members present for some or all of the meeting were: Jeff Deeds, Lon Frahm, Roger Zwegardt, Doug David, Dave Mann, Dave Rietcheck, Scott Maurath and Jon Friesen.

Board Members absent were. Monty Biggs, Bill Nondorf and Mitch Baalman.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Lon Frahm moved for approval of the consent agenda including: 1) the December 14, 2006 minutes; and 2) the December financial report including the December, 2006 expenditures totaling \$24,008.88. Doug David seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to the 5 items sent within the board packet, manager reported that the DWR/GMD4 meeting has been set for February 7, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in Hays. Scott Maurath and Lon Frahm have agreed to attend. Staff is to remind them a few days before and pick them up on the 7th.

The new copier has arrived and has been installed.

Representative John Faber is the new chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The Albuquerque GMDA conference was the best set of speakers we've had in several years, and the Sandia National Lab tour was excellent - showing us 6 groundwater management issues being developed there.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adoption of Proposed Revised 2007 Budget: Staff presented the proposed 2007 revised budget comprising of: cash carryover of 71,359.49; plus incoming assessments of 411,952.95; plus Foundation CD of 246,485.70; plus estimated interest of 10,000 = 739,798.14. The cash carry over was distributed to various line items as needed with the balance being placed in Reserve for Contingency. Following discussion *Doug David moved to adopt the revised 2007 operating budget as presented in the January, 2007 board packet (shown below). Roger Zwegardt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

		2007 - Revised	
110	POSTAGE	\$7,700.00	
111	Newsletter		\$6,000.00
112	General		\$1,700.00

120	PRINTING	\$7,900.00	
121	Newsletter		\$7,500.00
122	Administrative		\$400.00
130	DUES	\$1,700.00	
140	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,800.00	
150	INSURANCE	\$15,000.00	
151	Office/Equip/Data		\$4,750.00
152	Public Officials' Liability		\$4,500.00
153	Auto		\$550.00
154	Workmans' Comp.		\$4,300.00
155	Computer		\$700.00
156	Unemployment		\$200.00
160	TELEPHONE	\$4,500.00	
170	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$246,340.00	
171	Gross Sal, Kpers, SS, Etc.		\$229,640.00
172	Health Insurance		\$16,700.00
180	TRAVEL	\$8,000.00	
181	Board		\$5,500.00
182	Staff		\$2,500.00
190	VEHICLES	\$5,950.00	
191	Repairs/Maintenance		\$1,800.00
192	Operation		\$4,000.00
193	Tags		\$150.00
194	Purchase/Lease		\$0.00
200	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$32,700.00	
201	Accounting		\$2,300.00
202	Legal		\$1,400.00
203	Misc. Support		\$29,000.00
204	Water Sampling		\$0.00
205	Drilling		\$0.00
206	Weather Modification		\$0.00
210	PUBLICATIONS	\$550.00	
211	Legal Notices		\$550.00
220	COOP PROGRAMS	\$325,587.70	
221	Administrative		\$323,587.70
222	Equipment		\$0.00
223	Contracted Studies		\$2,000.00
224	Education Program		\$0.00
230	ADMINISTRATIVE	\$4,200.00	
231	Office Supplies		\$1,600.00
232	Copy Machine		\$1,000.00
233	Computer Maint		\$750.00
234	Postage Meter Lease		\$300.00
235	Bank Charges		\$50.00
236	Field Supplies		\$500.00
240	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$15,000.00	
241	Field		\$2,000.00
242	Office		\$13,000.00
250	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	\$51,345.44	
260	FACILITY	\$10,975.00	
261	Rent		\$10,000.00
262	Upkeep		\$975.00
263	Remodel		\$0.00
270	REIMBURSED EXPENSES	\$0.00	
300	FOUNDATION	\$550.00	
305	Foundation Subscriptions		\$0.00
350	Foundation Legal		\$300.00
370	Foundation Tech Support		\$250.00
			\$739,798.14

b. Public Hearing on 2007 Revised operating Budget: At 11:30 a.m. January 11, 2007 President Scott Maurath opened the public hearing to hear testimony regarding the proposed revised operating budget (shown above). There were no members of the public in attendance and no testimony offered. At 11:34 a.m. President Maurath closed the public hearing. With no discussion, *Dave Rietcheck moved for adoption of the following resolution to be numbered AR-07-1:*

WHEREAS the 2007 budget of \$652,481.20 (assessed budget of \$411,952.45) approved originally on July 13, 2006 (AR-06-2) requires amending in order to at least incorporate the 2006 cash carryover funds of \$71,359.49; and

WHEREAS the district lawfully scheduled and conducted a public hearing to consider all testimony regarding the budgeting of carryover funds and other issues;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the 2007 budget shall be revised as adopted by the board earlier during the January 11, 2007 meeting (shown above) based on no testimony provided to the board during the lawfully conducted public hearing.

Doug David seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c. Protocol Discussion - Data Sufficiency: Staff covered the data provided in the board packet and reported that there were no glaring errors evident. Some questions were asked and some discussion was had. No motion was made, but the general consensus was to adopt the data set used to designate the high priority areas and proceed with the second part of Task 3 which was to work with KGS in determining the statistical confidence of the data currently being used and decide if it is suitable for enhanced management or if additional data needs to be collected.

6. DWR REPORT

Kelly Stewart reported that the snow has stalled out their observation well measurements thus far. The metering program has all the NW/4 wells done and those who have not noticed their meter installations have been given orders NOT to pump until they are installed. The NE/4 reminders have gone out and the notices are starting to come in on these wells. The BRO program as agreed to thus far (3 out of 5 years (2000-2005) of over 5 AF per year or over 15 total AF) is in the final stages of DWR review and is expected to be implemented soon. It appears that 22 files will trigger these criteria based on the data provided by GMD 4.

7. OPEN SESSION - PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Jon Friesen indicated that he may have a conflict for the annual meeting and since he is scheduled to present the 2006 Year in Review, the board should consider a replacement. Scott Maurath agreed to cover this presentation item.

Dave Mann informed the board that Shane Mann has expressed interest in running for the Gove County Position and that he has chosen not to run against Shane. Shane's eligible voter designation paperwork was reviewed and accepted.

8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

February 21, 2007;

March 8, 2007.

No agenda items suggested.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, Scott Maurath declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m., January 11, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:



Dave Mann, Secretary