

# Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_ Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 January 10, 2008 Board Meeting

## 1. OPEN MEETING, ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA

The January board meeting was opened at 10:10 a.m. CST, January 10, 2008 in the district offices, Colby, KS by President Scott Maurath.

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

Board Members absent were: Jeff Deeds.

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

There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

*Monty Biggs moved for approval of the consent agenda including: 1) the December 13, 2007 minutes; and 2) the December financial report including the December, 2007 expenditures totaling \$29,486.74. Bill Nondorf seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

## 3. MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager covered the item contained in the board meeting packet and answered questions. It was the consensus of the board that the staff-proposed direction contained in the packet was reasonable and consistent with how the board felt our input should be approached. The board did not want to abandon our attempts to statutorily clarify the IGUCA triggering elements wrongly opined by the Kansas Attorney General's office in their 2002-24 opinion.

Also, staff updated the board on the annual meeting arrangements, and asked for volunteers or appointments for the various presentation responsibilities. Jeff Deeds was appointed to conduct the board elections. Jon Friesen volunteered to present last year's meeting minutes. Dave Rietcheck volunteered to present the 2009 Operating Budget. Mitch Baalman volunteered to present the 2007 audit. It was decided to forego a presentation on the 2007 year in review and instead have President Maurath announce that the report was in the meeting packet.

## 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**a. Management Program Discussions:** Staff covered the management program insert in the January, 2008 board packet which was a draft re-write of the problem section of the current revised management program. All seven of the selected issues adopted during the December, 2007 board meeting were incorporated into the draft paper. Following review and discussion, there was board consensus that the draft was acceptable. No motion made.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Revised 2008 Operating Budget Public Hearing:** President Maurath opened the public hearing at 11:30 A.M. CST, January 10, 2008 and asked for any testimony. District staff was recognized and recommended that: a) budget line item 201 (Contracted Services – Accounting) be increased

from \$2,500.00 to \$2,800.00; and budget line item 223 (Coop Programs – Contracted Studies) be increased from \$0.00 to \$2,000.00. These two changes would require budget line item 250 (Contingency Reserve) to be reduced a like amount, or \$2,300.00, to maintain a total operating budget of \$834,550.52.

With no other testimony to be heard, President Maurath declared the hearing closed at 11:40 A.M. CST.

Following discussion, **Bill Nondorf moved for adoption of the following resolution to be numbered AR-08-1:**

**WHEREAS the 2008 budget of \$769,130.60 (assessed budget of \$438,965.00) approved originally on July 12, 2007 (AR-07-2) requires amending in order to at least incorporate the 2007 cash carryover funds of \$395,585.52; 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 2008 final operating budget shall be adopted as revised based on testimony provided by GMD 4 staff to the board during the lawfully conducted public hearing. The budget shall be:**

|            |                              | 2008 - Revised      |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>110</b> | <b>POSTAGE</b>               | <b>\$7,700.00</b>   |
| 111        | Newsletter                   | \$6,000.00          |
| 112        | General                      | \$1,700.00          |
| <b>120</b> | <b>PRINTING</b>              | <b>\$7,900.00</b>   |
| 121        | Newsletter                   | \$7,500.00          |
| 122        | Administrative               | \$400.00            |
| <b>130</b> | <b>DUES</b>                  | <b>\$1,700.00</b>   |
| <b>140</b> | <b>SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>         | <b>\$1,800.00</b>   |
| <b>150</b> | <b>INSURANCE</b>             | <b>\$11,050.00</b>  |
| 151        | Office/Equip/Data            | \$900.00            |
| 152        | Public Officials' Liability  | \$4,500.00          |
| 153        | Auto                         | \$3,100.00          |
| 154        | Workmans' Comp.              | \$1,700.00          |
| 155        | Computer                     | \$600.00            |
| 156        | Unemployment                 | \$250.00            |
| <b>160</b> | <b>TELEPHONE</b>             | <b>\$4,500.00</b>   |
| <b>170</b> | <b>SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b> | <b>\$259,730.00</b> |
|            | Gross Sal, Kpers, SS,        |                     |
| 171        | Etc.                         | \$240,430.00        |
| 172        | Health Insurance             | \$19,300.00         |
| <b>180</b> | <b>TRAVEL</b>                | <b>\$10,000.00</b>  |
| 181        | Board                        | \$6,500.00          |
| 182        | Staff                        | \$3,500.00          |
| <b>190</b> | <b>VEHICLES</b>              | <b>\$6,250.00</b>   |
| 191        | Repairs/Maintenance          | \$1,100.00          |
| 192        | Operation                    | \$5,000.00          |
| 193        | Tags                         | \$150.00            |
| 194        | Purchase/Lease               | \$0.00              |
| <b>200</b> | <b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>   | <b>\$29,000.00</b>  |
| 201        | Accounting                   | \$2,800.00          |
| 202        | Legal                        | \$1,200.00          |
| 203        | Misc. Support                | \$25,000.00         |
| 204        | Water Sampling               | \$0.00              |
| 205        | Drilling                     | \$0.00              |
| 206        | Weather Modification         | \$0.00              |

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| <b>210</b> | <b>PUBLICATIONS</b>        | <b>\$550.00</b>     |
| 211        | Legal Notices              | \$550.00            |
| <b>220</b> | <b>COOP PROGRAMS</b>       | <b>\$409,665.60</b> |
| 221        | Administrative             | \$407,665.60        |
| 222        | Equipment                  | \$0.00              |
| 223        | Contracted Studies         | \$2,000.00          |
| 224        | Education Program          | \$0.00              |
| <b>230</b> | <b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>      | <b>\$4,250.00</b>   |
| 231        | Office Supplies            | \$1,600.00          |
| 232        | Copy Machine               | \$1,000.00          |
| 233        | Computer Maint             | \$600.00            |
| 234        | Postage Meter Lease        | \$300.00            |
| 235        | Bank Charges               | \$50.00             |
| 236        | Field Supplies             | \$700.00            |
| <b>240</b> | <b>NEW EQUIPMENT</b>       | <b>\$6,500.00</b>   |
| 241        | Field                      | \$2,000.00          |
| 242        | Office                     | \$4,500.00          |
| <b>250</b> | <b>CONTINGENCY RESERVE</b> | <b>\$62,429.92</b>  |
| <b>260</b> | <b>FACILITY</b>            | <b>\$10,975.00</b>  |
| 261        | Rent                       | \$10,000.00         |
| 262        | Upkeep                     | \$975.00            |
| 263        | Remodel                    | \$0.00              |
| <b>270</b> | <b>REIMBURSED EXPENSES</b> |                     |
| <b>300</b> | <b>FOUNDATION</b>          | <b>\$550.00</b>     |
| 305        | Foundation Subscriptions   | \$0.00              |
| 350        | Foundation Legal           | \$300.00            |
| 370        | Foundation Tech Support    | \$250.00            |
|            |                            | <b>\$834,550.52</b> |

***Monty Biggs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

## **6. DWR REPORT**

Scott Ross reported on 2 items:

- 1) three new DWR regulations were being worked on which include a) ponds; b) clarification of term permit procedures; and c) new 15-AF and 5-AF exemptions; and
- 2) The recent Republican River Compact activities between Kansas and Nebraska. Late last year Kansas sent Nebraska a letter requesting well shut downs in Nebraska within 2.5 miles of the river because Nebraska has already exceeded its 2-year allocation amounts, and likely will exceed its 5-year allocation amounts to be determined in August, 2008. The letter informed Nebraska that if expectations were not met, Kansas would seek non-binding arbitration in the matter, which is a required step before Kansas can file suit again for failure to honor the compact settlement conditions.

## **7. OPEN SESSION - PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Lon Frahm reported that the Kansas Water Authority will be meeting in Colby for their April, 2008 meeting (April 3-4, 2008). He will be organizing activities for the Authority and asked for any interest in GMD 4 sponsoring any of the activities. Following discussion, ***Mitch Baalman moved that GMD 4 provide \$1,000.00 to sponsor KWA activities at the discretion of Lon Frahm. Dave Rietcheck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

**8. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The February meeting will be held with the annual meeting in Goodland at the Howard Johnson Hotel on February 20, 2008.

The March meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2008.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Without no other business, and no objections, President Maurath declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M., January 10, 2008.*

Respectfully submitted:

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Bill Nondorf, Secretary