

49th Annual Meeting Minutes – Colby, Kansas – Feb 21st, 2024

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The 49th annual meeting was opened at 1:32 P.M. CST, February 21, 2024 at Colby Event Center, Colby, Kansas. Board members present were:

Jeff Deeds	Nate Emig	Karen Flanagin
Lynn Goossen	Dylan Loyd	Shane Mann
Ted Nighswonger	Brett Oelke	Brent Rogers
Marsha Schilling		

Others present were: Staff: Shannon Kenyon, Jody McCain, Colter Stoll and Eryn Freeman; Jake Kling – attorney.

There were 26 persons that signed the attendance sheet. The attendance roster is available at the district office.

President Brett Oelke opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of board and staff members.

Secretary Jeff Deeds then presented the 48th annual meeting minutes, Goodland, Kansas, February 22nd, 2023. Jeff directed attention to the annual meeting minutes printed in the annual meeting packet (page 4 and 5) and gave everyone a chance to review them. Gerry Franklin moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Spencer Schlepp and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn Goossen presented the 2025 proposed operating budget. With no questions or comments, the proposed 2025 budget of \$507,748.00. Brent Rogers moved to approve the proposed 2025 operating budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Marsha Schilling and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Lynn then presented the 2023 calendar year financials. He directed attention to the financial report contained in the annual meeting packet on page 8 and asked everyone to review the report. He summarized by reporting that the district brought in \$698,212; spent \$360,989.

Dylan Loyd conducted the board elections. He announced each of the candidates that had pre-filed, Jerry Binning, Position 2 (Rawlins/Decatur); Jeff Deeds, Position 3 (Sherman/Wallace County); Karen Flanagin, Position 5 (Thomas County); Brent Rogers, Position 7 (Sheridan County). As there were no other pre-filed nominations, he announced that the ballot was unanimous.

Spencer Schlepp moved to cast the unanimous ballot for the announced board positions. Ted Nighswonger seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Shannon Kenyon presented information on LEMA updates, current Kansas Legislative sessions that pertain to water and GMDs, preliminary water data, AEM mapping, grants available from HB2302, and the two meter tracking apps available for cost-share through the GMD.

Colter Stoll talked about the importance of checking your meters to make sure they are working; you need to not only look at the needle, but also check to make sure the totalizer is working (digits are changing). Back-up records, such as log books, taking photos every two weeks, using a meter tracking app, or an alternative meter tracking subscription service can be used to help figure quantity, when your meter stops working properly.

With no other business to conduct President Oelke declared the 49th annual meeting of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Deeds". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jeff Deeds, Secretary