

**EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting November 8, 2016, in the conference room of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 in Halstead, Kansas. President Fred Seiler called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Directors and staff present during all or portions of the meeting:

Fred Seiler, President	Bob Seiler, Member
Vin Kissick, Vice-President	Joe Pajor, Member
Jeff Winter, Secretary	Tom Adrian, Attorney
Mike McGinn, Treasurer	Tim Boese, Manager
David Stroberg, Member	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant
Alan Burghart, Member	

Directors absent: David Bogner, Member

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Cameron Conant, KDA - DWR Stafford
Brian Meier, Burns & McDonnell
Daniel Clement, Burns & McDonnell
Scott Macey, City of Wichita
Anna Smith, Burns & McDonnell
Lisa French, Cheney Lake Watershed, Inc.

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11TH MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Joe Pajor and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion carried with 5 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained, and 3 Directors absent.

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Bob Seiler and seconded by Jeff Winter to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with 6 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent.

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

October Financial Report

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the October Financial Report. Motion carried with 6 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent.

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Moved by Jeff Winter and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the October expenditures. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent.

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW – NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS

a) PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSUMPTIVE USE CALCULATION REGULATION

Tim Boese, Manager, presented information regarding the current consumptive use calculation, as well as the method of calculation proposed by the Kansas Department of

Agriculture. Discussion by Board members followed, including a suggestion that Tim present his information at the GMD/KDA-DWR meeting on November 21, 2016. No further action was taken on the matter.

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) Burrton IGUCA Boundaries Expansion

Tim Boese, Manager, presented information including graphs and maps regarding the proposed Burrton IGUCA Boundaries. Discussion by the Board followed, with a request for additional information. GMD2 staff will provide the Board with additional information to review regarding the reasoning behind the proposed expansion areas.

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Alan Burghart to request a 60 day Extension from the Chief Engineer to allow time to review the 2016 data and to formulate a recommendation. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

b) McPherson IGUCA Boundaries Expansion

Tim Boese, Manager, presented information including graphs and maps regarding the proposed McPherson IGUCA Boundaries. Discussion by the Board followed. Upon review of the IGUCA review report and additional information, moved by Alan Burghart and seconded by David Stroberg to recommend to the Chief Engineer that the McPherson IGUCA boundaries are not expanded at this time, and the issue is reevaluated upon the completion of the KGS sustainability modeling, any modifications to the District's safe yield regulation completed, and expiration of the application processing suspension. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

c) Term Permit Application Review Process

Tim Boese, Manager, presented a Resolution to Clarify Authority of District Staff to Recommend Certain Term Permit Extension Requests and Replacement Term Permit Application for Approval. Discussion followed.

Moved by Joe Pajor and seconded by Bob Seiler to approve the Resolution and direct the Manager to provide a monthly report to include all Term Permits that are subject to the Resolution. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

d) Joint GMD/KDA-DWR Meeting – November 21, 2016 – Great Bend

Tim Boese, Manager, provided information regarding the Joint GMD/KDA-DWR meeting scheduled for November 21, 2016 in Great Bend. Tim encouraged Board Members to attend the meeting, and he will send the agenda to the Board as soon as he receives it.

e) GMD Assessment Cap Review

Vin Kissick, Board Vice President, provided information regarding the current GMD Assessment Cap. Vin has heard concerns about the potential of losing local opportunities to control where funding and assessment/taxing goes if the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force recommends additional water-related assessments/taxes to fund the Governor's Water Vision action items. Tim Boese, Manager, provided additional information regarding the current assessment rates and the effect on the budget of GMD2. Tim reported that in the future, it will be difficult for GMD2 to continue to function

at its current level with the current assessment rate. Discussion followed, including comments regarding staffing and funding future expansions and other projects, as well as questions regarding the timing of presentation of the change to the legislature. Board Members requested that GMD2 staff provide information at the next Board meeting regarding the budgets, assessment rates, and verified claims numbers for the other four GMDs. Board Members also requested additional information regarding GMD2 out of district assessment numbers. Vin will visit with GMD5 to discuss the issue and will report back to the Board next month.

f) ASR Project Update and Basin Storage Area Water-Level Data

Tim Boese, Manager, reviewed with the Board the 38 ASR Project basin Storage Area Index Cells hydrographs provided by GMD2 staff. Tim will provide additional information regarding the water level changes after the January 2017 data has been assessed.

Board Member Joe Pajor expressed frustration regarding the “lack of progress” on the cooperative effort between the City of Wichita and the District regarding evaluating and modeling drought conditions and access to the City’s recharge credits, which he described as a “leaderless process” with “too much back and forth”. Because of this, Joe informed the Board that the City of Wichita has decided to change their approach. The City of Wichita will take the information gathered from previous GMD2 staff and City of Wichita staff meetings and put it into the modflow model to model what happens with the current recharge credit withdrawal lower Index level restrictions and without the restrictions in a 1% drought. This will produce data out of the accepted model for all of the 38 index cell locations to provide a contour of the well field and each of the 38 locations. Joe stated that the City of Wichita will be sending the model to GMD2 staff this week for feedback, with a request to respond within a one-month time period. The City of Wichita will then provide the results to the Board once they are comfortable with the results. Board discussion followed.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Cameron Conant, DWR – Stafford, had no report.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Vin Kissick reported that the KWA met in Milford on October 19, 2016. The budget committee formulated a budget for the KWA to approve to send to the legislature to implement the vision. The numbers were \$38 million for the first year, rising to \$50 million for the next four years at Fiscal Year 2022. Vin reported that in Fiscal Year 2018, the budget includes \$200,000 to assess the chloride remediation of the Equus Beds. Vin stated that he felt there was enthusiastic support to move forward quickly with a pilot remediation project. Tim Boese, Manager, is checking to see what is included in the \$200,000. Vin is optimistic, and he is pushing for the leadership of the project to be with the GMD2.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Boese, Manager, reported that the Chair of the Equus-Walnut RAC presented the rest of the water vision goal action items at the KWA meeting in Milford. There was discussion and modification to one action item regarding using surface water before groundwater when possible. All vision goal action items were approved by KWA.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Tim Boese, Manager, advised the Recharge for October was: Phase I – 29 acre-feet (all in recharge basin) and Phase II – 103.6 acre-feet (43% in recharge basin). Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is full and flood pool is 4.1% full. Cheney release is 0 CFS. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 30 CFS; Valley Center is at 90 CFS.

b) Administrative Field Tasks

Tim Boese, Manager, reported for the month of October that staff worked on 19 new/change applications and processed a total of 125 files including new and change applications, dismissals, VI cards, etc. Staff also completed 14 water permit consultations, collected 24 water quality samples, and performed 597 water level measurements.

c) Monthly Information & Service Report

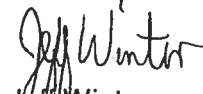
Tim Boese, Manager presented customer service requests for the month of October.

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – FRED SEILER, PRESIDENT

Tim Boese, Manager, reminded Board Members that the Governor's Conference is scheduled for November 14th and 15th in Manhattan. Several Board Members are planning to attend. Tim also informed Board Members that the GMDA Winter Conference is scheduled for January 9th-11th, 2017, in Fort Worth, Texas. Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Alan Burghart to send Manager Tim Boese and the Board President or alternate to the conference in Texas, and to move the January 2017 GMD2 Board Meeting to Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

Moved by Joe Pajor and seconded by Vin Kissick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

Fred Seiler, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 4:10 p.m.



Jeff Winter
Secretary
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