

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
MARCH 7, 2018

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting March 7, 2018, in the conference room of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 in Halstead, Kansas. President Jeff Winter called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

Jeff Winter, President	Vin Kissick, Vice President
Mike McGinn, Treasurer	David Bogner, Member
Joe Pajor, Member	Dale Schmidt, Member
Bob Seiler, Member	David Stroberg, Member
Tom Adrian, Attorney	Tim Boese, Manager
Steve Flaherty, Hydrogeologist	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant

Directors absent: Alan Burghart, Secretary

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Jeff Lanterman, KDA-DWR
Tracy Streeter, KWO
Matt Unruh, KWO
Daniel Clement, Burns & McDonnell
Amy Elliott, Knudsen Monroe & Co.
Don Koci, Public
Ted Saranchuk, Public

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Bob Seiler to approve the Minutes. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent.

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Bob Seiler to approve the Agenda. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent.

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

a) Annual Financial Audit – Amy Elliott – Knudsen, Monroe & Co., LLC

Amy Elliott reviewed the 2017 Annual Financial Audit, including the Financial Statement. Discussion by the Board followed, including the District staff Paid Time Off (PTO) policy and the liability of unused employee PTO. The Board asked that the auditor provide a dollar amount associated with this liability on the 2018 Audit. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Stroberg to accept the Audit as presented. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

b) February Financial Report

Moved by Bob Seiler and seconded by Dave Stroberg to approve the February Financial Report. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Bogner to approve the March expenditures. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM - NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW - NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS

a) SUSPENSION AREA SAFE YIELD CALCULATIONS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the Chief Engineer approved the Board's request to extend the expiration date of the application processing suspension area, but only until March 1, 2019, not August 1, 2019, as requested. The Chief Engineer encouraged the District to work through the suspension area in a prompt manner, but stated that he would consider another extension if needed. Tim informed the Board that the Chief Engineer made one modification to the suspension order to allow the processing and approval of Multi Year Flex Account term permits in the suspension area.

Board discussion followed regarding the hydrographs that District staff sent to the Board to review. The Board requested that District staff provide a map with the McPherson County border, update the hydrographs to include the 2018 data, and send data from the monitoring wells of water permit #49099 and water permit #49178. District staff will send the requested information and will schedule another discussion of this matter for the April, 2018 Board meeting.

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) WATER-RELATED LEGISLATION UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese provided the Board with an update on Senate Bill 194 regarding the GMD Assessment Cap. Tim advised that the bill was heard in the House Committee on Agriculture on March 5, 2018. Tim and Board President Jeff Winter provided both written and in-person testimony. Tim stated that Sean Miller also testified for the three western GMDs. Tim informed the Board that the Committee worked the bill earlier today and passed it out of the committee without controversy, so the bill will now go to the full House for review and vote.

Tim also provided the Board with an update on House Bill 2691 regarding moving the deadline to file an application for a Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) to December 31. Tim advised that the bill also included language regarding notification to nearby well owners for new water permit applications, change applications, and impairment investigation, but that the language was removed by the House. Tim advised that the GMDs were working with KDA/DWR to craft notification replacement language to add back into the bill on the Senate side. The House passed the bill, and it is now in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. A hearing has not yet been scheduled, but Tim will submit written testimony from the Board in favor of the bill.

b) ANNUAL MEETING

The Board reviewed the Agenda and discussed the specifics of the Annual Meeting later this evening. Vin Kissick, Vice President, accepted the role of acting Secretary for Alan Burghart, who will be absent.

c) Management Program Review

Manager Tim Boese reviewed with the Board the requirement to review the Management Program during the annual meeting, including the need for a motion to continue revisions of the program.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Jeff Lanterman, DWR – Stafford Field Office, informed the Board DWR just finished a very busy Water Use Report season. He stated that a record 26% of the 2017 Water Use Reports were filed online.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Board Vice President Vin Kissick informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018 in Lenexa. There is no agenda available at this time.

Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office (KWO), stated that he has met with two local legislators regarding funding for water issues: Senator Carolyn McGinn is a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and Representative Don Schroeder is the Chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee. Tracy stated that the House recently put \$4 million back into the water plan fund budget item, including funding for irrigation technology and Water Technology Farms, as well as a recommended \$50,000 for the Burrton Chloride Plume. Tracy stated that they are looking for a partnership between the State and a local partner. Board member Joe Pajor stated that the City of Wichita may be open to the idea of a partnership under the right terms.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Matt Unruh, Kansas Water Office (KWO), informed the Board that the next Equus-Walnut RAC meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in El Dorado. Matt anticipates that the agenda will be finalized next week, and that Water Technology Farms will be on the agenda.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Tim Boese, Manager, advised the Recharge for February was: 0 acre-feet recharged in Phase I and Phase II due to current drought. A small amount of groundwater (11,642 gallons) was pumped into Recharge Basin 36 for valve testing and this would not count as recharge credit. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 94.62% full. Cheney release is 0 CFS. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 6.42 CFS; Valley Center is at 32.4 CFS.

Tim advised that the City of Wichita has not yet submitted their ASR permit modifications request to DWR. Joe Pajor stated that the City of Wichita has a meeting scheduled for this Friday afternoon, which could be a potential transmittal signing date. Joe stated that the City of Wichita will notify the Chief Engineer and GMD2 simultaneously.

The City of Wichita submitted their 2015 Final Accounting Report to DWR and GMD2. District staff will review the report and schedule it for the next available Board meeting.

Mike McGinn questioned whether or not the District has received a response from the Chief Engineer in regards to the letter the District submitted requesting that the Chief Engineer appoint a disinterested designee as the Hearing Officer for the Hearing for the proposed ASR permit modifications. Tim informed the Board that the District has not received a formal response from the Chief Engineer, but that he will ask the Chief Engineer to submit a written response to the District's request letter.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Tim Boese, Manager, reported that in February, staff assisted completing 10 new/change/division applications, conducted six application reviews, performed 18 water permit consultations, assisted with 23 water use reports, and processed a total of 70 files including VI cards, new applications, approvals, and verified claims. Additionally, David Randolph, District Hydrologic Technician, completed 31 water meter inspections.

Tim reported that District staff is still working with the City of Wichita to develop a plan to repair the monitoring well issue in the Eagle Drainage District, as the groundwater has now lowered enough to begin work. District staff will continue planning once the weather is warmer.

Tim also reported that District staff continue to complete numerous change applications, new applications, and division applications. Staff is working on these requests as quickly as possible.

c) REVIEW OF TERM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Tim Boese, Manager, advised that there were no term permit replacement/renewal applications reviewed by the District staff in February.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

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

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – JEFF WINTER, PRESIDENT

Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office (KWO), provided the Board with some information regarding Water Technology Farms. Tracy stated that the KWO has funds available to assist the farms, and that vendors are usually receptive to getting their products into the Water Technology Farms. Tracy informed the Board that the role of the GMD is that of leadership and some facilitation in establishing the farms. Tracy also stated that they are planning to hold the 2019 Kansas Governor's Water Conference at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita.

The Board discussed moving the date of the April Board meeting. Tim will check with Alan Burghart, but the consensus of the Board was to move it to Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Bob Seiler and seconded by Mike McGinn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent. Jeff Winter, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Alan Burghart
Secretary
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