

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
AUGUST 23, 2016

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting August 23, 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	Alan Burghart, Member
Vin Kissick, Vice-President	Bob Seiler, Member
Jeff Winter, Secretary	Joe Pajor, Member
Mike McGinn, Treasurer	Tom Adrian, Attorney
David Bogner, Member	Tim Boese, Manager
David Stroberg, Member	Steve Flaherty, Hydrogeologist
	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant

Directors absent: None

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Orrin Feril, GMD5/CKWBA
Cameron Conant, DWR Staff
Daniel Clement, Burns & McDonnell
Brian Meier, Burns & McDonnell
Ken Peterson, GIS Workshop

ITEM 1

APPROVAL OF JULY 12TH MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Bogner to approve the Minutes. Motion carried with 4 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 2 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent.

APPROVAL OF JULY 12TH BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Bogner to approve the Minutes. Motion carried with 4 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 2 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent.

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Vin Kissick to approve the Agenda with the addition Item 8(c) for a presentation on Water Banking by Orrin Feril, Central Kansas Water Bank Association. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent.

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

July Financial Report

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the July Financial Report. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent.

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Moved by Joe Pajor and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the August 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

- a) **Edgewater HOA, Application No. 49284, NE 27-26S-1W, Sedgwick Co.**
- b) **Edgewater HOA, Application No. 49285, NE 27-26S-1W, Sedgwick Co.**

Steve Flaherty, Hydrogeologist, presented information regarding application Nos. 49284 and 49285. Brian Meier and Daniel Clement of Burns McDonnell were present representing the applicant and provided additional information regarding the application.

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Mike McGinn to table making a recommendation on the applications to allow the applicant time to justify and/or modify the quantity of water requested and also allow time for the applicant to contact nearby domestic well owners in an attempt to obtain signed domestic well spacing consent forms for domestic wells located within 660 feet of the proposed points of diversion. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS - NONE

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

- a) **GMD's GIS Mobile Software Application Proposal**

Orrin Feril, GMD5, informed the Board that the other four (4) GMDs have already approved their financial portion of the purchase of the GIS Mobile Software, with the contingency that all five (5) GMDs approve the purchase.

Ken Peterson, GIS Workshop, provided a presentation on the application of the GIS Mobile Software and answered questions from the Board.

Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Alan Burghart to proceed with the purchase of the GIS Mobile Software project and to pay the 2016 and 2017 payments from the 2016 ASR Project grant funds line item. The 2018 payment will be discussed at the 2018 budget meeting. It was also moved to give Manager Tim Boese consent to sign the contract. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

- b) **Certification of 2015 Adoption of Land and Water Assessment to County Clerks**

Tim Boese, Manager, advised that the Board of Directors certification of the 2015 Land and Water Assessments to each county in the District was required to fund the FY 2016 budget. Total assessments in the four counties were: 344,719.54 acre-feet of water assessed at \$1.00 per-foot, for a total of \$344,719.54, and 712,598 acres assessed at \$0.05 per acre for a total of \$35,629.90. Tim Boese further advised that the certifications are due to the counties by August 25, 2016.

Moved by Jeff Winter and seconded by Bob Seiler to approve the 2015 Land and Water Assessment Certifications. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent.

- c) **Water Banking Presentation – Orrin Feril, Central Kansas Water Bank Association**

Orrin Feril, GMD No. 5 Manager and Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CKWBA) presented information regarding water banking, including the formation of the CKWBA, recent modifications to Kansas water banking laws, and examples of how the bank works. Discussion and questions followed.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Cameron Conant, DWR – Stafford, advised that DWR is working on enacting Senate Bill 337, including posting applications and orders on DWR's website and notification of nearby well owners on all new and change applications, except short-move change in point of diversion applications. Mr. Conant also advised that a new environmental scientist would be starting at the Stafford Filed Office on September 12, 2016, and that they had had been working on sending out 2015 over-pumping notices and violations.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Vin Kissick advised that the next KWA meeting is scheduled for August 31 and September 1, 2016, in Emporia and is scheduled to include tours of Wolf Creek nuclear power plant and John Redmond reservoir dredging operations. Vin also stated that where a Regional Advisory Committee overlaps a Groundwater Management District, he believes communication would be better if a member of the GMD was on the RAC.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Seiler reported that the Equus-Walnut RAC is having a meeting on September 20, 2016 in Newton to review and approve the draft action items for the RAC's seven goals. Joe Pajor discussed the Blue Ribbon Task Force funding options and questions concerning how locally generated funding being used locally and the benefits received from funding.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Tim Boese, Manager, advised the Recharge for June was: Phase I – 89.52 acre-feet (all in recharge basin) and Phase II – 397.75 acre-feet (68% in recharge basin). Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is full and flood pool is 3.29% full. Cheney release is 490 CFS. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 104 CFS; Valley Center is at 405 CFS. District staff did not meet with City of Wichita staff in July, but will meet again soon.

b) Administrative Field Tasks

Tim Boese, Manager, reported for the month of July. Staff worked on 12 new/change applications and nine water permit consultations. Staff conducted 580 quarterly water level measurements, processed 275 verified claims, and processed 19 dismissals.

c) Monthly Information & Service Report

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

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

Tim Boese, Manager, reminded the Board that they had previously agreed to have the next Board meeting in October. Board consensus was to hold the next meeting on October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Tim advised that the joint KDA and GMD Coordination Meeting has been scheduled for October 3, 2016 in Manhattan, and the public hearings for the IGUCA reviews and District boundaries expansion have been scheduled for October 4, 2016 at the KDOT building in Hutchinson, with the public notices to be published soon. Tim advised the Board about a Field Day near Larned on August 24, 2016, and about a reception for Senator Bob Dole on September 16, 2016 in Manhattan. Vin Kissick informed the Board that Exploration Place in Wichita will have an exhibit regarding water use beginning on August 27, 2016, which will have a section regarding the Ogallala/High Plains Aquifer.

Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by David Stroberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

Fred Seiler, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Jeff Winter
Secretary
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