



33rd Annual Meeting Summary

HALSTEAD — The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 was held January 8, 2008, at Halstead Middle School. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

- Bob Seiler, President, introduced the District's former hydrologist / new manager, Tim Boese, who presented information to the audience regarding the District's activities for 2007 and future plans for the District.
- Larry Jacob, Treasurer, reported on the District's financial status and reviewed a proposed fiscal year 2009 budget of \$356,037, which the Board approved to present at the budget meeting in June.
- Incumbent Board members Larry Jacob (Harvey County), Fred Seiler (McPherson County), and David Warren (Sedgwick County) were re-elected to another 3-year term.
- Jerry Blain, City of Wichita, gave a presentation on the ASR Project, Phase I, and introduced a proposed plan for Phase II.

Board Officers Election Results

HALSTEAD — At the March Board of Directors meeting, officers for 2008 were elected by board members.

Bob Seiler was elected President; Frank Harper, Vice President; David Stroberg, Secretary; and Larry Jacob,

Treasurer. The officers will serve a one-year term of office.

Board meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. during the months of May through October.

City of Wichita ASR Project Phase II - Update

HALSTEAD — The Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR) Project is entering the next phase of development. As currently envisioned, the project will be able to capture up to 100 million gallons per day from the Little Arkansas River and recharge it into the Equus Beds Aquifer. It is estimated that the dewatered component of the aquifer can hold up to 65 billion gallons, which is approximately the same amount of water as stored in Cheney Reservoir. The cost for the entire project is estimated at \$200 million dollars.

Phase II will serve as the backbone for future phases and will be capable of capturing and recharging up to 30 million gallons of water per day with a surface water intake from the Little Arkansas River. It will include a surface water intake and a water treatment plant, 26 recharge wells, improvements to the raw water pipeline system and installation of power lines. Most of the recharge wells will be located at sites that the City of Wichita already has water supply wells, and will serve both as supply wells and recharge/recovery wells.

The project also includes replacing approximately 12 miles of existing raw water pipelines, and construction of approximately 12 miles of new raw water pipelines. Phase II is estimated to cost about \$125 million dollars.

The City will start design of the projects for this phase this year, with construction expected to be completed by 2011.

Phase I of the project, which is considered a prototype project, has a capacity of 10 million gallons per day, and was completed in 2006. It has already recharged in excess of 380 million gallons into the aquifer.

Information courtesy of the City of Wichita, Water & Sewer Department.

ASR Project, Phase II - Informational Meeting

The City of Wichita will be presenting additional information during a public information meeting held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Halstead High School Auditorium, Halstead, KS.

There will be a short presentation on plans for Phase II followed by the opportunity for the audience to speak to representatives about various components of the project (pipelines, treatment plant, recharge wells, etc.)



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Well Plugging Program

HALSTEAD — Since the establishment of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District water well plugging program in July 1990, water well owners have taken advantage of the well plugging program and have plugged over 1,500 wells.

The purpose of the program was to form a partnership with well owners to eliminate health, safety, and groundwater contamination problems caused by abandoned and unplugged water wells.

The program provides, at no cost to the owner, plugging information and offers technical assistance to well owners including:

- a well site inspection
- a plugging materials and cost estimate
- a custom plugging plan and illustration
- on site technical assistance
- filing the well plugging report

For more information on this program, contact the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District.

Upcoming Budget Meeting

HALSTEAD — The annual budget meeting for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the District office, 313 Spruce Street in Halstead, Kansas.

During the meeting, the FY 2009 budget and assessment rate will be adopted. The current land assessment rate is \$0.05 per acre and the water assessment rate is \$0.82 per acre-foot, which was a decrease from the \$0.85 rate per acre-foot from the FY 2007 budget. The current rates have been proposed for the FY 2009 budget.

The meeting is open to the public and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Need Assistance With:

- Plugging an abandoned water well?
- Repairing, selecting or installing a water meter?
- Filing a water permit form or use report?
- Checking on available groundwater supply?
- Filing a verified water use claim?

Contact the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District at (316) 835-2224.

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Office hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are open to the public. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.