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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

GROUNDWATER NEWS

## WATER COMMISSIONER RETIRES AFTER DECADES OF SERVICE

**STAFFORD** — An era of public service has reached its grand finale for the Division of Water Resources' Water Commissioner M. Bruce Falk.

On December 12, 2008, Mr. Falk brought to a close 38 years of service with the State of Kansas by celebrating his retirement at a reception held in his honor.

Mr. Falk served as the Division of Water Resources' 3rd Water Commissioner in the Stafford Field Office for the past 17 years.

Congratulations on your retirement, Bruce,  
and best of luck in the future!



## DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING: Just Around the Corner!

**HALSTEAD** — The 34th Annual Meeting of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2009, in the Halstead Middle School gymnasium, 221 West 6th Street, in Halstead. Bob Seiler, Board President, will call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

District staff will review the District's programs, projects, and activities for the last year. Included in the review will be a report on the status or progress of:

- Aquifer management and protection activities for 2008; and
- Update on the City of Wichita's Aquifer Storage and Recovery program.

Larry Jacob, Treasurer, will report on the District's financial status. The Board of Directors will review a proposed fiscal 2010 budget for adoption.

Other business to be conducted at the meeting includes the election of three director positions to the nine member Board of Directors.

Board incumbents Kirk Larson, Reno County, and Dennis Gruenbacher, Sedgwick County, are seeking another three-year term.

Voter registration will be conducted in the Halstead Middle School cafeteria beginning at 6:15 p.m., and ending at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline to submit Board of Directors applications and Statement of Eligibility forms was December 12, 2008, in order to appear on the printed ballot. However, persons interested in running for the Equus Beds Board of Directors can seek nomination during the meeting.

Copies of the meeting agenda, candidate application forms, and the proposed 2010 budget are available and may be obtained by contacting the District office.

A map of the Annual Meeting location can be found on the Home page of our website at:

[www.gmd2.org](http://www.gmd2.org)

## ELIGIBLE VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

**HALSTEAD** — Not all persons qualify to vote in the Equus Beds Board of Directors election. The Groundwater Management District Act limits voters to specific landowners and water users.

Eligibility is based on a person, trust, estate, municipality, or a private or public corporation which:

- Owns 40 or more contiguous acres of land, or
- Annually withdraws or uses at least one acre-foot (325,851 gallons) of water.

Land comprising of 40 or more contiguous acres must be a single tract, located within the District and outside the corporate limits of a municipality.

The size of the tract of land is determined by the calculations of the county appraiser and excludes any public right-of-way located within the tract of land.

An eligible voter can cast only one vote for any qualified tracts of land and water permits owned by the voter.

A person duly authorized to act in a representative capacity for estates, trusts, municipalities, public or private corporations may also cast one vote for each estate, trust, municipality, public or private corporation that the person represents.

The election law prohibits proxy voting.

## 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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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

## OTHER DISTRICT NEWS

### VERIFIED CLAIMS — NOW AVAILABLE

**HALSTEAD** — A water user pumping less water in 2008 than his or her permitted amount may file a verified water use claim with the District to limit their annual groundwater assessment to the actual amount pumped instead of the maximum permitted amount. The deadline for the verified claims forms is April 1, 2009. No late forms will be accepted.

By law, the District determines the water assessment charge by the amount of water authorized by the individual's water permit unless a verified claim is filed demonstrating actual usage. Filing the claim is voluntary.

Verified claims may be filed if the water well is equipped with a water meter for all of 2008; the metered amount is in units of either gallons, acre-feet, acre-inches or barrels;

the water meter installed on the well is registered with the District; and the water meter is in compliance with State regulations. Verified claims may also be submitted for:

- Wells which were not drilled and completed under the original water permit approval,
- Water permits enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Program, or
- The Division of Water Resources, Water Right Conservation Program.

The color-coded forms are available at the District office; at the offices of the county clerks of Harvey, McPherson, Reno and Sedgwick counties; and at the Farm Service Agency offices in the four counties. Photocopies will not be accepted.

## WEATHER STATION DATA — A CLICK (or call) AWAY

**HALSTEAD** — The data from our weather stations is available on our website. We also have a link to the K-State Research & Extension Weather Data Library website, which has the station in formation, as well as other weather stations throughout Kansas.

The weather stations monitor wind speed and direction, groundwater-level, air and soil temperatures, solar radiation, rainfall, and relative humidity. The data is continuously recorded at each of the monitoring stations. Measurements are processed into hourly and daily amounts and used to calculate ET (evapotranspiration).

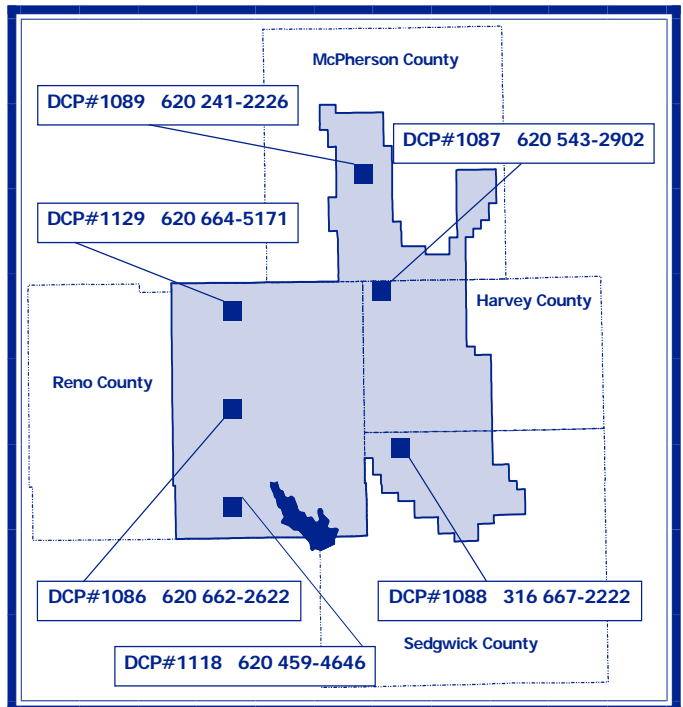
Special communication and computer equipment answers each call and provides the information to the caller by voice response.

The data on our website is updated several times per week to offer the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Current atmospheric conditions and groundwater levels are also available by calling the weather stations directly at the phone numbers listed on the map to the right.

To access the information on our website, visit:

[www.gmd2.org](http://www.gmd2.org)



### BOARD OFFICERS

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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.