

**PROPOSED AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**A call-in number will be available for remote attendance.
Please contact the District for additional information.**

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

5. PUBLIC FORUM – *Persons may present written or verbal comments concerning non-agenda business. Presentations are limited to five minutes.*

6. APPEAL REVIEW – None Pending

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals
- b) Division of Water Resources Proposed Impairment Regulations

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2024 Governor's Water Conference – November 13 & 14, Manhattan

9. AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Division of Water Resources
- b) Kansas Water Authority
- c) Equus - Walnut Regional Advisory Committee
- d) Regional Economic Area Partnership of South-Central Kansas

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) ASR Project Report
- b) Administrative and Field Tasks
- c) Review of Term Permit Applications
- d) Monthly Information and Service Report
- e) Legislative Update

11. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

12. BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting September 11, 2024, in the conference room of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 in Halstead, Kansas. President Dale Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

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

Dale Schmidt, President	Vin Kissick, Vice President
David Bogner, Secretary	Mike McGinn, Treasurer
Michael Baalmann, Member	Joe Bergkamp, Member
Rodney Eggleston, Member	Gary Janzen, Member
David Stroberg, Member	Tim Boese, Manager
Tom Adrian, District Attorney	Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist

Directors absent: Alan Burghart and Jake Martin

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Jeff Lanterman, DWR, via phone	Riley Vande Ven, KWO, via phone
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ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Bogner to approve the August 14, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 6 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 2 Directors abstained (David Stroberg, and Joe Bergkamp), and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart, and Jake Martin).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, and Jake Martin).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

August Financial Report

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the August 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Mike Baalman and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to approve the August 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Director absent (Alan Burghart and Jake Martin).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the September 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the September 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Alan Burghart and Jake Martin).

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW – NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS

a) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLANNING: INITIAL GOALS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals was an ongoing process. Tim reminded the Board that the second round of local consult meetings are coming up near the end of September, one in Newton (September 23rd) and one in Wichita (September 30th). Tim advised that there is a virtual meeting today with Water Authority members (September 11th), Tim discussed with Vijay Ramasamy, the Governor's Special Advisor on Water, who advised slides for today's presentation are still being worked on and looking at a possible budget request of \$140 million/year. Tim informed the board of the local consult slides that showed maps claiming less than 25 years of water life left in some areas, including Valley Center, Hutchinson, and Canton/Galva. Tim informed the board he sent data documenting that wells in those areas not necessarily in the towns and the areas where the wells are located have much longer lifetimes of usable water. Tim will inform the Board once these meetings are completed and the board could submit some formal comments, and he encouraged the Board to attend a meeting if possible. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board.

b) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES PROPOSED IMPAIRMENT REGULATIONS

Manager Tim Boese reviewed draft GMD2 comments for submission to for submission to Division of Water Resources (DWR) regarding the proposed impairment regulations. Tim also provided the Board with the bullet points for discussion from the meeting with the GMD managers meeting yesterday and advised that a joint GMDs comment letter was also being drafted. The Board reviewed the information and Tim answered questions from the Board. Jeff Lanterman with DWR mentioned a recent impairment complaint and the process with it currently, and it was noted that this impairment example is outside of all the GMD boundaries. Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Rodney Eggelston for the District Manager to submit the five (5) draft comments in a letter and to join the joint GMDs with their submission of a letter to DWR by the deadline of September 20, 2024. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Alan Burghart and Jake Martin).

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) 2024 GOVERNOR'S WATER CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 13 & 14, MANHATTAN

Manager Tim Boese provided the Board with the draft agenda for the 2024 Governor's Water Conference in Manhattan, KS on November 13th and 14th, and Tim answered questions from the Board, and encouraged the Board to attend the conference if possible and notify the District in any member wanted to attend.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner at Division of Water Resources (DWR) Stafford, informed the Board that DWR is administering several Minimum Desirable Streamflow (MDS) orders on the Arkansas River and Little Arkansas River at Hutchinson, Valley Center, and above Alta Mills. Jeff reported DWR was able to lift MDS orders on the Ninnescah River above Cheney. Jeff reported that he has spent a lot of time on Rattlesnake Creek issue in GMD5. Jeff reported that DWR is having issues with recent water meter malfunctions on certain Seametrics meter models due to possibly a bad batch of water meters from the manufacturer.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Board member David Stroberg informed the Board that a Kansas Water Authority (KWA) virtual meeting is scheduled for today at noon to discuss the strategic planning and local consult feedback, and that he was unable to attend the last meeting. Board member Gary Janzen informed the Board of the last KWA meeting discussion and provided some updates regarding the recent local consult meetings and other updates. Tim informed the Board that Steve Hieger, Chair of the Equus-Walnut RAC, provided an update at the most recent meeting, and that he presented some information about the Equus Beds and GMD2. Tim, David Stroberg, and Gary Janzen will attend the virtual meeting scheduled for today, and he encouraged the Board to attend if their schedules allow. Tim advised that the next KWA meeting was tentatively being planned for October 16, 2024, in Oakley.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Secretary David Bogner informed the Board that the Equus-Walnut RAC had not met recently. David informed the Board that the RAC chairman presented at the KWA meeting on August 21, 2024, in Wichita which he was unable to attend. Tim informed the Board about the RAC Chairman's presentation.

d) REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas (REAP) has not had a meeting since the last one in August and they had to cancel the meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Tim reported that REAP continues to plan for a local/regional issue forum to talk about infrastructure and transportation in lieu of a meeting for September.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that in August, Phase 1 operated for one day for a total of 3.72 AF (100% into RB2) and Phase 2 did not operate. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 57.77% full (60.49% full in August). The level is 7.82 feet below normal (7.23 feet below normal in August). Flow today: North Fork Ninnescaw above Cheney Reservoir is 6.91 CFS (21.0 CFS in August). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 11.7 CFS (0 CFS in August); Valley Center is 26.6 CFS (9.58 CFS in August). Tim reported that there were low flows most of August except for a short duration in the middle of the month. Board member Gary Janzen commented on the City of Wichita's drought response plan and discussions of possibly using El Dorado lake for supplementation to the City's water supply, as well as City's forecast for the future with the drought still in place.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in August, staff completed 15 application reviews, assisted with 19 applications (change applications, new applications, and temporary applications), performed 46 water permit consultations, completed 26 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 186 water-level measurements, performed three abandoned well inspection/plugging, collected 161 water samples, repaired two meters, conducted four meter inspections, and processed 41 administrative files.

c) REVIEW OF TERM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for August.

Tim discussed with the Board some additional items including: High Plains Aquifer RCPP meeting scheduled for September 18th in Salina; local consult meetings discussed earlier; phone and board room technology update quotes; Burton IGUCA remediation safe yield calculations and discussion; and interviews being scheduled with Administrative Assistant candidates. Tim answered questions from the Board.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that there was nothing to report regarding legislative updates. Tim will probably meet with the lobbyist while in Manhattan for the Governor's Water Conference in November and will discuss with the Board at the next board meeting about renewing the lobbyist contract for next year.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Board Member Gary Janzen informed the board the City of Wichita is still looking at possible new recharge basins that might work better and maximize their ability. The City might be looking at new areas or existing well areas to use.

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by David Bogner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Alan Burghart and Jake Martin). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:03 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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