

PROPOSED AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

Wednesday, March 13, 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

- a) Annual Financial Audit – Amy Elliott – Knudsen Monroe & Co., LLC
- b) February 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 – None Pending

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Annual Meeting
- b) Draft FY 2025 Budget Review
- c) Management Program Review

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

MARCH 13, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting March 13, 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 9:32 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
Alan Burghart, Member	Rodney Eggleston, Member
Jake Martin, Member	Ethan Reimer, Member
David Stroberg, Member	Reece Hiebert, District Attorney
Tim Boese, Manager	Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist
Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant	

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Scott Macey, City of Wichita	Cameron Conant, DWR, via phone
Amy Elliott, Knudsen, Monroe & Company	Dr. Marcy Aycock, REAP, via phone
Ted Saranchuk, Hutchinson	Don Koci, City of Colwich, via phone

ITEM 1-- APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Ethan Reimer and seconded by Vin Kissick to approve the February 21, 2024, Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried with 10 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent (Mike McGinn).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with 10 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 1 Director absent (Mike McGinn).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Amy Elliott reviewed the 2023 Annual Financial Audit, including the Financial Statement, and answered questions from the Board. Amy did not have any concerns regarding the District's 2023 Annual Financial Audit. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Jake Martin to accept the 2023 Annual Financial Audit as presented. Motion carried with 11 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

b) February Financial Report

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the February 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Board discussion followed regarding District carryover funds, assessment rates, and bank security pledges. Moved by Michael Baalmann and seconded by Ethan Reimer to approve the February 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 11 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the March 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the March 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 11 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM - NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW - NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS - NONE

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) ANNUAL MEETING

Manager Tim Boese reviewed for the Board the Annual Meeting Agenda and the Board positions that are up for election. Discussion by the Board followed. Tim informed the Board that the District newsletter has been sent to the publisher and should be mailed out within the week.

b) DRAFT FY 2025 BUDGET REVIEW

Manager Tim Boese reviewed with the Board a draft FY 2025 Budget. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Tim will present the draft FY 2025 Budget at the Annual meeting.

c) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVIEW

Manager Tim Boese advised that the Management Program must be reviewed annually and reviewed for the Board the process to revise the District Management Program. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Cameron Conant, Assistant Water Commissioner at Division of Water Resources (DWR) Stafford, reported that the DWR Stafford field office hired one individual for the field work position and one individual for the new application position at their office, so the office will be fully staffed next month.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

David Stroberg informed the Board that the next Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024, in Garden City. David also informed the Board that the Ogallala Aquifer Summit will be March 18-19, 2024, in Liberal, with a KWA/Ogallala committee meeting scheduled for March 20, 2024, in Liberal.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Secretary David Bogner informed the Board that the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) met on February 21, 2024, in McPherson. David reported that there was discussion regarding invasive grasses in local rivers, as well as how the local rains were not enough to fill local lakes and ponds. David reported that the committee also finished evaluating and reviewing their goals.

d) REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that he virtually attended the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas (REAP) meeting on February 22, 2024. Tim reported that there were no water related issues, but there was discussion regarding the REAP membership drive. Board discussion followed regarding benefits and concerns of the District becoming a REAP member. Dr. Marcy Aycock stated that she would like to have a discussion with the District about the District's role in REAP and the benefits of REAP membership. Tim informed the Board that the next REAP meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2024.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that the February Recharge Report has not yet been received. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 70.26% full (70.16% full in February). The level is 5.23 feet below normal (5.25 feet below normal in February). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 12.8 CFS (5.75 CFS in February); Valley Center is 52.6 CFS (28.6 in February). Tim reported that there were increased flows the first part of February, then low flows the rest of February.

The 2022 City of Wichita ASR Annual Accounting Report was received on March 1, 2024, and District staff will soon begin reviewing it. District staff recently met with consultants for the City of Wichita to review possible data issues with the 2021 Annual Accounting Report. The consultants are reviewing the information and will make corrections if needed. Both reports will be scheduled for Board review once finalized.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in February, staff completed six application reviews, assisted with 16 applications (change applications, new applications, and cathodic protection borehole applications), performed 100 water permit consultations and water use reporting, completed 14 preliminary safe yield evaluations, sold three new meters, repaired five meters, conducted 28 meter inspections, and processed a total of 93 administrative files including permit approvals, ownership changes, and verified claim forms.

c) REVIEW OF TERM PERMIT APPLICATIONS

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

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for February.

Tim informed the Board that he participated in the water quality panel at the Sedgwick County Conservation District Annual Meeting on February 22, 2024, in Wichita. Tim reported that Kansas State University Mesonet provided the District with cost estimates to upgrade the Bentley and Hutchinson weather stations. The District and KSU split the total costs of the upgrades, so the cost to the District would be \$12,000 total for upgrading the two weather stations. Tim questioned if the District should go ahead with the upgrades or have Chip Redmond of Kansas State University give the Board a presentation on the upgrades before moving forward. Board discussion followed, and the Board consensus was that there would be value in having a weather stations discussion with Mr. Redmond before moving forward. Tim will contact Mr. Redmond and inquire if he can present to the Board at the April Board meeting. Tim provided the Board with and reviewed a preliminary 2023-2024 Water-Level Change Map from Kansas Geological Survey. Tim informed the Board that District staff will

measure all of the District wells in April, which will provide information regarding the current water levels.

Tim informed the Board that he participated in a monthly check in with Vijay Ramasamy, the Governor's Special Advisor for Water. Board Vice President Vin Kissick questioned if Mr. Ramasamy would be available to speak to the Board at a future Board meeting, and Tim responded that he would contact Mr. Ramasamy to check his availability.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese reported that he did not have any new legislative updates at this time, but that he continues to have weekly contact with the District lobbyist. Tim will continue to send the Board the weekly legislative updates provided by the District lobbyist. Board discussion followed regarding the overall cost versus benefit of the lobbyist to the District. Tim responded that he has found the knowledge and services of the lobbyist to be valuable this year, but he agreed that it would be good practice to review the cost versus benefit on a yearly basis.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Manager Tim Boese reported that he was contacted yesterday by a reporter who wanted to conduct an on-air interview with Tim regarding the high nitrate levels north of Yoder, but that he has not heard back from the reporter. Board discussion regarding the issue followed.

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by David Stroberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 11 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent. Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:02 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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