

PROPOSED AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

Tuesday, November 19, 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) September Financial Report
- b) October Financial Report

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

- a) October Expenditures
- b) November 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) District Lobbyist Services
- b) December Board Meeting Date
- c) High Plains Aquifer RCPP
- d) Knudson Monroe & Company LLC Audit Engagement Letter
- e) Audit Accounting Resolution – GAAP Waiver

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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NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting November 19, 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
Joe Bergkamp, Member	Rodney Eggleston, Member
Alan Burghart, Member	Jake Martin, Member
Tim Boese, Manager	Tom Adrian, District Attorney
Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist	Brenda Sooter, Admin Assistant

Directors absent: Michael Baalmann, Gary Janzen, David Stroberg

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Bogner to approve the September 11, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Mike McGinn, Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Bogner to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Mike McGinn, Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

a) & b) SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the September 2024 and October 2024 Financial Reports and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the September and October 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

a) & b) OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the October 2024 and November 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by Rodney Eggleston to approve the October and November 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM

Manager Tim Boese introduced Brenda Sooter as the new Administrative Assistant.

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 and Kansas Water Plan Implementation. Tim shared the District's October 14, 2024, comment letter to the Kansas Water Office, and he also provided an update on the draft 10-year plan that will potentially increase from the current \$40 million in state funding to approximately \$140 million annually. Proposed Preliminary Recommendation Outcomes for the Plan includes:

- Water Quantity + Aquifers: Conserve & Extend the High Plains Aquifer
- Reservoirs: Secure, Protect & Restore our Reservoirs
- Water Quality: Improve Water Quality
- Research & Education: Increase Awareness of Kansas Water Resources
- Resiliency: Reduce Our Vulnerability to Extreme Events and Promote Long-Term Water Security

Tim shared that the KWA is considering requesting an additional \$20 million for the first 2-years as a "Ramp Up Action" then continue with the 10-year outcomes actions. Board discussion followed with the main comments being that the District continues to have local input and control, and that the aquifer gets adequate attention and funding in the plan.

b) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES PROPOSED IMPAIRMENT REGULATIONS

Manager Tim Boese shared the District's September 20, 2024, comment letter that was submitted to the Division of Water Resources (DWR) regarding the proposed impairment regulations. He has not heard anything new from DWR after submitting the letter.

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) DISTRICT LOBBYIST SERVICES

Manager Tim Boese shared the Memorandum of Agreement from Braden Heidner Lowe & Associates for lobbying services from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025. The current agreement expires 11/30/2024. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board. After the discussion, it was moved by Joe Bergkamp and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg).

b) DECEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the December 2024 Board meeting on December 17, 2024, at 9:30 AM, subject to Manager Tim Boese checking with the Board members who are not present at today's meeting.

c) HIGH PLAINS AQUIFER RCPP PROJECT

Manager Tim Boese shared the draft Memorandum of Agreement between the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation (DOC) and each GMD for the High Plains Aquifer RCPP Project. Tim also shared other related documents, including a summary of the project. Tim advised that details are still being worked out and that he would update the Board as more information becomes available and that no action was needed from the Board at this time. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board.

d) KNUDSON MONROE & COMPANY LLC AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the Knudsen Monroe & Company, LLC (KMC) Audit Engagement Letter with the Board. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to approve the audit engagement letter with Knudson Monroe & Company for the 2024 audit. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalman, and David Stroberg).

e) AUDIT ACCOUNTING RESOLUTION – GAAP WAIVER

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the Audit Accounting Resolution – GAAP Waiver with the Board. Discussion by the Board followed. Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Jake Martin to approve the GAAP Waiver. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalman, and David Stroberg).

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

No representative from DWR was present for a report.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Manager Tim Boese advised that he attended the October 15 & 16, 2024, KWA meeting in Oakley, and the November 12, 2024, KWA meeting in Manhattan. Tim advised that the KWA spent a considerable amount of time at both meetings discussing the Kansas Water Plan Strategic Implementation Planning.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Member David Bogner and Manager Tim Boese advised that there was a virtual Equus-Walnut RAC meeting on October 1, 2024. Tim advised that the meeting was primarily to gather the RAC's input into the Kansas Water Plan Strategic Implementation Planning and the KWO FY 2026 Budget. The next RAC meeting has not been scheduled.

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) meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2024. Due to his attendance at the Governor's Conference, he was unable to attend. Tim advised that he reviewed the agenda and meeting materials, which showed the REAP meeting included discussion about their 2025 goals, membership and priorities. Tim also reminded the Board that the District is not a REAP member and would have the opportunity to join in the future if desired.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that there was no artificial recharge in September and October 2024. Cheney Reservoir today—Conservation Pool is 58.85% full (57.77% full in September). The level is 7.58 feet below normal (7.58 feet below normal in September). Flow today: North Fork Ninnescaw above Cheney Reservoir: 103 CFS (6.91 CFS in September). Mostly low flows all of September and October. No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - HWY 50 is 823 CFS (11.7 CFS in September); Valley Center is 427 CFS (26.6 CFS in September). Tim reported that there were mostly low flows all of September and October.

Tim also provided information he received from Board member Gary Janzen, including the ASR project was operating some following recent rains, Stage 2 drought restrictions are still in place due to water level in Cheney Reservoir, and performance testing is being conducted on the new Wichita water plant, with the goal of being operation by April 1, 2025.:

Tim advised that the Burrton chloride plume feasibility study draft report should be completed by the end of the year. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in October, staff completed 4 application reviews, assisted with 19 applications (change applications, new applications, and temporary applications), performed 24 water permit consultations, completed 24 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 636 water-level measurements, performed 5 abandoned well inspection/plugging, collected 7 water samples, conducted 29-meter inspections, and processed 51 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 September and October.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for October.

Tim also discussed with the Board getting quotes for replacing the old phones with VOIP phone system.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that there was nothing to report regarding legislative updates. The Legislative sessions will begin after the first of the year.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mike McGinn reported that the Bentley weather station is going to be moving west and that Mike had the opportunity to visit with Chip Redmond from KSU about the location.

There was also a discussion about the Governor's Water Conference that was held on November 13 & 14, 2024, in Manhattan

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Rodney Eggleston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Michael Baalmann, and David Stroberg). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:13 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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