

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

Thursday, December 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) November Financial Report

4. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

- a) December 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) High Plains Aquifer RCPP

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Annual GMD Legislative Retreat, Topeka - February 4-5, 2025
- b) GMDA Annual Conference, Temecula, CA – February 25-27, 2025
- c) District Phone Service and Conference/Board Room Upgrades

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

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

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EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

DECEMBER 19, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting December 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 9:30 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
David Stroberg, Member	Jake Martin, Member
Michael Baalmann, Member	Tim Boese, Manager
Tom Adrian, District Attorney	Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist
Brenda Sooter, Admin Assistant	

Directors absent: Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Edward Bonham, City of Newton, via phone	Riley Vande Ven, KWO, via phone
Ted Saranchuk, Hutchinson	

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by Jake Martin to approve the November 19, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Mike McGinn, Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

a) NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the November 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to approve the November 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Director absent (Mike McGinn, Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

a) DECEMBER EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the December 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Bogner to approve the December 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Mike McGinn, Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart).

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 updated the Board about the ongoing Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning and Kansas Water Plan Implementation. Tim shared about the KWA meeting on December 11, 2024, that was attended by board member David Stroberg. The KWA is still working on the draft 10-year plan that will potentially increase from the current \$40 million in state funding to approximately \$140 million in 10 years.

b) HIGH PLAINS AQUIFER RCPP

Manager Tim Boese shared the revised draft Memorandum of Agreement between the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) Division of Conservation (DOC) and each GMD for the High Plains Aquifer RCPP Project. Tim also shared other related information and 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.

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) ANNUAL GMD LEGISLATIVE RETREAT, TOPEKA – FEBRUARY 4-5, 2025

Manager Tim Boese provided information to the Board about the upcoming annual GMD legislative retreat in Topeka February 4-5, 2025, and encouraged the Board to attend. Board discussion followed and Tim answered the questions from the Board.

b) GMDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, TEMECULA, CA – FEBRUARY 25-27, 2025

Manager Tim Boese provided information to the Board about the upcoming GMDA annual conference in California on February 25-27, 2025, and inquired if any board members might want to attend. Tim advised he is considering attending, depending upon the upcoming Kansas legislative session schedule.

c) DISTRICT PHONE SERVICE AND CONFERENCE/BOARD ROOM UPGRADES

Manager Tim Boese shared that the district decided to switch phone service from AT&T to Ideatek, with the new service hopefully beginning by the end of December. The phone will be VOIP which uses the internet to make and receive calls. The monthly cost for using Ideatek compared to AT&T service will be considerably less. Tim also advised that the three analog weather stations are being looked at by Ideatek in hopes to convert them from AT&T to Ideatek.

Concerning the Board room updates, the district currently has four bids from local video tech companies. It was the consensus of the Board for the quotes to be presented at the January 2025 board meeting for review and decision.

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

No representative from DWR was present for the report.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

Board member David Stroberg shared several points from the last KWA meeting on December 11, 2024, and advised that the KWA spent a lot of the meeting discussing the Kansas Water Plan Strategic Implementation Planning, and the 2025 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Member David Bogner shared that there was no December meeting, and the next meeting is being planned for some time in January 2025.

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 December 19, 2024, and that he was going to join virtually if time allowed.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that November 2024 had not been received. Cheney Reservoir today – Conservation Pool is 58.94% full (58.85% full in November). The level is 7.56 feet below normal (7.58 feet below normal in November). Flow today: North Fork Ninnescah above Cheney Reservoir: 37.8 CFS (103 CFS in November). Elevated flows in November due to rainfall. Low flows in December. Cheney had no release. Flow today: Little Ark: HWY 50: 3.53 CFS (823 in November); Valley Center: 26.6 CFS (427 in November). Elevated flows in November due to rainfall. Low flows in December.

Tim also shared that the Burton Oil Field Brine Plume draft feasibility study report was received last week and will be reviewed soon. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in November, staff completed 5 application reviews, assisted with 16 applications (change applications, new applications, MYFA applications, and notice of completion forms), performed 18 water permit consultations, completed 10 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 55 water-level measurements, performed 1 abandoned well inspection/plugging, conducted 5-meter inspections, and processed 29 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 November.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for November.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that there was nothing to report regarding legislative updates. The Legislative sessions will begin January 13th, 2025.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA -NONE

Tim Boese shared the next scheduled GMD2 Board meeting will be back on normal schedule beginning January 8th, 2025. Which is the second Wednesday of the month.

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The Board briefly discussed the recent award of \$7 million from the federal Inflation Reduction Act to the City of Wichita for the ASR Project.

ITEM 12 – EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Vin Kissick for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel regarding annual District staff performance evaluations which would be deemed privileged in the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and the open meeting will resume in the conference room at 11:31 a.m. Those present in Executive Session are: Members of the Board, District Manager Tim Boese, and District Attorney Tom Adrian. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart)

Time in Executive Session: 11:01 a.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 11:31 a.m.

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Mike McGinn to extend the Executive Session for 30 minutes and to resume the open meeting at 11:31 a.m. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart)

Time in Executive Session: 11:31 a.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 12:01 p.m.

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Alan Burghart to extend the Executive Session for 25 minutes and to resume the open meeting at 12:26 p.m. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart)

Time in Executive Session: 12:01 p.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 12:26 p.m.

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Mike McGinn to extend the Executive Session for 14 minutes and to resume the open meeting at 12:40 p.m. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Director absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart)

Time in Executive Session: 12:26 p.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 12:40 p.m.

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Vin Kissick to give the District Manager a three percent salary increase effective January 1, 2025, as well as a \$2,000 net bonus for additional responsibilities performed, to be paid out in 2024; to give the District Administrative Assistant a \$350 net bonus for additional responsibilities performed, to be paid out in 2024; to give the District Hydrologic Technician a three percent salary increase effective January 1, 2025, as well as a \$2,000 net bonus for additional responsibilities performed, to be paid out in 2024; and to give the District Hydrogeologist a three percent salary increase effective January 1, 2025, as well as a \$2,000 net bonus for additional responsibilities performed, to be paid out

in 2024. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart).

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Rodney Eggleston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, Director abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Alan Burghart).

Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 12:44 pm.

David Bogner

David Bogner
Secretary
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