

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

APRIL 10, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting April 10, 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 9:35 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	Alan Burghart, Member
Gary Janzen, Member	Jake Martin, Member
David Stroberg, Member	Tom Adrian, District Attorney
Tim Boese, Manager	Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist
Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant	

Directors absent: Joe Bergkamp, Member and Rodney Eggleston, Member

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Jeff Lanterman, DWR, via phone	Dr. Marcy Aycock, REAP, via phone
Ted Saranchuk, Hutchinson	Don Koci, City of Colwich
Chip Redmond, KSU	Karen Rothe, HV Co. PZE, via phone

ITEM 1A -- APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the March 13, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp, Rodney Eggleston, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 1B -- REVIEW OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Board discussion reviewing the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes. Board consensus was to present the Annual Meeting minutes for approval at the next Annual Meeting.

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Jake Martin to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

March Financial Report

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the March 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Mike McGinn to approve the March 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

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

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM - NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW - NONE

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS - NONE

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) OATH OF OFFICE

Attorney Tom Adrian issued the Oath of Office to elected Board members David Bogner, Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn.

b) ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by David Bogner for Dale Schmidt to retain his position as Board President. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (Dale Schmidt), and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Alan Burghart for Vin Kissick to retain his position as Board Vice President. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (Vin Kissick), and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Michael Baalmann for David Bogner to retain his position as Board Secretary. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (David Bogner), and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by David Stroberg for Mike McGinn to retain his position as Board Treasurer. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (Mike McGinn), and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

c) DISTRICT WEATHER STATIONS UPGRADES OPTION, CHIP REDMOND, K-STATE UNIVERSITY

Chip Redmond, Kansas State University Mesonet Manager, provided the Board with a handout and presented to the Board the Equus Beds GMD2 Weather Station Renovation Phase 2 and Update. Discussion by the Board followed, and Chip answered questions from the Board. Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Alan Burghart to approve the upgrades to the Bentley and Hutchinson weather stations in 2024, not to exceed a total of \$12,000. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

d) BURRTON IGUCA AND HOLLOW-NIKKEL SWQUA SAMPLE COLLECTION & WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

Manager Tim Boese reviewed for the Board the Burrton IGUCA and Hollow-Nikkel SWQUA Sample Collection and Water Quality Analysis Information and Fact Sheet. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Board member Gary Janzen advised that he would check with the City of Wichita lab to see if they could assist the District. Tim informed the Board that he would bring any additional and/or new information to the next Board meeting. Moved by Michael Baalmann and seconded by Alan Burghart to table the Agenda Item until the May 2024 Board meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner at Division of Water Resources (DWR) Stafford, reported that Minimum Desirable Streamflow (MDS) is currently being administered on the following streams within the District: Little Arkansas River at Alta Mills, Arkansas River at Hutchinson, and North Fork Ninnescah River through Cheney. Jeff reported that the office is fully staffed.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

David Stroberg informed the Board that he attended a Kansas Water Authority (KWA) webinar on April 3, 2024, regarding the Kansas Water Plan Implementation. Julie Lorenz with Burns & McDonnell was the presenter of the webinar. District Manager Tim Boese and District Hydrogeologist Brad Barton also attended. Tim informed the Board that Board member Gary Janzen is also a member of the KWA Board. David informed the board that the next KWA meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024, in Garden City. David also informed the Board that the Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas has been scheduled for November 13-14, 2024, in Manhattan.

c) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board Secretary David Bogner informed the Board that the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) has not met since February, and that the next RAC meeting will be scheduled after the KWA meeting in Garden City on April 17, 2024.

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 March 14, 2024. Dr. Marcy Aycock, REAP Executive Director, informed the Board that REAP membership continues to grow as knowledge of REAP increases and that she continues to visit the numerous REAP communities. Tim and Dr. Aycock will continue to discuss the benefits and concerns of the District becoming a REAP member. Tim informed the Board that the next REAP meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that the Phase I recharge for February was 75.21 acre-feet, with 63% into Recharge Basin 2. There was no recharge for Phase II in February. The Phase I recharge for March was 28.9 acre-feet, with 63% into Recharge Basin 2. There was no recharge for Phase II in March. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 69.34% full (70.26% full in March). The level is 5.41 feet below normal (5.23 feet below normal in March). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 3.19 CFS (12.8 CFS in March); Valley Center is 17.3 CFS (52.6 in March). Tim reported that there were low flows for most of March, except a short duration increased flow event the second week of March.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in March, staff completed five application reviews, assisted with 33 applications (change applications, new applications, temporary applications, and cathodic protection borehole applications), performed 27 water permit consultations, completed eight preliminary safe yield evaluations, sold two new meters, repaired two meters, conducted 14 meter inspections, and processed a total of 258 administrative files including permit approvals, ownership changes, and 189 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 March.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for March.

Tim informed the Board that there was a High Plains Aquifer RCPP discussion on April 9, 2024. Tim reported that negotiations and specifics are still ongoing. Tim informed the Board that there is a KGMDA meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024. To date, the members have reviewed the bylaws and elected a new president and vice president.

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 updates from the District lobbyist. Tim will continue to send the Board the weekly legislative updates provided by the District lobbyist.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

There was no Board round table discussion.

ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Alan Burghart for the Board to go into Executive Session for consultation with the District Attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to the attorney consultation exception under the Kansas Open Meeting Act, and the open meeting will resume in the conference room at 11:36 p.m. Those present in Executive Session were: 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 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

Time in Executive Session: 11:21 p.m.
Time out of Executive Session: 11:36 p.m.

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Alan Burghart to continue with Tom Adrian as District Attorney and to give authority to the District Manager to provide the District's decision in a response to the notification letter from Adrian and Pankratz. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston).

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by Michael Baalmann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp and Rodney Eggleston). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:40 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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