

PROPOSED AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

Wednesday, May 8, 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

- a) David Yoder, Appropriation Application No. 50917, Reno County

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Burtron IGUCA and Hollow-Nikkel SWQUA Sample Collection & Water Quality Analysis

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals
- b) Master Irrigator Program – NRCS Conservation Collaboration Agreement Proposal

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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MAY 8, 2024

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting May 8, 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	David Bogner, Secretary
Michael Baalmann, Member	Joe Bergkamp, Member
Alan Burghart, Member	Rodney Eggleston, Member
Jake Martin, Member	David Stroberg, Member
Tom Adrian, District Attorney	Tim Boese, Manager
Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant

Directors absent: Vin Kissick, Vice President, Gary Janzen, Member, and Mike McGinn, Treasurer

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Cameron Conant, DWR, via phone	Scott Macey, City of Wichita
Riley Vande Ven, KWO	David Yoder, Applicant

ITEM 1 -- APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Moved by David Stroberg and seconded by David Bogner to approve the April 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 6 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 1 Director abstained (Rodney Eggleston), and 4 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, Jake Martin, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by Michael Baalmann to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, Jake Martin, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT

April Financial Report

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the April 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Michael Baalmann and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the April 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the May 2024 Expenditures to Approve and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Joe Bergkamp and seconded by Jake Martin to approve the May 2024 expenditures. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 5 -- PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

ITEM 6 -- APPEAL REVIEW

a) DAVID YODER, APPROPRIATION APPLICATION No. 50917, RENO COUNTY

Manager Tim Boese presented information regarding Appropriation Application No. 50917. The applicant was present, and he answered questions and provided additional information to the Board. Discussion by the Board followed.

FINDINGS:

1. The application does not comply with the Safe Yield Rule and Regulation 5-22-7;
2. Existing and proposed consumptive appropriations exceed the safe-yield allowable by 1,292.99 AF/Y; and
3. Recommending an exception to the Safe Yield Rule and Regulation 5-22-7 would significantly impair the ability of the District to apply and enforce the District's rules and regulations and management program.

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by Michael Baalmann to recommend that the application is not granted an exception to the Safe Yield Rule and Regulation K.A.R. 5-22-7, and a recommendation of denial is affirmed to the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 7 -- OLD BUSINESS

a) 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, which was tabled from the April Board meeting. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Moved by Joe Bergkamp and seconded by Michael Baalmann for the District staff to collect this year's samples and the District to pay for the analyses by SDK Laboratories. Motion carried with 8 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 3 Directors absent (Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn).

ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS

a) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY STRATEGIC PLANNING: INITIAL GOALS

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals and informed the Board that KWA would like input from the Board regarding these goals. Tim also stated that he received an email from Vijay Ramasamy, Governor Kelly's Special Advisor on Water, who offered to provide a presentation at the next Board meeting to inform the Board on the strategic planning process. Board member David Stroberg provided additional information regarding the KWA strategic planning process and initial goals. Board discussion followed. Tim will explore the possibility of having a virtual presentation prior to the next Board meeting and will update the Board with the information he receives.

b) MASTER IRRIGATOR PROGRAM – NRCS CONSERVATION COLLABORATION AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

Manager Tim Boese reviewed for the Board the proposed Creation of a Master Irrigator Program in Kansas, which was submitted for NRCS funding by GMD3, and would include all the GMDs. Tim stated that he may ask a Board member to sit on one of the advisory committees if the funding is approved. Board discussion followed and Tim answered questions from the Board. Tim will provide the Board with updates as needed.

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 Stafford office is doing a lot of field work on meter compliance relating to water users who over-pumped in 2022, which resulted in quantity reductions in 2024. Cameron also mentioned that they are preparing to start field inspections as the pumping season begins.

b) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

David Stroberg informed the Board that he attended a Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting on April 17, 2024, in Garden City. David reported that Karla Pierce, City of Hutchinson Assistant Director of Public Works was appointed to the Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee. David stated that he is planning to attend the Kansas Geological Survey Annual Field Conference June 11-13, 2024, in Manhattan, and he mentioned that Manager Tim Boese could nominate a Board member or District staff to attend. Board member Rodney Eggleston commented that he would be interested in attending and he would let Tim know if it worked with his schedule. David informed the Board that the next KWA meeting is scheduled for June 11, 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 on June 4, 2024, at the Winfield Public Library.

d) REGIONAL ECONOMIC AREA PARTNERSHIP OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the next Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas (REAP) meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024. Tim has a scheduling conflict, so Hydrogeologist Brad Barton will attend the meeting virtually.

ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT

a) ASR Project Report

Manager Tim Boese advised that the April report had not yet been received, but there was most likely no recharge due to low flows in the Little Arkansas River the entire month of April. Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 68.47% full (69.34% full in April). The level is 5.58 feet below normal (5.41 feet below normal in April). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 0.78 CFS (3.19 CFS in April); Valley Center is 18.5 CFS (17.3 in April). Tim reported that there were low flows for all of April.

b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS

Manager Tim Boese reported that in April, staff completed seven application reviews, assisted with 15 applications (change applications, new applications, temporary applications, and cathodic protection borehole applications), performed 25 water permit consultations, completed 14 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 636 water-level measurements, performed six abandoned well inspections/pluggings, repaired seven meters, conducted 14 meter inspections, and processed a total of 58 administrative files including permit approvals, review requests, and 33 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 April.

d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for April.

Tim informed the Board that discussions regarding the High Plains Aquifer Regional Conservation Partnership Program are ongoing, but there is nothing new to report. Tim also reminded the Board that there is a Kansas Groundwater Management District Association meeting scheduled for May 14, 2024.

e) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Manager Tim Boese reported that the 2024 legislative session has ended, but that Governor Kelly may call a special legislative session to discuss sales, income, and property tax reforms. Tim will continue to have regular communication with the District lobbyist, and he will update the Board as needed.

ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

There was Board discussion regarding moving the June Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts, but a date was not set due to several absent Board members. Manager Tim Boese will follow up with each Board member to check their availability and will inform the Board of the new June Board meeting date.

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Stroberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, Vin Kissick, and Mike McGinn). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:16 a.m.



David Bogner
Secretary
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