

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

**Wednesday, August 14, 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**

- a) July 10, 2024, Board Meeting
- b) 2025 Annual Budget Hearing

**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 – 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) Certification of 2023 Land and Water Assessments to County Clerks

**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**

**AUGUST 14, 2024**

The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a monthly meeting August 14, 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 9:33 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 Baalman, Member	Joe Bergkamp, Member
Alan Burghart, Member	Rodney Eggleston, Member
Jake Martin, Member	Tim Boese, Manager
Tom Adrian, District Attorney	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant
Brad Barton, Hydrogeologist	

Directors absent: Gary Janzen and David Stroberg

Others attending the meeting or portions thereof were:

Jeff Lanterman, DWR, via phone	Sean Boston, Eagle Media, via phone
Don Koci, Burns & McDonnell	

### **ITEM 1A -- APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2024, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by Rodney Eggleston to approve the July 10, 2024, Board meeting minutes as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp, Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, and David Stroberg).

### **ITEM 1B -- APPROVAL OF 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**

Moved by Rodney Eggleston and seconded by David Bogner to approve the 2025 Annual Budget Hearing minutes as written. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp, Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, and David Stroberg).

### **ITEM 2 -- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Manager Tim Boese recommended amending the Agenda to add Agenda Item 13: Executive Session - Personnel. Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Michael Baalman to accept Tim's recommendation and to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Directors absent (Joe Bergkamp, Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, and David Stroberg).

### **ITEM 3 -- FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **July Financial Report**

Manager Tim Boese reviewed the July 2024 Financial Report and answered questions from the Board. Moved by Mike McGinn and seconded by Michael Baalman to approve the July 2024 Financial Report. Motion carried with 7 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 4 Director absent (Joe Bergkamp, Alan Burghart, Gary Janzen, and David Stroberg).

**ITEM 4 -- APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

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

**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 informed the Board that the Kansas Water Authority Strategic Planning: Initial Goals was an ongoing process. Tim previously sent the Board the link to the Ag Webinar, which he watched with most of the other GMD managers at GMD5 in Stafford. Tim reported that there were 299 individuals registered for the webinar. Tim reported that during the webinar, a map of communities that are projected to have less than 25 years of water left was displayed. Tim stated that the map included the areas of Hutchinson, Valley Center, and Canton/Galva, neither of which are running out of water. Tim discussed the map with Vijay Ramasamy, the Governor's Special Advisor on Water, who advised that the map was being evaluated. Tim informed the Board that the Kansas Water Office is planning another round of regional water needs and priorities local consult meetings throughout the state, tentatively planned for September. Tim will inform the Board once these meetings are scheduled, and he encouraged the Board to attend a meeting if possible. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board.

**b) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES PROPOSED IMPAIRMENT REGULATIONS**

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the GMD managers were hoping to have a meeting with the Division of Water Resources (DWR) to review the proposed impairment regulations prior to the September 1, 2024, deadline for submitting comments, but that DWR has not yet scheduled such a meeting. Tim provided the Board with a Supplement to the Proposed Impairment Regulations document that he received yesterday from DWR. The Board reviewed the document, and Tim presented his GMD2 draft comments and questions. Tim also recommended that the District request additional time to submit final comments following discussions with DWR regarding the initial comments. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Moved by Joe Bergkamp and seconded by Alan Burghart for the District Manager to submit the four (4) draft comments and to request additional time to submit final comments following discussions with DWR regarding the initial comments. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Gary Janzen and David Stroberg).

**ITEM 8 -- NEW BUSINESS**

**a) CERTIFICATION OF 2023 LAND AND WATER ASSESSMENTS TO COUNTY CLERKS**

Manager Tim Boese provided the Board with information regarding the District's 2023 Land and Water assessments. Discussion by the Board followed, and Tim answered questions from the Board. Moved by Vin Kissick and seconded by Mike McGinn to certify the 2023 Land and Water Assessments and to send the certified assessments to the four (4) counties in the District for collection. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Gary Janzen and David Stroberg).



## **ITEM 9 -- AGENCY & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner at Division of Water Resources (DWR) Stafford, informed the Board that both Chief Engineer Earl Lewis and Water Appropriation Program Manager Lane Letourneau made themselves available yesterday to discuss the proposed impairment regulations with the GMD managers, but that they were told that the GMD manager would prefer a zoom call at a later date. Tim clarified that the GMD managers would still welcome a discussion with DWR regarding the proposed impairment regulations. Jeff reported that DWR will issue Minimum Desirable Streamflow (MDS) orders at the Little Arkansas River above Valley Center soon.

### **c) KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY**

Manager Tim Boese informed the Board that the next Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024, in Wichita. Tim will attend the meeting, and he encouraged the Board to attend if their schedules allow.

### **d) EQUUS – WALNUT REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Board Secretary David Bogner informed the Board that he was unable to attend the last Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting. He stated that he requested information following the meeting, but he has not yet received anything. Manager Tim Boese advised he was also unable to attend the meeting. District Hydrogeologist Brad Barton attended the meeting virtually. David informed the Board that the RAC chairman will present at the KWA meeting on August 21, 2024, in Wichita.

### **e) 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 August 8, 2024. Tim reported that no water topics were discussed during the REAP meeting, but that REAP continues to plan for a water-themed meeting soon.

## **ITEM 10 -- MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **a) ASR Project Report**

Manager Tim Boese advised that in July, Phase 1 operated for three days for a total of 30.35 AF (64.6% into RB2) and Phase 2 operated for four days for a total of 154.18 AF (60.1% in RB36). Cheney Reservoir: Conservation pool is 60.49% full (65.27% full in July). The level is 7.23 feet below normal (6.23 feet below normal in July). Flow today: North Fork Ninnescah above Cheney Reservoir is 21.0 CFS (39.7 CFS in July). No Cheney release. Flow today: Little Ark - Highway 50 is 0 CFS (24.8 CFS in July); Valley Center is 9.58 CFS (105.0 CFS in July). Tim reported that there were low flows most of July except for a short duration the second week.

### **b) ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD TASKS**

Manager Tim Boese reported that in July, staff completed eight application reviews, assisted with 16 applications (change applications, new applications, and temporary applications), performed 31 water permit consultations, completed 20 preliminary safe yield evaluations, conducted 631 water-level measurements, performed one abandoned well inspection/plugging, collected 28 water samples, repaired three meters, conducted seven meter inspections, and processed 65 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 July.

**d) MONTHLY INFORMATION & SERVICE REPORT**

Manager Tim Boese presented customer service requests for July.

Tim informed the Board that discussions regarding the High Plains Aquifer Regional Conservation Partnership Program are ongoing, and that he participated in a meeting with the GMD managers yesterday. Additional meetings with the GMDs, DOC, and NRCS are being planned. Tim reminded the Board that he is working with KGS regarding a geospatial/time analysis of the District's water quality database, and that KGS is moving forward with a review of the District's water quality data, focusing on chloride and nitrates. Tim informed the Board that he attended the Farm Bureau Water Committee meeting and tours on July 31, 2024, and August 1, 2024, during which time he gave a lengthy presentation and toured the new City of Wichita Treatment Plant. Tim also attended the Flickner Innovation Farm Field Day on August 1, 2024. Tim informed the Board that he received a VOIP phone system quote from Ideatek, and that he is setting up a meeting with 360 Document Solutions to discuss phone and Conference Room technology options.

**f) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Manager Tim Boese reminded the Board that the Kansas legislators are still out of session and there have not been any water committee meetings over the summer. Tim emailed the Board the results from the recent primary elections, and he will continue to forward any correspondence from the lobbyist to the Board.

**ITEM 11 -- ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE**

**ITEM 12 -- BOARD ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Board Treasurer Mike McGinn questioned if the City of Wichita had reconsidered the use of El Dorado Lake as an additional source of water. Discussion by the Board followed. Board member Rodney Eggleston informed the Board that the City of Valley Center recently joined The WaterReuse Association, which is dedicated to championing the use of recycled water. Rodney suggested that Board members look into the association and consider if the District could benefit from joining. Board President Dale Schmidt questioned the need for Board member's personal phone numbers and email addresses on the District website, citing concerns of increased spamming. Discussion by the Board followed. District Attorney Tom Adrian stated that there is no legal requirement that Board member contact information be posted online. Board consensus was to remove the personal information from the website, but to have it readily available at the District office if requested by District members.

**ITEM 13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

Moved by Jake Martin and seconded by Alan Burghart for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel 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 11:45 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 Directors absent (Gary Janzen and David Stroberg).

Time in Executive Session: 11:35 a.m.

Time out of Executive Session: 11:46 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Moved by David Bogner and seconded by Joe Bergkamp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 2 Directors absent (Gary Janzen and David Stroberg). Dale Schmidt, President, adjourned the Board meeting at 11:47 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bogner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Bogner  
Secretary  
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