

**PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED FY 2019 BUDGET
EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
10:30 a.m.
Conference Room**

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AGENDA

Opening Remarks	Jeff Winter President
Presentation of Publication Affidavits	David Bogner Secretary
Proposed FY 2020 Budget.....	Mike McGinn Treasurer
	Tim Boese Manager
Public Comment.....	Audience
Adjourn	Jeff Winter President

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The Board of Directors for the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 held a budget hearing July 17, 2019, in the conference room of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 in Halstead, Kansas. President Jeff Winter called the hearing to order at 10:30 a.m.

Directors and staff present during all or portions of the meeting:

Jeff Winter, President	Vin Kissick, Vice-President
David Bogner, Secretary	Mike McGinn, Treasurer
Alan Burghart, Member	Joe Pajor, Member
Dale Schmidt, Member	Bob Seiler, Member
David Stroberg, Member	Tom Adrian, Attorney
Tim Boese, Manager	Rebecca Wilson, Admin. Assistant

David Bogner, Secretary, advised the legal notice was published in The Hutchinson News, The McPherson Sentinel, and The Wichita Eagle on June 12, 2019, and in The Newton Kansan on June 13, 2019.

Mike McGinn, Treasurer, and Tim Boese, Manager, presented the proposed FY 2020 budget for review and discussion.

The FY 2020 budget proposed an assessment rate of \$2.00 per acre-foot of water, and a proposed assessment rate of \$0.05 per acre of land, for total assessment revenue of \$742,801. Expenditures would total \$787,801.

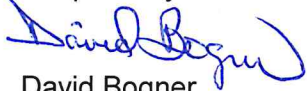
President Jeff Winter asked if the audience had any comments. Audience member Don Henry with the City of Wichita addressed the Board regarding the proposed 2020 Budget. Mr. Henry recalled that during the previous legislative process, the City of Wichita was not in opposition of increasing the water assessment cap and, in fact, favored the increase and promoted it by providing testimony to the legislative committee. Mr. Henry stated that the City of Wichita took that position in the spirit of being a good partner for good stewardship of the aquifer. Mr. Henry went on to state that at that time, the GMD2 Board promised, based on information from District staff, that the planned expenditures of the District would not reach the assessment cap for a number of years. Mr. Henry alleged that this promise was what now seems like a veiled diversionary tactic to get what the Board was after, and he questioned what is next for the District, and what do the planned expenditures for beyond 2020 look like? Mr. Henry also questioned how anticipated increases are being considered, and if there is a plan for the Board to attempt to increase the cap again in the future? Mr. Henry continued to say that the District's loss in credibility with the legislature and District partners would make that process more difficult.

Board Treasurer, Mike McGinn, responded that he has discussed the District budget with a significant number of District constituents, and he has received a favorable response to the increase in assessment rate. Board Vice President Vin Kissick stated that he has asked a few constituents about the assessment rate increase, and they have all been supportive of the District's efforts. Manager Tim Boese stated that the District does not plan to continue indefinitely at the recommended higher water assessment rate, and he hopes to lower the rate in the near future. Tim further advised that the increased water assessment was necessary due to recent extreme unexpected expenses and those expenses were not contemplated when the assessment cap was raised by the legislation. Vin also informed the Board that GMD5 is temporarily raising their assessment rate to \$2.00/acre foot due to extraordinary circumstances.

Moved by Bob Seiler and seconded by Alan Burghart to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Motion carried with 9 Directors for, 0 Directors against, 0 Directors abstained, and 0 Directors absent.

President Jeff Winter adjourned the hearing at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Bogner
Secretary

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