



GMD3 Board Room, 2009 East Spruce St. Garden City, KS 67846

Meeting in person and via Zoom

December 10th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

President Jones called to order the December 10, 2024, Upper Arkansas River Basin Watershed meeting at 10:03 a.m. in the GMD3 Board Room.

Welcome and Introductions

Directors Present in Person or Via Zoom

<u>Fred Jones,</u>	<u>President, Municipal Representative</u>
<u>Hugh Brownlee,</u>	<u>Treasurer, At Large</u>
<u>Troy Dumler,</u>	<u>Surface Water Representative,</u>
<u>Monte Morgan,</u>	<u>At Large</u>
<u>Sam Hands,</u>	<u>Stock/Industrial Representative</u>

Directors Absent with Notice

<u>Bill Simshauser,</u>	<u>Vice President, Conservation Representative</u>
<u>Gina Gigot,</u>	<u>Secretary, Groundwater Representative</u>
<u>Abram Lollar,</u>	<u>Recreation/Environment Representative</u>

Member and Others Present in Person or Via Zoom

Kevin Salter	DWR, Division of Water Resources
Kate Glanville	NRCS
Patty Stapleton	SW KS GMD3
Trevor Ahring	SW KS GMD3
Jason Norquest,	SW KS GMD3
Keadron Pearson,	Kansas Water Office
Callan Izatt,	DWR, Division of Water Resources
Scott Satterthwaite	KDHE, Watershed Management
Emily Vsetchka	Sunflower Electric
Titas Jaeger	Producer
Kurtis Meier	District Wildlife Biologist – Garden City, KS



Approval of Agenda

President Jones asked to consider the December 10, 2024, meeting agenda. **Hugh Brownlee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Monte Morgan seconded. The motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes

President Jones drew the board's attention to the October 22nd, 2024, minutes. **Hugh Brownlee moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Troy Dumler seconded. The motion passed.**

Financial Report

President Jones drew the board's attention to the Financial Reports. The balance in the Checking account is \$1,813.01. **Hugh Brownlee moved to approve the financial as presented. Sam Hands seconded. The motion passed.**

Information Presentation

Opportunities with the National Water Quality Initiative-Kate Glanville

Kate Glanville with NRCS spoke to the group about the National Water Quality Initiative. Trevor noted that Submitting a grant for Phase II would provide additional funding to users within the watershed area on projects that save water and improve water quality. Kate reviewed the practice list and explained many of them.

The group reviewed which practices would be useful in the area (to name a few)

- Salinity and Sodic Soil Management
- Nutrient Management
- Irrigation Water Management
- Irrigation drainage and tailwater recovery
- Irrigation canal or lateral
- Irrigation ditch lining
- Irrigation field lining
- Irrigation pipeline
- Irrigation reservoir
- Irrigation system, micro irrigation
- Irrigation system, surface and subsurface.

Old Business

Fundraising and Annual Meeting Information

The committee discussed fundraising opportunities. Trevor said the Applebee fundraiser has changed its fundraising guidelines, and the result may not be worth our time. Bingo may still be an option; however, it seems like bingo is very popular in the area and could be a lot of preparation for the outcome. Consideration of a silent auction during the 2nd annual meeting was highly favored.

Fred Jones stressed that it may be time to reach out to businesses to support the Watershed Group. A letter explaining the group's formation and benefits sent to the companies could help.



New Business

2025 Board Election

Trevor proposed to consider adding another director. The added director would help reach a quorum more easily. As a reminder, if you are coming off the board this next year, start looking for your replacement.

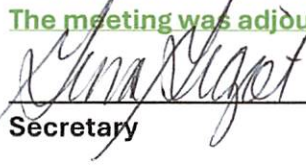
Public Comments and Announcements

Callan Izaat with DWR reminded everyone that ARCA was happening this Thursday and Friday at the Clarion.

Adjournment

Sam Hands moved to adjourn the meeting at noon, and Monte Morgan seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.


Secretary


Recording Secretary