

UPPER ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN WATERSHED GROUP

GMD3 Board Room, 2009 E. Spruce St. Garden City, 67846

Meeting in person and by Zoom.

October 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice President Jones called to order the October 17, 2023, Upper Arkansas River Basin Watershed meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was in the GMD3 Board Room.

Welcome and Introductions

Directors Present

Fred Jones, Vice-President, Municipal Representative

Gina Gigot, Secretary, Groundwater Representative

Hugh Brownlee, Treasurer, At Large

Troy Dumler, Surface Water Representative,

Sam Hands, Stock/Industrial Representative

Directors Absent with Notice

Abram Lollar, President, Recreation/Environment Representative

Bill Simshauser, Conservation Representative

Monte Morgan, At Large

Members and others Present

Kevin Salter DWR

Patty Stapleton SW KS GMD3

Trevor Ahring SW KS GMD3

Roy Dixon

Keadron Pearson

Clint Goodrich, Environment Scientist, KDHE

Johnathan Aguilar, KSU

Tom Stiles

Michael Beezhold, KDHE

Emily Vsetecka,

Approve Agenda

Vice President Jones asked to consider the October 17, 2023, meeting agenda. Hugh Brownlee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Vice President Jones drew the board's attention to the September 12, 2023, minutes. Gina Gigot moved to approve the minutes as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Letters of Support for Grant Opportunities

Deerfield

Trevor Ahring read a letter President Lollar wrote in support of the City of Deerfield WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants. Gina Gigot Moved to approve the support letter, and Sam Hands seconded. Motion passed.

GMD3

Trevor Ahring read a letter President Lollar wrote in support of Southwest Kansas GMD3 under the Reclamation WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant. Sam Hands moved to approve the support letter. Gina Gigot seconded. Motion passed. Hugh Brownlee opposed.

Fundraising Event-Hidden Trail Brewery, November 18, 2023

Trevor announced the group's first fundraising event will happen at Hidden Trail Brewery on November 18, 2023. From November 1 until the 18th, participants can submit photos; people will place funds in the jar of their favorite photo, and the finale will be during the intermission of the vocal act, Savanna Chestnut.

Website Design

Trevor reviewed the website, which is in the preliminary stage. UpperArkWatershed.com

Logo Design

Trevor displayed the four logo options that Monty's daughter created. Monty stated he liked option two the best. Troy Dumler asked what this logo would go on. Trevor said it could go on stationery, website, t-shirts, etc. Troy stressed the finer detail, the harder it is to be put on some items. Sam Hands asked for the other logos seen at the prior meeting to be displayed. Hugh Brownlee moved for Option One design of the newly presented design with font #4. Gina Gigot seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Checking Account

Discussion occurred on who would be authorized signers of the checking account and how many there should be. The consensus was the Treasurer and President and two staff signers. Troy moved to have the Treasurer and President as signers, along with two GMD3 staff members, Trevor Ahring and Patty Stapleton. Gina seconded. Motion passed.

November Meeting Date

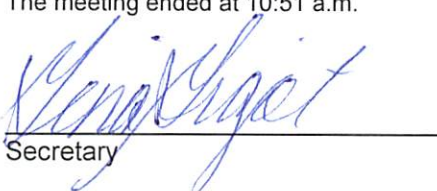
Trevor will send a doodle poll for meeting date options for November 7, 8, 13th.

Announcements

Kevin Salter announced that the John Martin Reservoir celebration will occur this weekend.

Adjournment

Troy moved to adjourn. Gina Gigot seconded.
The meeting ended at 10:51 a.m.


Secretary
Recording Secretary

Projects Roundtable

- Fishpond on Buffalo Reserve
- Public Outreach/Education
- Wildwood Park
- Terrace to refill Hamilton County Lake or use Ft. Aubrey Ditch Right
- Removal of tamarisk
- Saltcedar removal from Dodge City to John Martin (Ducks CIG Proposal)
- City of Garden City feasibility study for water reuse
- Playa Restoration Program (Ducks)
- Repairing breach upstream of Garden City
- Rebates for municipal water conservation
- Creating Recreational Opportunities
- Restore Fort Aubrey / Spring Creek Lake east of Syracuse
- Assess / Evaluate strategic ditch lining to improve delivery and confine spread
- Evaluation of produced Water reuse
- Augmenting Basin Water Supply
- Groundwater Conservation
- Managed Aquifer Recharge
- Xeroscape Reduce lawn water use
- Deficit irrigation on crops
- Saline Water Management
- Livestock Water Conservation
- Expansion of BDA around tributaries
- Soil Health
- Infiltration
- NWQI

Mission Statement

**To improve and protect the quality and quantity of the Arkansas River
and connected aquifers for the sustainability of life in the basin.**

Review of timeline for milestones

It appears that the group is ahead of schedule.

- ✓ June 2022: kick-off meeting, allowing stakeholders to be acquainted with each other. (completed)
- ✓ August 2022: advertise the group to potential members. (on-going)
- ✓ October 2022: Develop a Mission Statement. (completed)
- ✓ January 2023: Draft Bylaws and articles of incorporation (completed)
- ✓ February 2023: Submit 270 Day report to the Bureau of Reclamation (completed)
- April 2023: Finalize Bylaws and articles of incorporation. (Articles of Incorporation completed)
- June 2023: Select a coordinator/facilitator in accordance with the adopted Bylaws
- August 2022 through June 2024: Discuss project concepts and the watershed restoration plan.
- June 2024: Pass a final watershed restoration plan, including a prioritized list of projects and goals for the future.