



GMD3 Board Room, 2009 East Spruce St.  
Garden City, KS 67846  
Meeting in person and Via Zoom

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice President Sam Hands

**Directors Present**

- Sam Hands, Vice President, Stock/Industrial Representative
- Hugh Brownlee, Treasurer, At Large
- Troy Dumler, Surface Water Representative,
- Monte Morgan, At Large
- Fred Jones, Municipal Representative
- Bob Price, At Large

**Directors Absent**

- Bill Simshauser, President, Conservation Representative
- Gina Gigot, Secretary, Groundwater Representative
- Abram Lollar, Recreation/Environment Representative

**Member and Others Present**

- Trevor Ahring, SW KS GMD3
- Keadron Pearson, Kansas Water Office
- Callan Izatt, DWR, Division of Water Resources
- Scott Satterthwaite, KDHE, Watershed Management
- Titus Jaeger, Producer
- Emily Vsetcka, Sunflower Electric Corp.
- Brandi Sneath, SW KS GMD3
- Patty Stapleton SW KS GMD3

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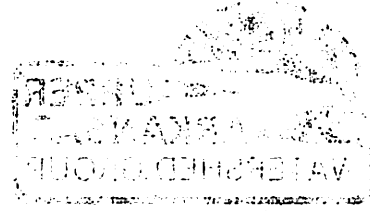
Vice President Hands requested that the agenda for the January 13th meeting be considered. Seeing no additions, Fred Jones moved to approve the agenda as presented. Hugh Brownlee seconded. The motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

President Simshauser drew the board's attention to the minutes of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fred Jones moved to approve the minutes as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. The motion passed.

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### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Hugh Brownlee drew the board's attention to the Financial Reports. The balance in the Checking account is \$3,922.42. No checks were written.

Hugh Brownlee moved to approve the financials as presented. Monte Morgan seconded. The motion passed.

### **Information Presentation**

#### Update on GMD3 Conservation Initiative- Trevor Ahring

GMD3 board and staff are nearing finalization of the plan. The approach is to utilize ICARE regions. GMD3 wants to look long-term and take small cuts along the way to get to stable in no longer than 25 years; however, most are 20 years, and some are 5-15 years. The goal is to aggressively stabilize the aquifer. GMD3 hopes to reach goals by allocating from the base water right, but limit the reduction from recent use to 10%. Those irrigating below the base water right threshold won't take a cut during the first 5 years and will be held to their recent use. Everyone will take reductions from their LEMA allocations every 5 years until regional goals are met. There will be an appeals process; this process has not been determined.

### **Old Business**

#### KDHE Infiltration Catchments-Watershed Restoration Plan- Scott Satterthwaite

The KDHE requested that infiltration catchments and Hickenbottom drains be added to the watershed restoration plan. The proposal includes catching runoff water from ag lands before it flows into the Upper Arkansas River. The goal is to minimize uranium's impact by diluting it with recharge water. Trevor received preliminary numbers from KGS that support the project. Monte Morgan suggested using the word "precipitation" instead of "run off" when submitting the proposal. The board agreed to the request but would like to see the wording changed before taking action. Trevor will update the wording based on the board's suggestions and present it at the next meeting.

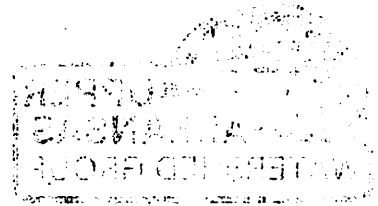
#### Annual Meeting Discussion

- Potential date: April 8
- Speakers: Jim Butler, KGS, and Trevor Ahring, GMD3
- Entertainment: Larry Billberry (potential, free of charge)
- Silent auction: Plan to continue
- Potential venue: The Refinery in Garden City

#### GMD3 Grant to NASA-Letter of Support Request

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### **New Business**

#### **NWQI Projects**

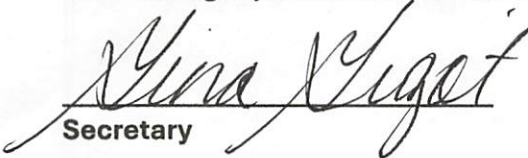
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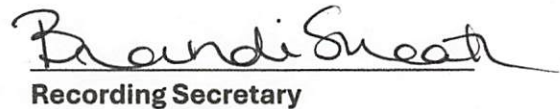
### **Public Comments and Announcements**

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### **Adjournment**

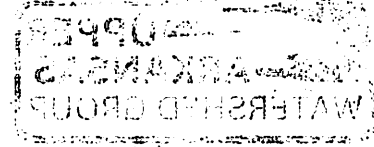
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