



GMD3 Board Room, 2009 E. Spruce St. Garden City, 67846
Meeting in person and by Zoom.
August 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Vice President Simshauser called to order the August 20th, 2024, Upper Arkansas River Basin Watershed meeting at 10: 02 a.m. The meeting was in the GMD3 Board Room. President Jones took over the meeting at this time.

Welcome and Introductions

Directors Present

Fred Jones, President, Municipal Representative
Bill Simshauser, Vice President, Conservation Representative
Hugh Brownlee, Treasurer, At Large
Troy Dumler, Surface Water Representative,
Sam Hands, Stock/Industrial Representative
Monte Morgan, At Large

Directors Absent with Notice

Gina Gigot, Secretary, Groundwater Representative
Abram Lollar, Recreation/Environment Representative

Members and others Present in Person or Via Zoom

Kevin Salter	DWR
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
Michael Beezhold,	KDHE, Watershed Management
Jonathan Aguilar	Kansas State University
Hannah Glass	

Approve Agenda

President Jones asked to consider the agenda for the August 20th, 2024, meeting. [Bill Simshauser made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. The motion passed.](#)

Approval of Minutes

President Jones drew the board's attention to the June 11th, 2024, minutes and the July 23rd, 2024, minutes. [Bill Simshauser moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Troy Dumler seconded. The motion passed.](#)

Financial Report

President Jones drew the board's attention to the Financial Reports. Hugh Brownlee provided the update on the financials stating the balance in the bank is \$2,193.71. [Hugh Brownlee moved to approve the Financials as presented. Sam Hands seconded. The motion passed.](#)

Watershed Restoration Plan

Feedback and Updates to the Watershed Restoration Plan

Trevor Ahring went through the Watershed Restoration Plan. Suggested edits were made throughout the plan. Trevor will update and send out for everyone to review.

Old Business

Fundraising

Joscelyn reached out to some contacts on holding a 5K race. To host a successful run, it may be too soon to look at October or November, so we are considering next spring. She also looked into hosting a Bingo night at the Elks Lodge, which charges \$400 for the small room and \$600 for the larger room. Other venue options discussed included Coolidge, Deerfield, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and the Senior Center. Other fundraising ideas mentioned were trap shoots and sporting clays.

Recreational Trails Program Grants

Trevor Ahring contacted Finney County, and they already engineered a whole design.

New Business

Wix Website Renewal

Trevor mentioned the renewal of the website and our domain in October. The domain can be renewed for one, two, or three years. The cost for a two-year term is \$32.70. Our website also needs to be renewed in October, and the cost for one year is \$324.00. Troy Dumler proposed to renew the domain for two years at \$32.70 and the website for one year at \$324.00. Bill Simshauser seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Announcements

Jonathan Aguilar reminded those in attendance of the K-State Field Day that will happen on August 29th at the K-State Extension station.

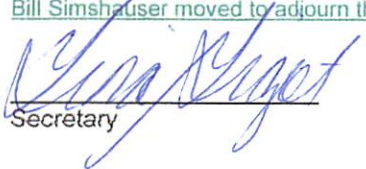
The Bottom-Line conference is this Thursday and Friday, August 22 & 23, at the Kearny County Fairgrounds in Lakin, KS.

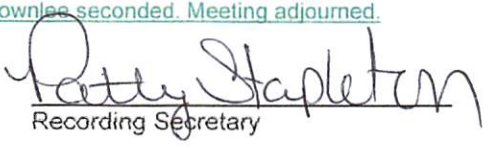
The GMD3 next board meeting will include planning meetings on HB 2279. If the state allows us, we will send out a mass email otherwise we will do a mass mailing.

KWO will hold the second local consult meeting will be in Dodge City, September 18th 9:00 a.m. until noon. At Boothill Conference Center.

Adjournment

Bill Simshauser moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. Hugh Brownlee seconded. Meeting adjourned.


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.