



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

October 21st, 2025

Meeting Called to Order

President Simshauser called the October 21, 2025, Upper Arkansas River Basin to order at 10:00 a.m. in the GMD3 Board Room.

Welcome and Introductions

Directors Present in Person or Via Zoom

Bill Simshauser,	President, Conservation Representative
Sam Hands,	Vice President, Stock/Industrial Representative
Gina Gigot,	Secretary, Groundwater Representative
Troy Dumler,	Surface Water Representative,

Directors Absent with Notice

Hugh Brownlee,	Treasurer, At Large
Fred Jones,	Municipal Representative
Abram Lollar,	Recreation/Environment Representative
Monte Morgan,	At Large
Bob Price	At Large

Member and Others Present in Person or Via Zoom

Kevin Salter	DWR, Division of Water Resources
Trevor Ahring	SW KS GMD3
Keadron Pearson,	Kansas Water Office
Scott Satterthwaite	KDHE, Watershed Management
Titas Jaeger	Producer
Brian Serpan,	Southern High Plains
Roy Dixon,	
Representative Sandy Pickert	

Approval of Agenda

President Simshauser requested that the agenda for the October 21 meeting be considered. Seeing no additions, President Simshauser considered the meeting agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes

President Simshauser drew the board's attention to the minutes of September 23rd. The minutes were reviewed, with no edits. Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes were tabled until the December meeting.



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Financial Report

Patty Stapleton drew the board's attention to the Financial Reports. The balance in the Checking account is \$3,922.42. One check was written for the Wix website for \$348.00, payable to GMD3, because their credit card is on file for the renewal.

Old Business

KDHE Infiltration Catchments-Watershed Restoration Plan

Scott Satterthwaite with KDHE spoke to the group about infiltration Catchments. Two infiltration-basin pilot projects are being considered in GMD1. These projects are designed to evaluate whether freshwater can be recharged into the aquifer and whether it could reduce mineralization in lower areas beneath the basin. A potential site would be located in a playa, which may reduce excavation needs due to the playa's existing hydrologic capture zone. Small berms or flow-direction structures may be needed. Scott recommended adding this project to the Watershed Restoration Plan so that funding for similar projects within the Watershed will be easier to obtain and to avoid needing to amend it later (if the pilot is successful). Keeping the language general and research-focused would allow flexibility for future pilot sites.

The recharge capacity is still being measured, and more definitive information may be available by the end of the year after additional data collection. The goal is to determine whether groundwater and baseflow improve. The group agreed it would be beneficial for Scott Ishman, from KGS, who is leading the project, to join the next meeting and answer questions, especially because several regular attendees who typically take an interest in playa impacts were absent today.

Annual Meeting Discussion

A discussion was held about the annual meeting scheduled for April and the benefits it would have if scheduled around the Kansas Water Authority meeting. Suggestions for entertainment included Larry Billberry (music), the K-State TAPs game, and a guest speaker, AEM Mapping.

New Business

Fundraising

Trevor noted that we may consider sending mailings to businesses to raise funds at the end of the year, as we did last year.

GMD3 Grant to NASA-Letter of Support Request

GMD3 is writing a grant to NASA.

The NASA program works by showing a map of your fields. You can see how much water you have used so far this year, showing it in feet. Precipitation is evapotranspiration, which is not water used. Trevor demonstrated a simple equation built into the dashboard that will convert it to feet. The equation is accurate to within 10-15%. Trevor asked if the committee would consider writing a letter of support. Since we do not have a quorum, he can send an email to the board members for a vote (it must be unanimous).



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November Meeting

November is a tough month to meet due to conferences and Thanksgiving. Consensus was to skip the November meeting and meet on December 16th.

Public Comments and Announcements

- ARKWIN will be meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.; however, it is not necessarily a public meeting.
- There is a field day on Tuesday in Springfield, Colorado.
- K-State will hold an online webinar on the 30th about center pivot uniformity. How to test and fix yield grains.
- October 23: economic conference at KU focusing on water. Katie Durham and Fred Jones are on the panel.
- GMD3 is still working on LEMA plans and the conservation initiative. There is a hearing on Monday that will affect the plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.


Secretary


Recording Secretary