



**GMD3 Board Room, 2009 E. Spruce St. Garden City, 67846**  
Meeting in person and by Zoom.  
September 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Vice President Bill Simshauser called to order the September 17, 2024, Upper Arkansas River Basin Watershed meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was in the GMD3 Board Room.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Directors Present**

Bill Simshauser, Vice President, Conservation Representative

Gina Gigot, Secretary, Groundwater Representative

Hugh Brownlee, Treasurer, At Large

Troy Dumler, Surface Water Representative,

**Directors Absent with Notice**

Sam Hands, Stock/Industrial Representative

Monte Morgan, At Large

Abram Lollar, Recreation/Environment Representative

Fred Jones, President, Municipal Representative

**Members and others Present**

Kevin Salter DWR

Patty Stapleton SW KS GMD3

Trevor Ahring SW KS GMD3

Jason Norquest GMD3

Titus Jeager Lakin, KS

Kurtis Meiers

Bob Price Producer, Kearny County

Callan Izatt, DWR, Division of Water Resources

Michael Beezhold, KDHE, Watershed Management

Scott Satterthwaite KDHE, Watershed Management

Travis Lovelandy, City of Lakin, KS

There was not a quorum present.

**Financial Report**

President Jones drew the board's attention to the Financial Reports. Hugh Brownlee updated the board on the financials, stating there are \$2193.71 in the account with a bill pending for the website renewal.

**Watershed Restoration Plan**

Feedback and Updates to the Watershed Restoration Plan

Trevor turned the committee's attention to the Restoration Plan and asked for the copy as is to be placed on the website. Trevor stated if anyone has any pictures they would like in the plan to send them to him.

Consensus was to go ahead and put on the website.

**Old Business**

**Fundraising**

Trevor updated the committee on Bingo fundraising. He stated that unless we make more than \$25,000 we do not need a license. As far as the Bingo equipment, we may want to consider owning our own if this will be a reoccurring fundraiser. Seems like the equipment would be under \$200.00. Consensus of the group was to wait two to three months to be better prepared. Patty and Trevor will continue to look into venues for a January Bingo night.

**New Business**

**2025 Annual Meeting Planning**

Discussion was held on the 2025 Annual Meeting. There is nothing in the by-laws stating where the annual meeting should be held, however, the same month would probably be best. The dates we are looking at are April 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion. Entertainment is still up in the air, if there are any suggestions just let us know. Peterson Brothers would be \$2,500 for two brothers and \$1,500 for one.

**Meeting Updates**

- Kearny County Conservation District is planning on having a farmer to farmer presentation, September 30<sup>th</sup>. at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- GMD3 will hold Producer Meetings around November 19-22. Looking at Garden City, Dodge City, Ulysses and Sublette. Main topic will be setting goals and how to reach them.
- ARCA will hold Committees meeting on Thursday, December 12 and the Annual Meeting on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Meeting will be held in Garden Ctiy, exact location is unknown at this time.
- Governors Water Conference is November 13 and 14, 2024 in Manhattan, Ks.

**Public Comments and Announcements**


Scott Satterthwaite announced as soon as the watershed restoration plan goes on the website he will take that information and put it into an alternative watershed plan.

**Adjournment**

October meeting scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> at the GMD3 Board Room

The meeting ended at 11:00a.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.**