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Board Meeting Agenda and Information Packet

Roswell, New Mexico

March 4, 2026

- 1) Open Meeting – Bob McCrea, GMDA Vice President
- 2) Consideration and Approval of July 22, 2025, Idaho Falls Minutes – Tylr Naprstek, GMDA Secretary-Treasurer
- 3) Treasurer's Report – Naprstek
Discussion/Possible Action: Retention of Accounting/Bookkeeping Services
- 4) Committee Reports/Committee Assignments
 - a) National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues-Jason Norquest **2026 NWRA Dues Statement**
 - b) Membership-Tylr Naprstek
Discussion/Possible Action: Outstanding list of unpaid members
 - c) Water Quality-Aron Balok
 - d) Website-Kyle Sprouse
Discussion/Possible Action: Streamline price change/fee increase. Appointing new website/social media operators
 - e) Awards-Tylr Naprstek
- 5) Consideration of GMDA Constitution-Steve Walthour
Discussion/Possible Action: Split Secretary-Treasurer into two offices
- 6) Change of Presidents/Election of Officers
 - a) President-Bob McCrea, New Mexico
 - b) Vice-President-**Nomination/Action**
 - c) Secretary-Treasurer- **Tylr Naprstek**
- 7) 2026 Summer Conference - Texas is in rotation
- 8) 2027 Annual Conference-dependent on election of Vice President
- 9) Other Business as Needed
- 10) Adjourn

GMDA 2026 Conference Board Meeting
March 4, 2026
Roswell, New Mexico
Mark Members Present

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	John Woodling	Trevor Joseph		Paul Ortega
Colorado	Kyle Sprouse	Tom Sauter	Billy Mihelich	Randy Ray Billy Mihelich
Kansas	Katie Durham	Jason Norquest	Tim Boese/Orin Feril	
Idaho		Paul Arrington	Jaxon Higgs	
Louisiana	Mark Frey	J A Rummmler	William Daniel	Gary Beard
Mississippi	John McKee	Dillard Melton	Daniel Shannon	Ben Griffith
Nebraska	Brian Bruckner		Tylr Naprstek	Lyndon Vogt
New Mexico		Aron Balok	Kelli Goodpasture	Robert McCrea
Texas	Britney Britten	Steve Walthour	Leah Martinsson	Robert Bradley

1) Open Meeting – Robert McCrea, GMDA Vice-President opened the meeting at 7:06 AM. A quorum of 7 out of 9 member states were present.

2) Consideration and Approval of July 22, 2025, Minutes – Tylr Naprstek, GMDA Secretary- Treasurer

Naprstek provided the Board with minutes from the July 22nd, 2025, meeting held in Idaho Falls. Discussion included previous minutes, discussion on accounting/bookkeeping services, financial report and committee reports. A motion was made by Griffiths seconded by Balok to approve minutes as presented

Finances

Naprstek passed out the 2025 bank ledger which showed as of June 30, 2025, GMDA's bank balance in US Bank was \$111,557.56 which reflects a beginning balance of \$131,358.07 on January 2, 2025, \$2,152.99 of income, and \$21,953.50 in expenses for the period from January 1-June 30, 2025. Since January 1, 2025, GMDA has received \$2,150.00 from membership dues and \$2.99 in interest. Expenses include \$16,000 for NWRA Annual Dues, \$5,803.50 to the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District in reimbursement for 2025 Annual Conference (Temecula, California) expenses, and \$150.00 for website maintenance expenses.

Vice President Bob McCrea accepted the financial report and thanked Naprstek for filing the 2025 GMDA taxes with the IRS. Old business continued with discussions regarding the acquisition of a bookkeeping or accounting service to assist with handling the finances and properly filing taxes. Aron Balok suggested his Brother-In-Law, Kindyl Sager, Naprstek stated that he would provide previous tax reports and have an initial meeting to discuss potential responsibilities.

Membership

Naprstek reported that currently, there are 53 members (32 District, 5 organizational, 7

affiliates, and 9 individual) and 1 known lifetime member, Tony Duplechin. Other honorary lifetime members mentioned were Steve Walthour, AJ Olsson, Linda Luebbe, honorary lifetime members in GMDA. Members are from 14 States: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

GMDA Vice President Bob McCrea accepted the membership report and referred to the Membership Committee for a list of outstanding, unpaid members to GMDA.

3) Committee Reports/Committee Assignments

a) National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues:

Jason Norquest followed up on an email that was sent out, and provided an update regarding Greg Morrison NWRA, which detailed existing NEPA preservation tools that are at work and that any established decisions go back through multiple layers of review. Norquest stated that the Family Farm Alliance, and Practical Process improvements provide accounting oversight and implement avoidable delays. An Environmental Review creates project delays when tied with Endangered Species Act. The update included a Drought/Wildfire water resilience drawing attention in congress. Currently, GMDA is allowed 2 positions on NWRA, Aron Balok is on the Board as an officer and occupies one seat, Jason Norquest will act in the other position, asking for names of potential alternates; Daniel Shannon MISS, Jaxon Higgs ID both volunteered to fill in if Norquest was unavailable. The NWRA Washington DC meeting is scheduled for the end of April, Boise, Idaho this summer, and the meeting in November will be in San Diego, California. This marks the first time a non-agency member has been a president of NWRA, and it was reported there is a push to have a more prominent groundwater focus with topics and discussions. Aron Balok asked the Board Members to start thinking of requests for groundwater needs across the nation. It was also mentioned that GMDA should showcase success stories such as utilizing the NRCS-RCPP for groundwater projects.

b) Membership-Tylr Naprstek

Naprstek provided the Board with a list of entities that are considered outstanding memberships, stating that invoicing was handled through US Mail and follow-up emails were sent out end of 2025/early 2026. It was recommended that Board Members utilize the contact information and make direct phone calls and outreach to encourage updating membership. It was also recommended that new memberships be targeted in western states. Potential western states identified as being candidate members: Washington, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, South Dakota and Wyoming. It was mentioned that GMDA should utilize the publication put out by Kris Polly, and that an advertisement should be showcased with Water Strategies. Additionally, a story about GMDA would also help generate interest. Aron Balok/Tylr Naprstek were appointed to act as representatives to follow-up and showcase the work of GMDA.

c) Water Quality-Aron Balok:

Balok stated that New Mexico has continued discussion with developing discharge standards. Balok reported that conversations continue regarding PFAS impacts on the national scene. There has been an establishment of a more manageable standard associated with health limits, instead of any identification is a hazard. Balok updated the situation in Idaho where PFAS contaminated water is transferred and diluted with more potable water. There was also reference to a PBS article on expedited nuclear process and permitting process, the potential for groundwater contamination. The article discusses small nuclear reactors and their impacts on potential future forever sites in the case of radioactive contamination.

d) Website – Substitute Tylr Naprstek

Naprstek addressed that Kristen Lane Texas, wished to step down as sole operator of the website and an email was shared. Naprstek stated that the website utilizes Streamline and is intuitive to operate but would require more people to help keep the website functional. It was recommended that other state's staff can be trained to help with maintaining both the website and social media (Facebook). The GMDA website utilizes a Gmail account as primary point of contact which is then distributed to necessary personnel. Aron Balok suggested Kelli Goodpasture experience with operating similar technologies in New Mexico would make her a likely candidate to assist. The Board agreed that digital platforms are a more effective outreach relied upon by interested parties more readily than print. The Board would look into other personnel to assist.

e) Awards - Tylr Naprstek

Naprstek reported that awards are current, and that he and the rest of the Nebraska contingent presented an award to outgoing Secretary Dick Ehrman at the Nebraska Association of Resource District – Fall Conference. No other nominations were issued but can be via email to Naprstek.

- 4) Consideration of GMDA Constitution- Steve Walthour was not present to provide an update to the Constitution. Breaking the secretary/treasurer position is still contingent on finding an appropriate outside entity to help with tax documents.
- 5) Election of Officers: Bob McCrea would take over as acting President of GMDA for 2026.
 - a) Vice-President: Daniel Shannon (MS) recommended Billy Mihelich (CO) nominated as VP. With no other nominations, Mihelich agreed to operate in a Vice President capacity for 2026.
 - b) Secretary/Treasurer: Tylr Naprstek agreed to stay in the position
- 6) 2026 Summer Conference – Naprstek reported that South Dakota was being discussed as a potential location by Texas, specifically GMDA Board Member Britney Britten is looking into locations/personnel to schedule meeting. No date has been named. Aron/Tylr both suggested reaching out to assist Texas as needed to help host and to get the announcement out as soon as possible.
- 7) 2027 Winter Conference – Billy Mihelich announced that he would start planning a Winter Annual Conference.
- 8) No Other Business as Announced
- 9) Adjourn

There being no further business, Daniel moved to adjourn; Balok seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tylr Naprstek, GMDA-Secretary-Treasurer