



Groundwater Management Districts Association
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Secretary-Treasurer: Dick Ehrman, Nebraska

Board Meeting Agenda and Information Packet

Nashville, Tennessee

January 24, 2024

1. Open Meeting – Daniel Shannon, GMDA President
2. Consideration and Approval of July 12, 2023 Minutes – Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary-Treasurer
3. Treasurer’s Report – Ehrman
4. Consideration of NWRA Dues – Ehrman
5. Committee Reports/Committee Assignments
 - National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues
 - Membership
 - Water Quality
 - Website
 - Awards
6. Change of Presidents & Election of Officers
7. Consideration of GMDA Constitution
8. Consideration of “No Fly” Dates for Future Conferences
9. 2024 Summer Conference – Louisiana
10. 2025 Annual Conference – TBA
11. Other Business as Needed
12. Adjourn

ITEM 1 OPEN MEETING

**Board Members Present, January 24, 2024
Nashville, Tennessee
Underline Members that are present**

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	John Woodling	Trevor Joseph		
Colorado	Everett Kissler	Kyle Sprouse	Tom Sauter	Randy Ray Billy Mihelich
Kansas	Shannon Kenyon	Jason Norquest	Tim Boese/Orin Feril	Mark Rude
Idaho			Paul Arrington	
Louisiana	Mark Frey	J A Rummler	William Daniel	Gary Beard
Mississippi	John McKee	Don Christy	Daniel Shannon	Ben Griffith
Nebraska	Tylr Naprstek	Brian Bruckner	Dick Ehrman	Lyndon Vogt
New Mexico		Aron Balok	Kelli Goodpasture	
Texas	Britney Britten	Steve Walthour	Leah Martinsson	Robert Bradley

ITEM 2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GMDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 12, 2023—SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

**Board Meeting Minutes
Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 12, 2023
Board Members Present Highlighted**

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	John Woodling	Trevor Joseph		
Colorado	Everett Kissler	Kyle Sprouse	Tom Sauter	Paul Ortega Randy Ray Billy Mihelich Mark Rude
Kansas	Shannon Kenyon	Jason Norquest	Tim Boese/Orin Feril	
Idaho			Paul Arrington	
Louisiana	Mark Frey	J A Rummler	William Daniel	Gary Beard
Mississippi	John McKee	Don Christy	Daniel Shannon	Ben Griffith
Nebraska	Tylr Naprstek	Brian Bruckner	Dick Ehrman	Lyndon Vogt
New Mexico		Aron Balok	Kelli Goodpasture	Bob McCrea
Texas	Britney Britten	Steve Walthour	Leah Martinsson	Robert Bradley Kristin Blackwell



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1. Open Meeting

GMDA President Daniel Shannon opened the meeting at 3:45 PM. A quorum was present, and the agenda was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

2. Consideration and Approval of January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

GMDA Secretary-Treasurer Dick Ehrman presented the minutes of the January 25, 2023 Board meeting in St. Simons Island, GA. John McKee moved to approve the minutes, Steve Walthour seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report

Ehrman presented the Treasurer's report.

Finances

As of June 30, 2023, GMDA's bank balance in US Bank was \$94,190.28, which reflects a beginning balance of \$95,031.17 on January 1, 2023, \$14,052.35 of income, and \$14,893.24 in expenses for the period from January 1-June 30, 2023. Since January 1, 2023, GMDA has received \$14,050.00 from membership dues, \$2.35 in interest, and \$0 in donations. Expenses include \$121.24 for awards, \$14,632.00 for NWRA dues, and \$140.00 for website maintenance expenses.

Membership

As of June 30, 2023, there were 51 paid members (32 District, 5 organizational, 6 affiliate, and 8 individual) and 11 honorary lifetime members in GMDA. Members were from 15 States: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

Everett Kissler moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report, Tylr Naprstek seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Committee Reports/Committee Assignments

- **National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues**
Mark Rude reported on NWRA activities. He will be forwarding their weekly report as appropriate. He requested feedback on this reporting. The next round of NWRA priorities are coming up next year. Rude requested ideas as to additional priorities before November, 2023.
- **Membership Committee**
Naprstek reported that Shannon and Britney Britten have been added to the Committee. Naprstek asked Walthour for information regarding past conference evaluations. Walthour responded he will resend that information.

- **Program Committee**
Nothing new to report.
- **Website Committee**
Kristin Blackwell reported that the new website is up and running and that new posts can be added.
- **Awards Committee**
Walthour reported that Linda Luebbe had not yet been given her service award since she retired. The Nebraska contingent will coordinate getting the award to her, likely at the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Annual Conference in September.
- **Water Quality Committee**
Nothing new to report.

5. Consideration of GMDA Constitution

Discussion continued on the possibility of separation of the Secretary-Treasurer into two offices, or possibly retaining professional services to maintain the GMDA finances. Walthour stated that Texas will draft a proposal to that effect for the next Board meeting.

6. 2024 Annual Conference

Jason Norquest, GMDA Vice President, reported that Patty Stapleton will be communicating with the Board and membership regarding the 2024 Annual Conference. Tentatively, the location will be Nashville, Tennessee, the week of January 22, 2024, possibly at the Cambria Hotel. Norquest indicated that there has been a lot of interest from a variety of entities in and around Tennessee.

7. 2024 Summer Conference

Louisiana is in rotation for the 2024 Summer Conference. However, no representative from Louisiana was in attendance to report. Shannon volunteered to contact Louisiana for more information. California is next in line for the 2025 Summer Conference.

8. Other Business as Needed

Walthour noted the creation of the Program Committee and that it seems somewhat redundant given that individual state contingents are responsible for organizing the various conferences. He moved to strike the Program Committee from the current Committee list; Kessler seconded. The motion was unanimously approved via voice vote.

9. Adjourn

With no other new business, Walthour moved to adjourn, Aron Balok seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary-Treasurer

ITEM 3 TREASURER'S REPORT

Finances

As of December 31, 2023, GMDA's bank balance in US Bank was \$105,702.83, which reflects a beginning balance of \$94,190.28 on July 1, 2023, \$17,804.53 of income, and \$6,291.98 in expenses for the period from July 1- December 31, 2023. Since July 1, 2023, GMDA has received \$16,100.00 from membership dues, \$2.42 in interest, \$0 in donations, and \$1702.11 in reimbursement from the Annual 2023 Conference. Expenses include \$158.33 for awards, \$650 to SW Kansas GMD #3 for Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District overpayment (combined dues with conference registration), \$5,363.65 to Pecos Valley Artesian Conservation District for Summer 2023 Conference expenses, and \$120.00 for website maintenance expenses.

Membership

Currently, there are 52 paid members (32 District, 5 organizational, 7 affiliate, and 8 individual) and 11 honorary lifetime members in GMDA. Members are from 15 States: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Ehrman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary/Treasurer

ITEM 4 CONSIDERATION OF NWRA DUES

GMDA has received an invoice from the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) for its 2024 membership dues in the amount of \$15,071.00 (see attached Invoice #6083). This is up a bit from the 2023 dues of \$14,632.00. Payment of this invoice will require Board approval.

ITEM 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

National Water Resources Association Caucus & Groundwater and Federal Issues Committee (Mark Rude/Aron Balok Co-Chairs, Randy Ray, Don Christy, Lyndon Vogt)

The NWRA Caucus/ Groundwater and Federal Issues Committee consists of GMDA Directors to the NWRA, representing GMDA at NWRA meetings and shall report to the GMDA board all appropriate NWRA actions and activity, specifically including matters pertaining to voting procedures, dues, legal actions, the legislature and other NWRA affiliations. GMDA is the NWRA Groundwater Caucus. The Committee advises GMDA regarding any other federal or multistate matters that may that are not the focus of the NWRA but may affect GMDA members.

Membership Committee (Tylr Naprstek Chair, Tim Boese)

The Membership Committee identifies, promotes, and implements membership strategies that will result in membership development and growth, and support of GMDA. The Committee and officers will use the membership lists obtained by the Committee to distribute information on GMDA’s annual conference along with the membership application.

Water Quality Committee (Aron Balok Chair, Dick Ehrman, Billie Mihelich);

This committee was originally set up to address water quality issues such as PFAS, nitrate, pesticides, etc.

Website Committee (Kyle Sprouse Chair, Tammy Rush, Kristen Blackwell, Orrin Feril)

The GMDA Website Committee maintains content, ensure the quality of the content, and administer the system and features of the website. The Committee troubleshoots issues and assists members to update content. In 2022, GMDA retained Streamline as a service provider to maintain the website at a cost of \$20/month.

Awards Committee (Steve Walthour Chair, Brian Bruckner, Tylr Naprstek)

The Awards Committee coordinates awards and recognition for the organization.

ITEM 6 CHANGE OF PRESIDENTS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As per the GMDA Constitution, officers are elected for the coming year at the Annual Conference. Daniel Shannon from Mississippi will be the outgoing President, and Jason Norquest from Kansas, currently the Vice President, will assume the office of President for 2024. Nominations for Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer for 2024 will be accepted and voted upon.

ITEM 7 CONSIDERATION OF GMDA CONSTITUTION.

GMDA operates under its constitution. Periodically, the board should review GMDA’s Constitution and propose changes if necessary. Attached to this Board Packet is a copy of the GMDA Constitution for your review. As has been the case for the past few meetings, the Board will entertain discussion and possible proposals regarding amending the Constitution.

ITEM 8 CONSIDERATION OF “NO FLY” DATES FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

From time to time, GMDA conferences conflict with established activities in the various member States. For example, the last full week in January is normally Nebraska’s annual Legislative Conference, which considerably limits attendance from the Nebraska contingent. Other States’ legislatures typically convene sometime in January, which can also interfere with attendance at the GMDA Annual Conference. The Summer Conference typically doesn’t have quite as many conflicts, but those can arise. Therefore, discussion of this item will center on building an ongoing list of the timing of member State activities so GMDA Conferences can be scheduled to avoid such conflicts and increase attendance.

ITEM 9 2024 SUMMER CONFERENCE

In January 2016, the GMDA Board assigned the Summer Conference to each State on a rotating basis. If the President or Vice President is from a state that is scheduled in the rotation to hold the summer conference the summer conference organizational responsibilities pass to the next State in the rotation. For 2024, Louisiana is in rotation. A GMDA member can volunteer at any time to organize the summer conference. If the volunteer request is accepted by the Board, the rotation is postponed for that year. Idaho has not yet been added to the rotation. The Board of Directors will need to determine where Idaho fits in the rotation.

Current Order of Rotation:

- Louisiana 2024
- California 2025
- Texas 2026
- Kansas 2027
- Mississippi 2028
- Nebraska 2029
- Colorado 2030
- New Mexico 2031

ITEM 10 2025 ANNUAL (WINTER) CONFERENCE

As per the GMDA Constitution, each year's Annual Conference is organized by the State represented by the newly-elected Vice President/President-Elect. Discussion of the 2025 Annual Conference will be led by the new Vice President following elections (Item 6).

ITEM 11 OTHER BUSINESS AS NEEDED

ITEM 12 ADJOURN



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INVOICE

BILL TO
Steve Walthour
GROUNDWATER CAUCUS

INVOICE # 6083
DATE 01/02/2024
DUE DATE 02/01/2024
TERMS Net 30

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	15,071.00
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BALANCE DUE	\$15,071.00

Groundwater Management Districts Association Constitution



**Amended
January 12, 2012**

ARTICLE 1.0: NAME

The name of the Association shall be "Groundwater Management Districts Association" (GMDA).

ARTICLE 2.0: PURPOSE

The Groundwater Management Districts Association is a non-profit organization established to provide groundwater developers, users, owners and other individuals and organizations concerned with the management, development, conservation and protection of groundwater, the opportunity to exchange ideas, develop or influence programs for the development, utilization, conservation, protection and management and control of groundwater; and in furtherance thereof the Association shall endeavor:

- a) To be informed of and exchange ideas on current trends and problems as they affect groundwater, including those which have, or may have, technical, legal, administrative and economic implications.
- b) To review and analyze methods and techniques employed by members and their associates in conducting studies and research on management of groundwater and in designing and obtaining solutions to problems associated therewith.
- c) To review, analyze, propose and influence legislation and policy as they affect groundwater.
- d) To evaluate activities and plans of governmental bodies and other organizations and associations as they relate to groundwater and to take appropriate action.
- e) To develop and propose joint or coordinated plans of action to meet national, interstate and/or regional groundwater problems and needs, including affiliations or memberships in other similar organizations or associations.
- f) To assess and encourage, as appropriate, the conjunctive use and management of both surface water and groundwater supplies with due consideration for the unique and limiting properties of each resource.
- g) To foster the general public's knowledge and appreciation for the economic advantages of private enterprise and development of groundwater.
- h) To promote orderly and equitable development, conservation and management of groundwater through local government.

ARTICLE 3.0: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to all individuals, organizations, corporations, districts, agencies, authorities, cities, towns, firms, educational institutions and other entities

interested in furthering the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE 4.0: TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS

There shall be four (4) types of membership: District, Organizational, Affiliate and Individual.

a) District membership is open only to those districts who have major programs and responsibilities for groundwater development, conservation and management and which are chartered under the laws of their respective states.

b) The Organizational membership is open to organizations and associations whose major purposes are the development, conservation and management of groundwater.

c) The Affiliate membership is open to those organizations, agencies, corporations, businesses or partnerships affiliated with the interests and purposes of the Association.

d) The Individual membership is open to those individuals interested in the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE 5.0: DUES

The membership dues for each type of membership of the Association shall be set annually by the board of directors and are payable on October 1 of each year.

ARTICLE 6.0: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING

The Association shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of three (3) members from each state with representation in the Association by either a District or Organizational membership. The board of directors shall be elected by their state caucuses in accordance with Article 7.0, except for the provision that the immediate past President shall serve as a member of the board for one (1) additional year with full voting privileges. The GMDA director to NWRA, the GMDA Secretary/Treasurer and all GMDA members maintaining positions on NWRA committees shall be considered as non-voting, ex-officio GMDA board members, unless they have been elected to the board via the state caucus procedure. All voting on Association matters before the board of directors shall be determined by the majority vote of the directors present. Any proposition adopted by majority vote of the board can be vetoed by a two-thirds vote of the District membership in attendance at an annual or special meeting; and a call for such a veto referendum can be made by any District member. Each District member shall have one (1) vote in such a veto referendum.

ARTICLE 7.0: STATE CAUCUSES

At each annual meeting a state caucus consisting of the state's entire membership shall meet and by a majority vote of the members in attendance elect directors as follows: Beginning with the 1988 annual meeting three (3) members shall be elected - one for a one-year term,

one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term. Thereafter at each annual meeting one director shall be elected for a three-year term. At each annual meeting or any special meeting for the entire membership, each state's directors shall call for a state caucus to present Association matters to their caucus. During caucus deliberation of Association matters, caucus voting shall serve as a guide for the voting of the state directors during subsequent board meetings. The matter of appointing a state advisor shall also be routinely handled during the annual state caucus meeting. The state caucuses should endeavor to appoint an advisor who has statewide experience in all pertinent phases of groundwater management.

It will be the responsibility of the states to provide for any filling of vacancies which may occur in their respective state representation on the board of directors.

ARTICLE 8.0: CAUCUS VOTING RIGHTS

All memberships shall be entitled to vote in the state caucuses in accordance with the type of membership (Article 4.0) and as set forth below:

- a) District members shall be entitled to four (4) votes.
- b) Organizational members shall be entitled to three (3) votes.
- c) Affiliate members shall be entitled to two (2) votes.
- d) Individual members shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

ARTICLE 9.0: OFFICERS

The activities of the Association shall be set and maintained by the Officers who, except for the GMDA Secretary/Treasurer (who may or may not be an elected director), shall be current board members. The officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The Vice-President shall also serve as President elect and shall assume the office of President whenever vacated.

ARTICLE 10.0: TERMS OF OFFICE

All officers shall serve for one year, except for the provisions for the accession of the Vice-President to the Presidency, and all officers shall be elected at each annual meeting by majority vote of the directors in attendance. In the event the in-coming President had been elected Vice-President with only one year remaining on his or her term and is not re-elected to the three-year position when ready to automatically assume the Presidency, the new board shall elect both a President and a Vice-President from its members.

ARTICLE 11.0: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

The officers of the Association shall, until the employment or appointment of a manager, perform all the routine functions of the Association as follows:

a) President shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors and shall generally be the spokesperson for the Association in matters of public affairs. He or she shall ultimately assume all responsibility for the Association and its efforts, and shall be allowed to appoint committees as deemed necessary, including representatives to other organizations and committees of similar interest or nature.

b) Vice-President shall preside and assume the duties of the President in his or her absence. He or she shall also be responsible for the upcoming annual meeting preparations.

c) Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Association and shall record the proceedings of the board of director's meetings and other special meetings.

d) GMDA director to NWRA shall represent GMDA at NWRA meetings and shall report to the GMDA board all appropriate NWRA actions and activity, specifically including matters pertaining to voting procedures, dues, legal actions, the legislature and other NWRA affiliations.

e) Advisors shall assist the board by attending board meetings and providing advice and assistance to the directors of the state they represent, providing the board a state overview report during each annual meeting which covers groundwater topics of interest to the Association and by providing support in the development and conduct of the annual conference and other general meetings, seminars, field trips and activities.

ARTICLE 12.0: MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

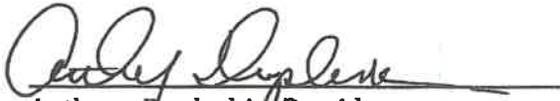
There shall be an annual meeting of the entire membership to carry out the purpose of the Association and to present matters before the Association and state caucuses. The date for such annual meeting shall be set by the board of directors with a minimum of 30-day notice to the membership. The President or Vice-President can call for a meeting of the board of directors upon 15-day written notice to all directors, advisors and the GMDA director to NWRA. Special meetings of the entire membership may be called as deemed necessary by the board of directors with a 15-day notice of such meeting provided to the membership.

ARTICLE 13.0: AMENDMENTS

These articles of the Association may be amended or repealed in whole or part upon the two-thirds vote of the board of directors, and suggested amendments or repeal, may be made by a majority vote of the membership of the Association in accordance with articles 7.0 and 8.0.

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Anthony Duplechin, President


Steven D. Walthour, Secretary/Treasurer

State of Louisiana

Parish of East Baton Rouge

I, Anthony Duplechin, GMDA President, do certify that on this 30 day of
Sept, 2014, this is a correct and true copy of the Groundwater Management
Districts Association Constitution.




Signature of Notary

State of Texas

County of Moore

I, Steven D. Walthour, GMDA Secretary/Treasurer, do certify that on this 16th day of
October, 2014, this is a correct and true copy of the Groundwater Management
Districts Association Constitution.




Signature of Notary