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Board Meeting Agenda and Information Packet

Santa Fe, New Mexico
July 12, 2023

1. Open Meeting – Daniel Shannon, GMDA President
2. Consideration and Approval of January 25, 2023 Minutes – Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary-Treasurer
3. Treasurer’s Report – Dick Ehrman
4. Committee Reports/Committee Assignments
 - National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues
 - Membership Committee
 - Program
 - Website
 - Awards
5. Consider GMDA Constitution
6. 2024 Annual Conference—Jason Norquest, GMDA Vice President
7. 2024 Summer Conference—Louisiana
8. Other Business as Needed
9. Adjourn

ITEM 1 OPEN MEETING

**Board Members Present, July 12, 2023
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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, JANUARY 25, 2023—ST. SIMON’S ISLAND, GEORGIA**

Board Members Present Highlighted

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

1. Open Meeting – Steve Walthour

President Walthour opened the meeting at 1:13 PM. A quorum was present and the agenda was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

2. Consideration & Approval of October 17, 2022, Minutes – Dick Ehrman
Aron Balok moved, Everett Kissler seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. Treasurer's & Membership Reports – Dick Ehrman

Ehrman reported that as of December 31, 2022, GMDA's bank balance in US Bank was \$95,031.17, which reflected a beginning balance of \$89,401.62 on October 1, 2022, \$5,901.11 of income, and \$271.56 in expenses for the period from October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Since October 1, 2022, GMDA received \$5,900.00 from membership dues, \$1.11 in interest, and \$0 in donations. As of January 24, 2023, GMDA's bank balance was \$105,511.17 from additional dues received in January 2023. Expenses included \$251.46 for awards and \$20.00 for website maintenance expenses. There were approximately \$3,800.00 in open invoices for 11 members for 2023 membership. There were 39 paid members and nine honorary lifetime members. Daniel Shannon moved, Jason Norquest seconded to approve the treasurer's and membership reports. The reports were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ehrman also reported that the invoice for NWRA dues in the amount of \$14,632.00 had been received. Kissler moved, Balok seconded to approve payment of the NWRA dues. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

4. Reports and Recommendations from State Caucuses

Texas—The State is revamping its 1980s feasibility study on water transfer, and would like GMDA support.

Colorado—Tom Sauter was elected as 3-year director.

Kansas—Tim Boese or Orrin Feril will serve as 3-year director.

Mississippi—Daniel Shannon was elected as 3-year director.

Nebraska—Dick Ehrman was elected as 3-year director.

New Mexico—Aron Balok and Kelli Goodpasture will serve as directors.

5. Committee Reports

- National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues
There was no report from the NWRA Committee. However, a few general items were discussed. It was noted that GMDA is the Groundwater Caucus for NWRA, and as such all GMDA members are encouraged to attend NWRA functions whenever possible. Nebraska expressed interest in maintaining local control for the 30 X 30 Initiative. Kansas expressed support for the Texas initiative on water transfer.
- Membership Committee
Nothing to report.
- Water Quality Committee
Nothing to report.
- Program Committee
Nothing to report.
- Website
The new website maintained by Streamline is up and running at a very modest cost of

\$20/month. There was general acclimation for Kristin Blackwell for all her work as well as the rest of the Website Committee (Kyle Sprouse, Chair, Tammy Rush, and Orin Feril).

- Awards
Walthour noted the service awards given to AJ Olsen and Linda Luebbe for their many years of dedication to GMDA (Luebbe wasn't present but her award will be sent to her). Walthour moved, Shannon seconded to provide lifetime memberships to both Olsen and Luebbe. The motion was unanimously approved to applause.

6. Review and consider Policy Priority Recommendations for the NWRA Leadership Forum

Mark Rude will continue to provide NWRA updates to the Board so they can keep current on NWRA events and issues. Walthour reviewed the existing GMDA priorities. There were no suggested additions/changes.

7. Consider GMDA Constitution

Walthour reviewed the existing Constitution. No changes were proposed.

8. Change of Presidents & Elections of Officers

As per the previous election, Walthour exited the office of President while Shannon assumed the Presidency. That being the case, the office of Vice President needed to be filled. Walthour moved, the Kansas contingent seconded that Jason Norquest be elected Vice President. Walthour moved nominations cease, Kessler seconded. Jason Norquest's election was unanimously approved by voice vote. Ehrman will stay in office as Secretary-Treasurer.

9. Committee Appointments

The current Committee appointments are as follows:

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

Membership: Tylr Naprstek Chair, Tim Boese (Jim Cioffi retired)

Water Quality: Aron Balok Chair, Dick Ehrman, Billie Mihelich

Programs: Brian Bruckner, Britney Britten (Jim Cioffi retired)

Website: Kyle Sprouse Chair, Tammy Rush, Kristin Blackwell, Orin Feril

Awards: Steve Walthour Chair, Tylr Naprstek, Brian Bruckner

NOTE: I had some problems with saving my minutes for this item; please check the above and make any necessary corrections.

10. 2023 and 2024 Summer Conferences

Balok reported that Santa Fe, New Mexico will likely be the location for the Summer 2023 Conference. Louisiana is in rotation for the Summer 2024 conference; Shannon will contact the Louisiana contingent and report.

11. 2024 Annual Conference

As per the GMDA Constitution, the incoming Vice President/President-Elect Norquest will consider locations for the 2024 Annual Conference and will report.

12. Other Business as Needed

Shannon presented Walthour with a service award for his distinguished work as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President of GMDA to thunderous applause. There was no other business.

13. Adjourn

Kessler moved, Walthour seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

GMDA Secretary-Treasurer

ITEM 3 TREASURER'S REPORT

Finances

As of June 30, 2023, GMDA's bank balance in US Bank was \$94,190.28 (see attached financials), 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

Currently, there are 51 paid members (32 District, 5 organizational, 6 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,

Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary/Treasurer

ITEM 4 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.

Program Committee (Brian Bruckner, Britney Britten)

Program Committee evaluates existing programs, assist with GMDA training, education, advocacy, and assist with development needs of the organization. The Program Committee provides advice and support for members as they organize meetings and speakers.

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 5 CONSIDER 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 6 2024 ANNUAL (WINTER) CONFERENCE

Jason Norquest, GMDA Vice President, will report on consideration of location for the 2024 Annual Conference.

ITEM 7 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. 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 8 OTHER BUSINESS AS NEEDED

ITEM 9 ADJOURN