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Board Meeting Agenda and Information Packet

Idaho Falls, Idaho

July 22, 2025

- 1) Open Meeting – Chad Schafer, GMDA President
- 2) Consideration and Approval of February 26, 2025 Minutes – Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary-Treasurer
- 3) Treasurer's Report – Ehrman
Discussion/Possible Action: Retention of Accounting/Bookkeeping Services
- 4) Committee Reports/Committee Assignments
 - a) National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues-Mark Rude
 - b) Membership-Tylr Naprstek
 - c) Water Quality-Aron Balok
 - d) Website-Kyle Sprouse
 - e) Awards-Tylr Naprstek
- 5) Consideration of GMDA Constitution
- 6) 2026 Annual Conference-New Mexico is in charge as per election of Bob McCrae as Vice President
- 7) 2026 Summer Conference—Texas is in rotation
- 8) Other Business as Needed
- 9) Adjourn

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**GMDA 2025 Summer Conference Board Meeting
July 22, 2025
Idaho Falls, Idaho Board
Members Present Highlighted**

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	John Woodling	Trevor Joseph		Paul Ortega
Colorado		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	Tyler Naprstek	Brian Bruckner	Dick Ehrman	Lyndon Vogt
New Mexico	Olivia(?)	Aron Balok	Kelli Goodpasture	Robert McCrea
Texas	Britney Britten	Steve Walthour	Janet Gudthrie	Robert Bradley

**ITEM 2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GMDA BOARD MEETING
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present, February 26, 2025
Temecula, California
Board Members Present Highlighted**

- 1) Open Meeting – Robert McCrea, GMDA Vice-President opened the meeting at 4:35 PM. A quorum of 8 out of 9 member states were present.
- 2) Consideration and Approval of February 26, 2025, Minutes – Dick Ehrman, GMDA Secretary- Treasurer
Mark Rude stated that he should be added as Kansas delegation advisor. Ehrman will make the correction. Daniel Shannon moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Ben Griffith seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – Ehrman

Discussion/Possible Action: Retention of Accounting/Bookkeeping Services

Ehrman provided the Treasurer's report:

Finances

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.

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Membership

Currently, there are 53 members (32 District, 5 organizational, 7 affiliate, and 9 individual) and 11 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.

Dick Ehrman discussed the process of hiring a firm for the purpose of conducting accounting services. Requests were made to conduct an ad hoc committee (Dick Ehrman, Jason Norquest, Tylr Naprstek)

Steve Walthour stated that the GMDA Rules would allow for the hiring of a company. Dick stated that an outside 3rd party would allow for limiting the turnover on the secretary position. The treasurer would act as a review of the payment reports from the party. Recommendations were requested from the Board Members. Steve stated that prices should be reasonable for hiring

Steve Walthour motioned Aron Balok 2nd to approve the treasurers report, vote was unanimously approved.

3) Committee Reports/Committee Assignments

- a) National Water Resources Association Caucus/Groundwater and Federal Issues-Mark Rude stated there were not many changes at NWRA but encouraged review of the weekly updates on all activities associated with NWRA. There is also the possibility of joining a call, of which Lyndon Vogt (Nebraska) and Aron Balok (New Mexico) have been participating along with Mark Rude. Rude talked about the One Big Beautiful Bill and the lack of bi-partisan participation. In it, conservation is somewhat limited; discussions have stalled. Paul Arrington (Idaho) stated that at the NWRA meeting, priorities had been discussed, and several stakeholders (Ag, Municipal, Power) discussed the possibility of collaborating between various groundwater users. Chair of the finance committee lives in Idaho Falls; Paul had been in contact with the chair.

Rude talked about property donations and collaboration between representatives from Kansas and Colorado. It was indicated that next week's (7/31/2025) NWRA in Park City would not be attended by Mark Rude or Paul Arrington. Rude discussed staying engaged with the groundwater caucus and figuring out a time when the group could meet and communicate with NWRA.

- b) Membership-Tylr Naprstek
Naprstek pointed out attendance by representatives from Texas and North Dakota, Dick Ehrman stated that there could be better communication with individual Idaho Districts following this meeting, Paul Arrington would provide contacts to the membership crew. The communication with Idaho Groundwater Appropriators (TJ Budge, attorney) was discussed as the association group introduced to GMDA. Associate membership would be identified.
- c) Water Quality-Aron Balok: Balok stated that New Mexico has adopted surface water quality standards in the aftermath of the WOTUS ruling.
- d) Website-Kyle Sprouse Steve Walthour stated that Kristen Blackwell has requested her removal off the committee. Steve has complimented the quality of the website but stated that there has not been a lot of feedback. Ehrman stated that any groundwater-related information can be shared with the website. Christy stated that he may have a candidate to help work on the website, but he needed to have some discussions about taking over. Compliments were given to Kristen on her operations of the website.

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- e) Awards-Tylr Naprstek
Naprstek reported that awards are current, but that an award would need to be developed for outgoing Secretary Dick Ehrman.
- 4) Consideration of GMDA Constitution-Steve Walthour no update
- 5) 2026 Annual Conference – It was stated that New Mexico in February/early March would be the location for winter conference. Paul Ortega stated the urban water institute in southern California and AQUAs Federal Affairs meeting overlapped the Temecula GMDA meeting. The timeline of the GMDA winter meeting was discussed with January and early February being very difficult to schedule.
- 6) 2026 Summer Conference – Texas was planning on hosting with the current GMDA Texas representatives organizing the location and dates. Ideas were to be located somewhere cool (less than 100 degrees, daytime high). North Dakota was mentioned.
- 7) Other Business as Needed
- 8) Adjourn
There being no further business, Griffith moved to adjourn; Norquest seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tylr Naprstek, GMDA-Secretary-Treasurer