



**Board Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2019
Hilton Airport Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona
Mesquite Room – 3rd Floor**

The Groundwater Management Districts Association (GMDA) meeting was called to order by President Duplechin at 8:05. The Board Members and Advisors whose names are underlined below were in attendance. This board listing represents the 2019 GMDA board following Caucus actions:

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	<u>John Woodling</u>			
Colorado	<u>Jim Reasoner</u>	<u>Don Rosenbrock</u>	<u>Everett Kissler</u>	<u>Randy Ray</u>
Kansas	<u>Orrin Feril</u>	Tim Boese	<u>Jason Norquest</u>	<u>Mark Rude</u>
Louisiana	Todd Talbot	Barry Huggins	Nelson Morvant	<u>Tony Duplechin</u>
Mississippi	<u>Don Christy</u>	Daniel Shannon		Ben Griffith
Nebraska	<u>Dick Ehrman</u>	Lyndon Vogt	<u>Linda Luebbe</u>	<u>Tylr Naprstek</u>
New Mexico	Aron Balok	Bill Netherlin	A.J. Olsen	Olivia Mitchell
Texas	Sarah Schlessinger	C.E. Williams	<u>Steve Walthour</u>	Robert Bradley

Others in attendance were Michael Sousek, Gene Born, Kristen Blackwell

Steve Walthour moved that the minutes from January 7, 2019 board meeting be approved, Linda Luebbe seconded the motion which passed unanimously via voice vote.

Treasurer and Membership Reports:

Steve Walthour provided the treasurers report As of December 19, 2018, GMDA's bank balance in First State Bank of Stratford, Texas is \$111,372.11 which reflects \$112,129.71 for a May 1, 2018 beginning balance, \$20,450.00 of income and \$21,207.60 in expenses for the period from May 1, 2018 to December 19, 2018. Since May 1, 2018, GMDA has received \$11,775.00 from membership dues, \$650.00 in donations and \$8,025.00 in registrations and sponsors for the Savannah, GA 2018 summer meeting. Expenses include \$19,860.61 in expenses for the Savannah conference, \$602.49 in operating expenses for tax preparation, website maintenance, postage and supplies and \$144.50 in awards. Additional expected expenses will be approximately \$13,390.00 in

annual dues for NWRA. As of December 19, 2018, there were 14 unpaid invoices for 2019 dues in the amount of \$3,450.00.

Membership

As of December 19, 2018, there are 43 paid members and eight honorary lifetime members.

Walthour noted that he had not received the NRWA Dues Statement. NWRA Dues have been approximately \$13,000 per year.

Everett Kissler moved that Walthour should Pay NWRA \$13,000 and bring any additional amount owed to NWRA back to the board meeting in June for consideration. Tony Duplechin second the motion. By consensus, the board accepted the secretary treasurer's finance and membership reports.

NWRA Report:

Walthour reported that the NWRA held its Western Water Seminar August 1-3, 2018, in Park City, Utah. During the seminar, discussed several critical Western water issues, including funding and financing, aging infrastructure, and regulatory reform. The seminar featured a focus on the work being done in Utah. Steve Walthour presented, "Promoting Irrigated Agriculture Conservation through the Master Irrigator Program" at the Groundwater Caucus Meeting.

NWRA organized the October Fly-In October 1-3, 2018, Washington, DC and hosted its 87th Annual Conference November 7-9, 2018, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, CA. NWRA representatives and GMDA members who attended these events may wish to provide a report at the board meeting. Randy Ray updated the membership on NWRA activities and priorities and asked for any additional input. Mark Rude discussed

Reports from State Caucuses

Each of the state caucuses provided a short report and selected their director positions as follows:

State	1-Yr Director	2-Yr Director	3-Yr Director	Advisor
California	John Woodling	_____	_____	_____
Colorado	Don Rosenbrock	Everette Kissler	Jim Reasoner	Randy Ray
Kansas	Tim Boese	Jason Norquest	Orrin Feril	Mark Rude
Louisiana	Nelson Morvant	William Daniel	Mark Fry	Tony Duplechin
Mississippi	Daniel Shannon	Duke Kimbro	Don Christy	Buck Falls
Nebraska	Lyndon Vogt	Linda Luebbe	Dick Ehrman	Tylr Naprstek
New Mexico	Not attending			
Texas	C.E. Williams	Steve Walthour	Gene Born	Robert Bradley

Walthour moved and Christy second acceptance board acceptance of the director positions. Walthour said that New Mexico delegation was swamped with matters in their state and AJ Olson said they could not attend the meeting. Walthour would contact New Mexico to get a list of their directors.

Committee Reports:

Walthour reported that the new GMDA Website (gmdausa.org) is now available. If any of the GMDA members sees something on the website that needs to be updated, they can be emailed to Julia Stanford (jstanford@northplainsgcd.org) for it to be updated. The easiest update to the is through Twitter and Facebook where any member can add content. On Twitter, use #GMDAUSA for updates to appear on GMDA's homepage. On Facebook, ask Julia or Kristen Blackwell (klane@northplainsgcd.org) to add you as an administrator to GMDA's Facebook page to post as GMDA. Once posting as GMDA on Facebook, it will automatically load onto the main page. Please allow one hour for updates to show up on the GMDA website. Kristen will provide a presentation regarding the website. GMDA needs content for it to grow.

Tony Duplechin will receive an award in appreciation for his service as GMDA President.

NWRA Policy Priority Recommendations

The board considered NWRA policy priority recommendations for the future of water policy and set priorities for the first term of 116th Congress. GMDA is the NWRA Groundwater Caucus. The Caucus continues to monitor federal and state groundwater issues, including state primacy, federal administration of groundwater, environment and endangered species, drought planning and water conservation. In 2017, The NWRA Groundwater Task Force and the Groundwater Caucus has identified 5 issues in to be part of the topics of discussion at the conference. They are:

1. State primacy, including protection of State and private property rights related to federal claims to groundwater ownership and administration under EPA regulations, WOTUS, U.S. Forest service, BOR, ESA litigation, and other federal agencies intrusion.
2. Groundwater conservation measures, including irrigation, industrial and municipal use.
3. Storage and groundwater recharge with attention to conjunctive management for the benefit of groundwater and surface water.
4. Drought planning due to the increased demands on groundwater.
5. Water supply and the fallowing of farm ground with special attention to the individual financial and public welfare costs.

Since the Leadership Forum meets on January 10th and 11th after GMDA Annual Conference, the GMDA Board will be setting recommended priorities to be considered at the Leadership Forum. Board members were directed to provide Mark Rude with any input regarding this item

Adoption of GMDA Mission Statement

Everett Kissler and Randy Ray presented a draft GMDA Mission Statement to the board. After discussion, Tony Duplechin direct that the new board president can create a Blue-Ribbon Committee to develop a mission statement and bring it back to the board at the Summer Conference.

Change of Presidents & Elections of Officers:

Tony Duplechin handed off the Presidency to Everett Kissler for 201. The board elected Linda Luebbe to be Vice-President and elected Steve Walthour to Secretary/Treasurer.

Committee Appointments:

Committee appointments to NWRA Caucus and Groundwater Federal Issues are A.J. Olsen, Mark Rude, Lyndon Vogt, and Randy Ray as an alternate. Steve Walthour was appointed Membership Chairman; Kristen Blackwell was appointed to Website and Tony Duplechin accepted chairmanship of the awards committee. Kissler appointed the Blue-Ribbon Committee including Linda Luebbe, Buck Falls, Steve Walthour, AJ Olson, Mark Rude and Randy Ray. Kissler appointed Ken Quandt and John Wooding to the Membership Committee along with Walthour.

2019 Summer Conference:

The GMDA board assigned the Summer Conference to each state on a rotating basis. Kansas will be sponsoring the 2019 Summer Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2020 Conference Location:

The Vice-President is usually responsible for organizing the event Linda Luebbe requested input regarding the location.

Other Business as Needed:

Adjourn:

By consensus the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am