

**74-5,133. Arkansas river gaging fund; expenditures; funding.** (a) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Arkansas river gaging fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of agriculture. All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be for the operation and maintenance of:

(A) The gages along the Arkansas river necessary to manage the river under the Arkansas river compact; and

(B) the stateline groundwater gage sites in the Arkansas river basin necessary to manage the quantity and quality of such groundwater.

(2) After all expenditures are made during the fiscal year for the purposes listed in paragraph (1), then, expenditures shall be made in accordance with the following priorities and subject to the expenditure limitations prescribed therefor:

(A) First, any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the fund for the fiscal year shall be expended for the purposes of livestock market reporting in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in a fiscal year; and

(B) second, if there are any remaining moneys authorized to be expended from the fund for the fiscal year after the expenditures for livestock market reporting, then expenditures shall be made from the fund for the purpose of funding the bluestem pasture report in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

(3) All expenditures from the Arkansas river gaging fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of agriculture or the designee of the secretary of agriculture.

(b) All moneys received as royalties from the state's oil and gas leases in Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Gray and Ford counties, except those moneys arising from leases on lands under the control of the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism as provided by K.S.A. 32-854, and amendments thereto, shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the Arkansas river gaging fund. During each fiscal year, when the total amount of moneys credited to the fund is equal to \$95,000, no further moneys shall be credited to the fund. The remainder of the moneys received for such royalties for such fiscal year shall be credited to the state general fund.

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