

MINUTES – JULY 14, 2011
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly board meeting of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 was held at the District office in Stafford on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Board members present were Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, Kraig Froetschner, Darrell Wood, Ed Shultz and Phillip Martin. Board member not present was Kevin Schultz. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, David Barfield, Chris Beightel, Lane Letourneau and Dale Unruh.

President Darrell Wood called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The addition to the agenda was to add a slot for David Barfield following the approval of the treasures report.

John Janssen moved Fred Grunder seconded to accept the minutes as mailed. Motion carried 6-0.

Kent Lamb moved Phillip Martin seconded to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion carried 6-0.

David Barfield, Chief Engineer for the Division of Water Resources, Topeka, was on hand to discuss the Hallock impairment issue, the Flex account, over-pumping issues and the drought term permits in the IGUCA's in the Pawnee, Arkansas and Walnut Creek basins.

Manager Essmiller reported that the model scenario is underway and should be available by the next board meeting

Jeff Lanterman Water Commissioner for the Division of Water Resources reported that MDS is being enforced on the Ninnescah above Peck. This only pertains to surface water rights at this time.

Curtis Tobias reported that the KWA met in Hill City. The discussion there was on the Ogallala Summit to be held in Colby next week. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Lyons on the second Thursday in August 2011. The district was asked to sponsor the food for the event.

Kent Lamb moved, Kraig Froetschner seconded to sponsor the food for KWA event in Lyons. Motion carried 7-0.

John Janssen moved, Curtis Tobias seconded to recess the regular board meeting at 8:02 p.m. and to open the hearing to consider the 2012 budget motion passed 7-0

President Wood provided proof of publication for the hearing and Treasurer John Janssen read the proposed budget. President Wood asked for comments and questions from the audience. With no comments, President Wood called for the hearing to close and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The Board discussed the 2012 proposed budget and assessment rates. John Janssen moved and Kraig Froetschner seconded to keep the current assessment rates of \$0.67 per acre-foot water use charge and a \$0.05 per acre land assessments and adopt the budget as published. Motion carried 7-0.

EXPENDITURES

PERSONAL SERVICES

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| A) SALARIES | \$ 150,000 |
| B) PAYROLL TAXES | 15,000 |
| C) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 15,000 |

ADMINISTRATION

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| A) BUILDING EXPENSE | \$ 2,000 |
| B) OFFICE EQUIPMENT | 3,000 |
| C) OFFICE SUPPLIES | 4,000 |
| D) PRINTING & PUBLICATION | 10,000 |
| E) TRAVEL & CONFERENCE | 12,000 |
| F) UTILITIES | 7,000 |
| G) COMPUTER UPGRADES | 6,500 |

OTHER EXPENSES

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| H) INSURANCE | 11,000 |
| I) PROFESSIONAL FEES | 100,000 |
| J) OTHER | 900 |
| K) WEATHER STATION EXPENSE | 15,000 |
| L) WATER MANAGEMENT | 645,000 |
| M) DUES & MEMBERSHIPS | 1,500 |
| N) BUSINESS DINNERS | 1,100 |
| O) POSTAGE | 1,000 |

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 1,000,000

The board reviewed the Mangers Report.

The board reviewed the new contract from Casey Designs of Hays, Kansas. Casey Designs is our current web hosting company. After a brief discussion, Kent Lamb moved, Fred Grunder seconded to approve the new contract for the next 12 month period. Motion carried 7-0.

President Wood discussed the policy on notifying landowners when the end gun is wasting water. After discussion Curtis Tobias moved, Phillip Martin seconded to alert

landowners by phone when possible and by regular letters for first time offenses and certified mail on offenses after that. Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed the date of the next meeting, it was decided that they would meet on August 4th at 7 pm, the week prior to the KWA meeting in Lyons.

With no further items to discuss, Phillip Martin moved and John Janssen seconded that the board be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.