

MINUTES –MAY 12, 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, May 12, 2011. Board members present were John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, Darrell Wood, Ed Shultz, Kevin Schultz and Phillip Martin. Board member not present was Kraig Froetschner and Kent Lamb. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guests present were Nelson Stone and Jeff Lanterman.

President Darrell Wood called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Phillip Martin moved, Curtis Tobias seconded to accept the April minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Phillip Martin moved, Kevin Schultz seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed File 47622, an application for a sand and gravel operation near Great Bend. Mr. Nelson Stone was on hand to discuss the application to the Board. After discussion of the application, Fred Grunder made a motion to grant a waiver to K.A.R. 5-25-4 based upon the dismissal of file 22,124 and recommend approval of the proposed new application. Curtis Tobias seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1.

The Board discussed File 47676, an application for a sand and gravel operation near Raymond. After discussion of the application, Fred Grunder made a motion to grant a waiver to K.A.R. 5-25-4 based upon the dismissal of file 40,741 and recommend approval of the proposed new application. Phillip Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed the information provided by Mr. Pete Balleau on a scenario to determine the sustainable yield and available water within the district. The board would also like Manager Essmiller to ask about scenarios we paid for previously. Kevin Schultz moved, Curtis Tobias seconded to allow Balleau Groundwater Inc. to pursue the scenarios set forth by the board discussion and outline by Mr. Balleau at the agreed upon price. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion was held on the current landowner notification procedures for meter inspections. In the past, the district would query those meters that had not been inspected within a certain time frame and send a postcard to the landowner to advise them and give instructions that they should notify our office if they wished to be present during the inspection. It was the consensus of the Board to modify the postcards to read that the district will be in an area for certain dates and to contact the district if necessary.

The board discussed file 47,752 and determined that the stipulations set forth in the past by Water commissioner Jeff Lanterman should be included in this and future 15 AF permits. These include enrollment in the monitoring program reversion acres set to 10 acres and a two year suspension for over pumping. Kevin Schultz moved, Fred Grunder seconded to accept these conditions Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed declaring a moratorium on all ag related 15 AF applications. Ed Shultz moved, Kevin Schultz seconded to declare a moratorium. Motion denied 0-6-1.

The board then discussed a limit to all 15 AF permits for Ag. The future applications will be limited to a maximum of 10 acres from this point forward with no option to increase acreage through a change in place of use. Fred Grunder moved, Ed Shultz seconded to declare that all ag related 15 AF permits be restricted to only 10 acres with no option to increase the place of use in the future. Motion Carried 7-0.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.