

MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2012
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, December 13, 2012. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Tom Taylor, Fred Grunder, Ed Shultz, Bob Standish, Kent Lamb and Phillip Martin. District staff present was Orrin Feril and Chris Sanders. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman and Richard Wenstrom.

The November regular board meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m.

John Janssen moved, Bob Standish seconded to accept the November minutes as written. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Bob Standish moved, John Janssen seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Phil Martin arrived at 2:09 pm.

The first item up for discussion was a review of the Rattlesnake Creek Partnership's final draft report and cover letter. The board requests a letter drafted to the Partnership to have several questions answered before committing to full support of the latest draft report and cover letter. John Janssen moved, Fred Grunder seconded to table the board's signature until the questions regarding the definitions for impairment and the acceptable augmentation criteria are answered. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Ed Schultz arrived at 2:41 pm.

The District's land use agreements were discussed. Manager Feril provided the board with a sample cover letter and draft land use agreement. These documents were reviewed by the board. Bob Standish moved, Fred Grunder seconded to accept the documents as written and to proceed with discussions with affected land owners. Motion carried 8-0-1.

Manager Feril presented a request for the purchase of computer equipment for office and field use. The request includes two desktop computers, four uninterruptible power supplies & one tablet-pc. Following a brief discussion on what was needed, Bob Standish moved, Fred Grunder seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment per the quotation from GovConnection. Motion carried 8-0-1.

Manager Feril discussed the manager's report with the Board. Progress on the CKWBA charter review is started, but will not be available for 2013 safe deposit bank accounts. It is possible to see water bank being active for 2013 deposits and leases if signed by April 1 and the rules and regulations with KDA-DWR are revised.

A brief discussion on the proposed LEMA projects going on around the state and how they interact with existing GMD management plans and IGUCAs was held. It is

important for everyone to keep an eye on these proposed projects and their impact on the respective areas.

A new proposed smart phone application that will integrate water use reporting, water level measurements and GMD activities was presented briefly to the board. No action was taken by the board.

The new overpumping matrix for 2013 was discussed with the board. The board requested the District's procedure for meter inspections be reviewed to show a larger presence throughout the District.

The status of the work by Balleau approved by the Board in the Walnut Creek subbasin was discussed. Currently this work is in the initial stages and an internal draft report should be available soon.

Jeff Lanterman, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues. Two active IGUCA areas are under review currently and are nearly done (Burrton & McPherson). The Division's staff has been out checking the status of the water use for the Drought Term permits. The letters for overpumping the 2011 water use year have been sent out.

Curtis Tobias discussed briefly the activities of the Kansas Water Authority. The next meeting for that group is in January.

Richard Wenstrom was on hand to discuss the need for conservation within the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin. A brief discussion followed centering on the effectiveness of voluntary reductions on water use within the subbasin provided there is an exemption from further reductions in the future.

Bob Standish moved, Kent Lamb seconded to go into executive session at 3:55 p.m. for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 4:13 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Attest by: _____ Dated: _____