

MINUTES – JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2012. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, Bob Standish and Tom Taylor. Board members not present were Ed Shultz and Phillip Martin. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guest present was Jeff Lanterman.

The June regular board meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Curtis Tobias moved, Bob Standish seconded to accept the May minutes as written. Motion carried 6-0-1.

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

Jeff Lanterman arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The board asked manager Essmiller to set up a time to talk to Chief Engineer Barfield about RSC meeting-for answers to questions on Quivira.

Water right File No. 47813 was on the agenda for discussion. This new application is for an established pond from the early 1970's Bob Standish moved, John Janssen seconded to waive the rules and regulations pertaining to this application as it was established under existing rules that were applicable when installed this will then allow the board to approve the application. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The board asked Manager Essmiller to contact Balleau Groundwater and get an estimate on the cost to run and implement and analysis of the Walnut Creek area in Barton County. This information would then be used to develop the potential management program to be utilized in the area.

Manager Essmiller approached the board about hiring a new employee for the Conservation Specialist Position. After a discussion on the matter, Bob Standish moved, John Janssen seconded to approve the hiring of another employee. Motion carried 5-1-1.

KGMDA is asking the GMD's for a \$200 donation to help with sponsorship of the Governor's Summit on Water in Kansas in December. Curtis Tobias moved, Fred Grunder seconded to approve the \$200 expenditure. Motion carried 5-1-1.

Water Commissioner Jeff Lanterman spoke to the board about the limiting factor in the District Rules that would affect how Multi Year Flex Accounts are processed. The short term solution is to waive the existing rule until a new rule could be established. Curtis Tobias moved, John Janssen seconded to waive the current rule until the revised rule can be written and accepted by the chief engineer. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Curtis Tobias reported that the KWA met in May at Hillsboro. And that the next meeting will be in Coffeyville.

Public comment: Curtis Tobias brought up concerns with an open groundwater pit located on property owned by JACAM Chemicals in Rice County

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.