

MINUTES – MAY 10, 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, April 11, 2012. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, and Phillip Martin. Board members not present were Ed Shultz, Bob Standish and Tom Taylor. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guests present were Cameron Conant and Darrell Brant.

The May regular board meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

An addition to the agenda was made to include a discussion on the Rattlesnake Creek 5a.

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

Phillip Martin arrived at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Kent Lamb moved, Fred Grunder seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 6-0.

New water right File No. 47813 was on the agenda for discussion. It was the consensus of the board to table the discussion until the June board meeting.

Since DWR doesn't have plans to hold public meetings on the MYFA, the board decided that the GMD should offer up the information at 2 public meetings around June 20th in Great Bend and Pratt. The locations of these meeting will be determined by Manager Essmiller and published in the next newsletter as well as other locations.

The board had a discussion on the Draft Report of the Rattlesnake Creek Management Plan. The board decided that further review would be needed at this point and that Balleau Groundwater should be consulted to address the review.

The districts thickness gauge is in need of replacement. Manager Essmiller provided information on a current replacement model. Phillip Martin moved, John Janssen seconded to purchase the model shown to the board. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager Essmiller approached the board about hiring a new employee to help with the workload at the office and in the field. After a discussion on the matter, Curtis Tobias moved, Phillip Martin seconded to hire a new employee. Motion was denied by a vote of 2-3-1.

After the recent bouts of severe weather in the area the board thought it would be beneficial to notify water users in the AWEP program areas of the incentives for not replacing endguns on damaged irrigation systems. This information along with the MYFA information should go out in the next newsletter.

Cameron Conant, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues.

Curtis Tobias moved, John Janssen seconded, to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interest of the parties involved. Motion carried 6-0. The board came out of executive session at 9:23 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:25 p.m.