

MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2012. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, and Bob Standish. Board members not present were Fred Grunder, Ed Shultz, Phillip Martin and Tom Taylor. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman and Matt Meier with DWR-Stafford field office, Dan Murdle and Clayton Pearson representing T & C Manufacturing, Dave Wonder representing Northern Natural Gas and Kevin Adams representing Eakin Redi-Mix.

The October regular board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Bob Standish moved, Kent Lamb seconded to accept the September minutes as written. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Bob Standish moved, Kent Lamb seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Dave Wonder, representative for Northern Natural Gas was on hand to discuss obtaining access to GMD5's three observation wells at water quality site 35 (WQS35) for sampling twice a year and measuring water levels four times a year. Curtis Tobias moved, Bob Standish seconded to coordinate the water level measurements and sampling with Northern Natural when GMD5 staff is present. Motion carried 4-0-1.

New application for appropriation under water right file #48133 was on the agenda for discussion. This application is for an additional 1.5 acre feet but will construct Class V well to re-inject the water into the aquifer. Based on the construction of the Class V well, the application is considered to be non-consumptive. Therefore the application meets all regulations and does not require a waiver. The Board offered its recommendation by consensus.

Term permit application #20129451 was on the agenda for discussion. After discussion of this application, Kent Lamb moved, Bob Standish seconded to approve the waiver for the term permit until the permanent water appropriation #47545 is completed, or for one year, whichever is less. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Next on the agenda was a review of two administrative policies. The first policy presented was Item C – Meter Loan Policy. The policy reads:

Item C Meter Loan Policy

“Policy established to loan the District's flow meter for a maximum of three days per pump, for a deposit of \$50.00, which would be returned when the meter was returned in good working condition. A set of adapters to change from 10” to 8” for the in-line meter would also be included.”

It was suggested to remove the policy due to lack of use and potential cost to the District for maintenance of the meter. The second policy in presented was Item D – Disbursement of Minutes of Meeting. The policy reads:

Item D Disbursement of Minutes of Meeting

“Original policy regarding disbursement of minutes required minutes to be disbursed at the expense of the party requesting the minutes. The policy was amended, to require a fee of \$0.25 per page for disbursement of the minutes.”

It was suggested to remove the policy due to changes in technology. The minutes are published publicly on the District’s website following the approval of the Board. John Janssen moved, Bob Standish seconded to accept the motions to remove the two policies. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Orrin Feril discussed the manager’s report to the board. It was agreed to fill the vacant Kansas board member position for the Groundwater Management Districts Association.

The deadline for registration to the upcoming Governor’s conference is October 15. The Manager Feril mentioned that if board members would like to attend the conference, GMD5 has, in the past, paid for Board member’s registration.

The Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) program was discussed briefly as well. The board requested the calculation of water savings for the removal of endgates by using one of two calculation methods. The first method calculates 16 inches of water per permit and the second method uses a 10%-15% reduction off the appropriation for each permit. These calculations will be compiled for the board’s review.

Jeff Lanterman introduced Matt Meier who was recently hired by the Division of Water Resources. Mr. Meier has a Master’s degree in GIS and will be processing new applications and 25% of his time will be spent on water right change applications.

Mr. Lanterman also discussed changes to approved flow meter list per K.A.R. 5-1-12. McCrometer FC 100’s have returned to the list provided they have disabled the ability to be reset remotely.

The administration of water rights that overpumped their appropriation in 2011 and did not file for a Drought Term (DT) permit will be receiving notice of non-compliance (NONC) letters soon if over 6% of appropriation. Administration of overpumping DT permits will begin soon as well. The penalty for this will be a \$500 civil penalty, a one-time (1x) reduction in 2013 and will be considered a single black mark against the water right.

Curtis Tobias gave a KWA update. In a recent teleconference, a suggestion to the Kansas Water Authority was to charge three cents per one thousand gallons of water sold from reservoirs be used for the cleanup of sediment from reservoirs.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.