

MINUTES
2013 ANNUAL MEETING
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
March 14, 2013 – Stafford County Annex – St. John

The annual meeting of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 was held March 14, 2013 at the Stafford County Annex in St. John, Kansas.

President Darrell Wood called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and introduced the board of directors. There were approximately 92 people in attendance for the meeting.

Secretary Curtis Tobias presented the minutes of the 2012 meeting. With no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved.

Vice-President Phil Martin announced the election of directors and presented candidates. Incumbent Fred Grunder was on the ballot for Pratt County. Incumbent Kent Lamb was on the ballot for Stafford County and Incumbent Ed Shultz and nominee Justin Gatz were on the ballot for Reno County. Nominations were open to the floor. With no nominations being made, a motion was made and seconded that nominations cease. The eligible voters in attendance (>70) were instructed to cast their votes by ballot to have them counted.

District Manager Orrin Feril introduced the speakers for the evening. Isaac Spare (BTI-Pratt) gave an overview John Deere's AMS technology, Brownie Wilson (Kansas Geological Survey) gave an overview of the High Plains Aquifer, Tracy Streeter (Kansas Water Office) gave an overview of the State of Kansas' plans to address the concerns regarding the current drought, David Barfield (Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources) explained the events of the week regarding the impairment claim by USFW at Quivira NWR and its implications for the local water users. Many questions were asked of the speakers resulting in good discussion by those in attendance.

Treasurer John Janssen presented the proposed 2014 budget. Mr. Janssen told the audience that a hearing would be held in July on the 2014 proposed budget. Following discussion from the floor, it was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed budget. By show of hands, the motion passed.

District Manager, Orrin Feril gave a presentation on District activities for the past year, introduced the newly re-chartered Central Kansas Water Bank Association, and answered questions from the floor.

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner, gave a presentation on the Division of Water Resources activities for the past year and answered questions from the floor.

Vice-President Phil Martin announced the results of the election of directors. Incumbent Fred Grunder was elected for Pratt County. Incumbent Kent Lamb was elected for Stafford County and Justin Gatz was elected for Reno County. Each of these positions are three-year terms.

After further questions and comments from the audience, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest by Curtis J Tobias Date 8-13-15
Secretary for the Board