

MINUTES – DECEMBER 12, 2013
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 12, 2013. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Fred Grunder, Phillip Martin, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Tom Taylor and Justin Gatz. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Gary Seibert, Barrett Smith, Pat Janssen, Berry Bortz and Roger Stotts.

The December regular board meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m.

John Janssen arrived at 10:06 a.m. and Phil Martin arrived at 10:47 a.m.

The first agenda item was an opportunity for public comments to the board. Representatives of the Water Pack board were present to address various questions posed by Water Pack. The topics discussed were status updates on the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation, GMD5's proposed MYFA option 3 calculations, and Central Kansas Water Bank Association activities. Barrett Smith presented a revised economic data sheet to the board for discussion. No action was taken by the GMD5 board.

Justin Gatz moved and John Janssen seconded to recess at 11:38 a.m. for lunch. Motion carried 7-0-1.

The December regular board meeting was called to order at 12:52 p.m.

Curtis Tobias requested a discussion on the K-96 bypass be added to the agenda as item 9a.

Bob Standish moved and Justin Gatz seconded to accept the November minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the December treasurer's report. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0-1.

The board discussed their representation to the Kansas Water Authority (KWA). Currently Curtis Tobias represents the "Central Kansas Groundwater Districts" to the KWA. That position will expire in the coming months. Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to submit Curtis Tobias to Equus Beds GMD2 for consideration as nominee for that position. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Manager Feril presented more roofing bids to the board for review. Following discussion, Curtis Tobias moved and Tom Taylor seconded to approve the bid submitted by Yutzy Roofing for \$5470.00. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Manager Feril presented quotations for computer monitors, scanners and monitor stands from Newegg and Amazon. Following discussion, Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to approve the Newegg Super EggSaver quotation. Motion carried 7-0-1.

The manager's report was the next item on the agenda. The recent meetings regarding possible legislative revisions to the Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) program to allow a rollover of unused water from a previous MYFA were discussed with the board. At this

point, there is not a pending bill and a new bill has not been introduced which includes this language. Justin Gatz moved and John Janssen seconded to support the MYFA rollover concept when legislation is introduced. Motion carried 6-1-1. The Kansas Water Office is requesting an opportunity to discuss the planning of the Vision for Water in Kansas report with the GMD5 board. Following discussion, the board requested that the KWO meet at the next board meeting in January to present the information. The District's inventory is being organized and reviewed internally. The board recommended the Manager's discretion be used for the disposal of surplus inventory, but for "big ticket" items, submit those for open bid to the public. The recent story regarding the censure of former Kansas Geological Survey scientist Marios Sophocleous by the University of Kansas was discussed briefly. Manager Feril will look into how this might impact the work KGS has done for the District in the past. No board action was taken.

Kent Lamb arrived at 1:38 p.m.

Jeff Lanterman, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues. The Burdett gage station was recently removed through the USGS operations but DWR believes that the water measured by that gage can be accounted for through other gages. The water right in GMD3 area that was found to have a meter with a nail in the impeller is currently suspended for a year. Currently there is a pending impairment filed on Painter Creek against Pratt County groundwater appropriators. This impairment investigation has recently been started by KDA-DWR.

Curtis Tobias discussed the recent KWA meeting in Wichita. The annual State Water Plan and the 50-year vision for water were discussed at length as well as the pending stream bank erosion and dredging projects in the reservoir systems in the eastern part of the state.

Curtis Tobias requested that a letter be sent to Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the requirement for water right permits when a construction pit encounters groundwater systems. The manager will work with Curtis to draft this letter.

Bob Standish noted a pond being constructed in northern Stafford County that should be investigated to see if it is abiding by the rules and regulations in place governing ponds of that size. Manager Feril stated he would have District staff inspect the location.

Bob Standish moved and Justin Gatz seconded to go into executive session at 2:05 p.m. for 15 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 2:20 p.m.

Kent Lamb moved and John Janssen seconded to go into executive session at 2:22 p.m for 15 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 2:40 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 2:48 p.m.