

MINUTES – JULY 11, 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, July 11, 2013. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Tom Taylor, Fred Grunder, Phillip Martin, Justin Gatz, Kent Lamb and Bob Standish. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Richard Wenstrom, Mike Oldham, and Jonathan Aguilar.

The July regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Wenstrom, President of WaterPACK, requested an opportunity to discuss some items with the Board. Mike Oldham, Project Leader at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, requested a few minutes to discuss a new project at Quivira. The two requests were noted and added as items 10a and 10b respectively.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the June minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to accept the July treasurer's report. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-1.

The first item up for discussion was a change application on Water Right No. 12434. The application proposes to plug two wells (DWR ID#2 & DWR ID#3) and move the authorized appropriation from those locations to an existing well (DWR ID#5) within the same water right file number. The proposed move is over the maximum 2640 feet per K.A.R. 5-25-2a. Tom Taylor moved and Bob Standish seconded to waive the applicable regulations to recommend approval of the change application. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Phil Martin, Fred Grunder and Justin Gatz arrived at 7:12 pm.

The Board reviewed a price breakdown for compiling a baseline water quality analysis in a specific region of Eastern part of the District. John Janssen moved and Justin Gatz seconded to proceed with sampling wells near the current hydrologic fracturing activity in the District. Motion carried 8-0-1.

Richard Wenstrom requested information regarding the work the District has done with the groundwater model that Balleau Groundwater Inc. (BGI) developed. WaterPACK would like more information on how the model works and its limitations. The Board recommended that the final report be provided to WaterPACK for review. Further discussion will be held in the future. No further action was taken by the Board.

Mike Oldham wanted to promote Quivira NWR's new "Pulling Together Initiative" project. The project proposes to "...improve aquatic system function and enhance critical habitat for Federal Trust species on public and private lands through invasive species control projects, public outreach and education..." The project is currently focused on the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The District has been actively inspecting meters for compliance and testing meters for accuracy. The District's revised MYFA calculation proposal and the temporary permit

offset proposal were discussed as well. Currently these proposals are waiting on approval from Chief Engineer, KDA-DWR.

Jeff Lanterman, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues. DWR is administering MDS on surface water rights on all rivers within the Stafford field office area. DWR staff is processing MYFA inspections and tests.

President Wood recessed the regular board meeting at 8:00 p.m. and opened the budget hearing to consider the 2014 budget. President Wood provided proof of publication for the hearing and Manager Feril provided copies of the proposed budget to all in attendance. President Wood then asked for any comments and questions from the audience. Following discussion with the audience, President Wood called for the hearing to close and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:09 pm.

Justin Gatz moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to adopt the budget as published. Motion carried 8-0-1.

EXPENDITURES			
PERSONNEL SERVICES			
	SALARIES	\$	180,000
	PAYROLL TAXES		15,000
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		20,000
ADMINISTRATION			
	BUILDING EXPENSE	\$	2,000
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT		3,000
	OFFICE SUPPLIES		4,000
	PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS		9,000
	TRAVEL & CONFERENCE		12,000
	UTILITIES		8,000
	COMPUTER UPGRADES		6,000
OTHER EXPENSES			
	INSURANCE	\$	11,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES		100,000
	OTHER		1,100
	WEATHER STATION EXPENSE		15,000
	WATER MANAGEMENT		610,000
	DUES & MEMBERSHIPS		1,800
	BUSINESS DINNERS		1,100
	POSTAGE		1,000
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$	1,000,000

Curtis Tobias mentioned that the KWA recently cancelled the latest OAAC meeting in Dodge City. The next meeting will be in Ellsworth in August.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.