

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 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 Tuesday, September 12, 2013. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Fred Grunder, Phillip Martin, Kent Lamb and Bob Standish. Board members Tom Taylor and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Cameron Conant and Richard Wenstrom, Kevin McClure, and Herman Hoffman Jr.

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

Phil Martin moved and Bob Standish seconded to accept the August minutes as written. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Fred Grunder seconded to accept the September treasurer's report. Following discussion, the motion carried 6-0-1.

The first item up for discussion was the draft report for the Walnut Creek Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area (IGUCA) in Barton County. The board discussed briefly about how a Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) would interact with the existing IGUCA. The discussion was tabled for more information. Phil Martin moved and Bob Standish seconded to send a questionnaire to landowners in the Walnut Creek ICUCA within Barton County to determine get input on possible modifications to the IGUCA restrictions. A copy of that letter/questionnaire should be sent to Cheyenne Bottoms and to the chief engineer of KDA-DWR. Motion carried 6-0-1. A draft of this letter and questionnaire will be sent to the board for review and comments before mailing.

The next item for discussion was the water issues at the Lyons Town and Country Club. Curtis Tobias gave an overview of the permitting process in the past. Kevin McClure gave an overview of the water concerns in recent years. Various scenarios were discussed to find water for the golf course. More research is needed to determine the best course of action. No action was taken by the board.

Manager Feril discussed recent requests for access to the GMD5 model report. The board requested more information be given to legal representation to determine if the model report is considered public or private.

Cameron Conant, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues. DWR is accepting consent agreements for water users to shift water restrictions from 2014 to 2013 provided specific requirements are met.

Curtis Tobias discussed the activities at the recent KWA meeting in Ellsworth.

Richard Wenstrom discussed recent Water PACK meetings regarding the issues within the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin.

Manager Feril briefed the board regarding recent correspondence from a concerned water user in the District regarding potential biased treatment. The procedures for meter compliance and enforcement were discussed. No action was taken by the board.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest by: _____ Dated _____