

MINUTES – JULY 14, 2014  
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 17, 2014. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, Tom Taylor, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, and Bob Standish. Board members Curtis Tobias, Phillip Martin, and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Kent Tutak, Ray Flickner, Richard Wenstrom, and Mike Oldham.

The July regular board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Bob Standish moved and Kent Lamb seconded to accept the June minutes. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the July treasurer's report. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0-1.

Fred Grunder arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Application for Water Right File No. 48132 was presented to the board for review. The application proposes to utilize 29.44 AF for natural evaporation from a groundwater pit in Barton County. The applicant proposes to reduce Water Right File No. 33,313 and dismiss Water Right File No. 46,314 in order to cover the amount proposed in the new application. Following discussion, Kent Lamb moved and Bob Standish seconded to waive K.A.R. 5-25-2 (Well Spacing) and K.A.R. 5-25-4 (Sustainable Yield) provided the previously stated conditions are met. Motion carried 5-0-1.

The Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition's (KGLC) recent pre-proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation was discussed by the board briefly. The proposal is to remove invasive woody species upstream from Quivira National Wildlife Refuge within the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin. No action was taken by the board.

The board discussed the first draft of the Vision for the Future of Kansas Water document. There is concern that many of the issues that are unique to the Great Bend Prairie and Equus Beds aquifers are not addressed in the current draft. The board requested a meeting be set up with the board from Equus Beds GMD2 and the Vision team to discuss the common issues between both areas before the next August board meeting. Manager Feril stated he would work with the manager for GMD2 to get the meeting organized.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Along with the Kansas Geological Survey, the District has acquired the equipment to install an Index Well in Edwards County within the next week. This will be the first Index well installed outside of the Ogallala aquifer. The Spatial Database initiative is progressing with the other GMDs. This database will work to streamline the data processing within the office and without. The District's proposal for an alternative calculation method for the Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA) program is being processed by KDA-DWR staff. According to discussions with KDA staff, this proposal should be approved soon.



refuge. Additionally staff is working to clear salt cedar from the upstream watershed in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin.

Ray Flickner discussed a recent presentation by a Kansas University economics professor on the value of water.

Richard Wenstrom representing Water PACK noted that their intent to write a letter of support for the proposed KGLC project. Additionally, Water PACK has sent a letter to the Vision team promoting the benefit irrigation has been to the local economy.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Attest by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_