

MINUTES – APRIL 09, 2015
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 April 9, 2015. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Tom Taylor, Kent Lamb, Phillip Martin, and Bob Standish. Board member Justin Gatz was not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Richard Wenstrom, David Stroberg and Ray Flickner.

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

Bob Standish moved and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the March minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Phil Martin arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Bob Standish moved and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the April treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-1.

John Janssen arrived at 7:06 p.m.

In the March regular board meeting, the board approved Total Administrative Services Corporation (TASC) to administer the health benefits for District staff. Manager Feril drafted an amendment to the District Personnel Policy L to reflect this change. Following a brief discussion, Bob Standish moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to adopt the amended policy as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Fred Grunder arrived at 7:09 p.m.

According to discussions with District staff for Equus Beds GMD2, at the GMD2 annual meeting Ray Flickner was not re-elected for another term as board member. Following discussion with Ray Flickner and David Stroberg, Curtis Tobias moved and Phil Martin seconded to use the GMD2 board's discretion to determine the representation of these two Districts to the Kansas Water Authority for the remainder of the appointment. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Manager Feril gave a brief update to the Board regarding the legislative activity in Topeka. The legislature was currently recessed until the end of the month so no new activity would occur until then. No action was taken by the board.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. As a result of the health benefit process, the agreement with St John National Bank needed to be reviewed to determine the minimum balance to be kept in the District's checking account before an auto-transfer of funds from the Money Maker account occurred. Fred Grunder moved and John Janssen seconded to set the minimum balance at \$1000 with an automatic sweep of \$2000 should the balance fall below that amount. Motion carried 7-0-1. The upcoming GMDA conference was highlighted and the board was encouraged to consider attending the conference in Idaho in the beginning of June.

Curtis Tobias moved and Bob Standish seconded to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for 5 minutes for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 7-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 7:45 p.m.

John Janssen moved and Bob Standish seconded to have the Manager, along with Mr. Preheim, draft a letter for review by the board in response to recent correspondence from Mr. Traster. Motion carried 7-0-1.

In the March board meeting, the proposition to expand the District to the South was discussed. Manager Feril noted the number of existing water rights and acres this would affect and as a result the assessments for the District. It was the consensus of the board to draft a mailing to be sent to the affected landowners to see the level of interest in joining the District.

Ray Flickner provided a report on the activities of the Kansas Water Authority. The Regional leadership teams have been meeting to devise goals for their respective regions. These goals will be presented to the KWA at the end of May in Greensburg.

Richard Wenstrom, representing Water Pack, is also the chairman of the Great Bend Prairie Regional Leadership team. He provided the board with the draft goals that are to be presented to the KWA in May. No action was taken by the board.

In other business, Curtis Tobias noted the potential small use permit that the Lyons Town and Country Club might attempt to acquire. The board discussed their activities and total land area. It was noted that this type of water right would most likely need special monitoring by the District to insure compliance with the quantity of water within a single year. No further action was taken by the board.

Ray Flickner excused himself from the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Recently, the District received the final report from Balleau Groundwater regarding the scoped work in the Walnut Creek IGUCA area. The specifics of the report were not presented to the public as this information is best presented when the IGUCA is next reviewed by KDA-DWR. Phil Martin moved and John Janssen seconded to request information regarding base flow vs. runoff during the perfection period for Cheyenne Bottoms' water right if there was additional funding left in the original scope of work with Balleau Groundwater. Motion carried 7-0-1.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:16 p.m.