

MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 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 December 10, 2015. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Fred Grunder, Tom Taylor and Phillip Martin. Board members Curtis Tobias and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Calvin Kissick, Richard Wenstrom, Mike Oldham, Derek Martin, John Donley and Jeff Lanterman.

The December regular board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

A quotation from Office Depot was added to the agenda as item 5a.

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

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

Richard Wenstrom arrived at 1:03 p.m.

The District has received an application for Term Permit #20159046. This application is for Kinsley Feeders in order to offset potential overuse from Water Right File No. 31993 by reducing Water Right File No. 31994. Both of these files are owned by the applicant. This term permit application is in order to allow the applicant time to work with the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources (KDA–DWR) to permanently correct the appropriations between these files to better reflect the usage at the feedlot. Following discussion with the applicant and KDA–DWR staff, Kent Lamb moved and Bob Standish seconded to recommend approval of the term permit application. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Phil Martin arrived at 1:12 p.m.

Manager Feril presented the board with a quotation from Seiders Heating & Air to upgrade the florescent lighting to use T8 florescent lights. An additional quotation for LED lighting was presented to the board. Following discussion, Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to approve the quotation for \$1870.00 to upgrade the office lighting to T8 florescent lights. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Manager Feril presented the board with a quotation from Office Depot for different seating in the conference room and staff offices. Following discussion, John Janssen moved to purchase 12 stacking chairs for the conference room. Due to lack of second the motion died.

Throughout the 2015 legislative session, Kent Askren provided legislative monitoring service to the District in conjunction with Equus Beds GMD2. In October the board approved the proposal to have Kent Askren to assist the District with keeping up with the activities in Topeka throughout the 2016 Legislative session for \$2500 pending approval of the GMD2 board. However, in the November Equus Beds GMD2 board meeting, the proposal was not approved. As such, the proposal was brought back before the District board for review. Following

discussion, it was recommended that the cost of the service should be determined should the District undertake this service on its own. No further action was taken by the board.

Recently the Chief Engineer filed the initial report on the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation and started a ninety (90) day public comment period. Due to the short amount of time between the filing of this report and the fact that KDA–DWR would be presenting this report in a public meeting following the board meeting, the board tabled this discussion until a later time.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The recent deadline for CKWBA has taken up a large part of the time this month in order to assist producers with signing up for Savings Accounts. Additionally, Mr. Feril attended several meetings including speaking at a Water Banking conference in New Mexico, attending an administrative hearing in Topeka, and the Governor’s Conference on Water. In the coming month, there will be more travel for the GMDA conference in Sacramento, CA.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA–DWR, noted the Quivira impairment investigation report and encouraged all to attend the public meeting in St John. No further information was provided at this time.

Mike Oldham, representing the US Fish and Wildlife Service, stated that the Service is tracking the movement of an outbreak of Avian Cholera through the region. Additionally, the Service is actively working to remove Salt Cedar and Russian Olive from the North end of Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

Calvin Kissick, representing the Kansas Water Authority, noted an upcoming meeting in Ellsworth on December 17th. Additionally, there will be an informational webinar for the proposed KDA regulations soon. Mr. Kissick provided this information to the board.

Richard Wenstrom, representing WaterPACK, noted the speaker at their annual meeting (February 15, 2016 in St John) will be the Chief Engineer for KDA–DWR. December 15 will be the next meeting for WaterPACK.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to go into executive session at 1:55 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 6-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 2:10 p.m.

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John Janssen moved and Fred Grunder seconded to approve salary adjustments for cost of living to be at 3% for all staff effective January 01, 2016. Motion carried 4-2-1.

The board briefly discussed the need for a peer review of the data and analysis in the initial investigation report by the Chief Engineer for the Rattlesnake Creek impairment issue. Following this discussion, Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to have Balleau Groundwater conduct this peer review. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set January 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 2:28 p.m.