

MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2016
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 June 9, 2016. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Curtis Tobias, Kent Lamb, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, and Bob Standish. Board members Tom Taylor, Phillip Martin, and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman and Patrick Janssen.

The June regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

Kent Lamb moved and Fred Grunder seconded to accept the May minutes as mailed. Motion carried 5-0-1.

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

Manager Feril noted a project to develop data collection software for the groundwater management districts to use in the field. This project is still in the very early stages, but the goal is to have a proposal to review in the next month. Mr. Feril further described the intended purpose behind the software and possible avenues for splitting the project cost with the other districts. No action was taken by the board.

Mr. Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Staff is preparing to perform the annual update to the internal landowner list. This list is used to assign the appropriate assessment to each landowner based on the number of acres owned and acre-feet used. This project is completed in conjunction with the County Appraiser's offices. Staff is currently assisting a KSU geology professor in the collection of water samples "to study the impact that nitrate addition has on microbial processes in the aquifer and, in turn, how this affects the mobility of trace elements that can degrade water quality." These samples have been gathered and analysis is ongoing. Mr. Feril noted the recent publication of the second draft of the Initial Report to the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation. The deadline to submit comments to this draft is July 1. No action was taken by the board.

Mr. Feril stated that there is an open position on the Great Bend Prairie Regional Advisory Committee. The board had a brief discussion on the merits of District representation on the committee. The discussion was tabled.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, noted that the District's alternative calculation for the Multi-Year Flex Account was recently used for the first time by a producer. This calculation method allows a producer to flexibly use 90% of their authorized appropriation across a 5-year time period provided the producer remove and plug the end gun on the center pivot system.

Pat Janssen commented that WaterPACK is struggling with how to respond to the second draft of the Initial Report to the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation.

In other business, the board discussed the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation remedy process and how to achieve an effective non-biased outcome. Specifically, what is the District's role in the process and what are the limitations? Following these discussions, John Janssen moved and Fred Grunder seconded to have Balleau Groundwater Inc. determine the magnitude

of the impairment with respect to the Palmer Drought Index at Quivira NWR diversion point.
Motion carried 4-1-1.

The next District board meeting was set for July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with the District budget hearing at 8:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest by: Curtis J. Taber Dated 9-8-2016