

MINUTES
2017 ANNUAL MEETING
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
AND
CENTRAL KANSAS WATER BANK ASSOCIATION
February 16, 2017 – Stafford County Annex – St. John

The annual meetings for the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 (District) and the Central Kansas Water Bank Association (Association) were held February 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stafford County Annex in St. John, Kansas.

Association Chairman, John Janssen called the Association annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. District President, Darrell Wood called the District annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were approximately 27 eligible voters and 8 visitors in attendance for the meeting.

Association Secretary/Treasurer Curtis Tobias read the minutes from the 2016 annual meeting. The 2016 annual meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented by raise of hands.

Dennis Holl announced the Association election of directors and presented the candidates for Position #4 (Curtis Tobias) and Position #5 (Vernon Hirt). Nominations were opened to the floor. With no nominations being made, a John Janssen moved and Phil Martin seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for both positions. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Kent Lamb announced the District election of directors and presented candidates. Kent Lamb recognized Curtis Tobias for his years of dedicated service to the District as Rice County's representative. Incumbent Phil Martin was on the ballot for Barton County. Incumbent Darrell Wood was on the ballot for Edwards County. Jerry Cullop was on the ballot for Rice County. Each nominee provided a brief description of their operations. Nominations were opened to the floor. With no nominations being made, Bob Standish moved and Roger Stotts seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for each of the positions. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

District Treasurer John Janssen presented the proposed 2018 budget to the public for review. Mr. Janssen told the audience that a hearing would be held in July on the 2018 proposed budget. Following discussion from the floor, Ki Gamble moved and Justin Vosburgh seconded to review the proposed budget at the upcoming budget hearing in July. By show of hands, the motion passed with three dissenting votes.

District Manager Orrin Feril gave a presentation on District and Association activities for the past year. The hydrologic conditions of the District were presented to the audience via a series of maps. Additionally, Mr. Feril presented an overview of the ongoing projects and issues throughout the District including the Rattlesnake Creek impairment & Hays/R9 Ranch transfer. Several questions were then taken and answered from the floor.

David Barfield, Chief Engineer, provided an update on water right impairments throughout the state and an overview of the Hays/R9 Ranch transfer from the perspective of the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources. Several questions were taken and answered from the floor.

Barry Bortz gave a presentation on the activities of the Great Bend Prairie Regional Advisory Committee and answered questions from those present.

District Manager Orrin Feril gave an update on a few legislative bills that are being worked this legislative session.

After further questions and comments from the audience, John Janssen and Darrell Wood adjourned the annual meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Attest by  Date 3/9/17

Secretary for the Board