

MINUTES – AUGUST 11, 2017
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 Friday August 11, 2017. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Phillip Martin, Tom Taylor, Jerry Cullop, and Justin Gatz. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Lynn Preheim, Dave Romero, Steve Silver, Jeff Lanterman, Calvin Kissick, Brian Klager, Leon Dunn, Carolyn Dunn, Vernon Hirt, Gerald Hirt, Richard Wenstrom, Jackie McClaskey, Chris Beightel, Lane Letourneau, Kenny Titus, and David Barfield.

The August regular board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

Lynn Preheim, Dave Romero and Steve Silver joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. via telephone.

Phil Martin moved and Kent Lamb seconded to go into executive session at 5:00 p.m. for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussion of information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 5:45 p.m.

Justin Gatz moved and John Janssen seconded to go into executive session at 5:45 p.m. for ten minutes for the purpose of discussion of information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 5:55 p.m.

Darrell Wood moved and Bob Standish seconded to recess for ten minutes.

Darrell Wood reconvened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to approve the July minutes as presented. Motion carried 8-0-1.

Kent Lamb moved and Fred Grunder seconded to accept the August treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 8-0-1.

Secretary Jackie McClaskey and representatives from KDA–DWR were present to discuss the current progress in the Rattlesnake Creek impairment remedy. John Janssen moved and Bob Standish seconded to present the District's concept for a Rattlesnake Creek LEMA to KDA and the public present. The motion carried 7-0-2. The current concept is to remove all end guns from the center pivot systems throughout the designated area, implement streamflow augmentation and incentivize transfers of water through the CKWBA. KDA staff excused themselves from the meeting to discuss the concept privately. Several clarifying questions were addressed by the board and staff. There were concerns with the economic impact of the proposal on the area and with how the CKWBA operates including transfers across subbasin boundaries.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Mr. Feril noted the certified assessments to each county clerk should be submitted within the week based on the approved assessment rates for FY2018. District staff has been monitoring the construction of a

few cathodic protection boreholes in Rice and Reno counties. The upcoming WaterPACK/ILS technology farm was highlighted to the board and all were encouraged to attend.

KDA staff rejoined the meeting to provide initial feedback on the concepts presented in the Rattlesnake Creek LEMA. There were concerns with quantitative goals, implementation of other technologies and movement of water across subbasin boundaries. Overall, KDA was supportive of the concepts and looks forward to keeping this process moving forward.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA–DWR, noted an upcoming conference call with McCrometer representatives to talk about the Aurora office closing and Kansas requirements and concerns with the process.

Calvin Kissick, representing KWA, noted the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting in Pittsburg next week. At this meeting, there will be a discussion regarding the groundwater management district assessment revisions proposed in the legislature this session. No action was taken by the board.

Richard Wenstrom, WaterPACK, stated that the WaterPACK/ILS water technology farm will be holding a field day on August 15. All were encouraged to attend and were given a flyer providing further details.

Lynn Preheim joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m. via telephone.

Bob Standish moved and Kent Lamb seconded to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussion of information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 8:00 p.m.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest by:  Dated 9/14/17