

MINUTES – JULY 13, 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 Thursday July 13, 2017. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Phillip Martin, Tom Taylor and Justin Gatz. Board member Jerry Cullop was not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Calvin Kissick, Brian Klager, Berry Bortz, Pat Janssen, and Lynn Preheim.

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

A discussion regarding a supplemental order to the Walnut Creek IGUACA was added to the agenda as item 6a. A discussion regarding proposed amendments to K.A.R. 5-5-9 was added to the agenda as item 6b.

John Janssen moved and Bob Standish seconded to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Justin Gatz joined the meeting via conference call at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to accept the July treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0-1.

In follow up to the June board meeting, a set of vehicle bids were presented to the board for discussion and review. All dealerships within the District were asked to submit bids. Following a thorough discussion regarding the current status of the District vehicles, the board took no action.

A discussion regarding a proposed supplemental order to the Walnut Creek IGUCA was held by the board. The supplemental order is in response to a request from industry to allow the use of term permits for non-fresh water that is not hydrologically connected to Walnut Creek, but is located within the boundaries of Walnut Creek IGUCA. It appears that there was no consideration for the use from non-connected aquifers or term permits. Following a review of the supplemental order language and a discussion amongst the board, Phil Martin moved and Kent Lamb seconded to not make comment for or against the supplemental order. Motion carried 4-3-1.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Mr. Feril noted the recent closure of Great Plains Meter in Aurora, NE and what that might mean for McCrometer meters in the District. The upcoming Kansas Water Congress meeting was discussed briefly and each of the board were asked if they were interested in attending.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, did not provide a report to the District.

Calvin Kissick, representing KWA, noted the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting in Pittsburg in August. 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.

Berry Bortz, Great Bend Prairie RAC Chair, provided an update on the RAC’s activities. The RAC recently met in Lyons and had a presentation by the Kansas Department of Revenue regarding the property valuation calculations.

Pat Janssen, WaterPACK, stated that WaterPACK had recently entered into a contract to conduct an economic evaluation of the area with Kansas State University. Additionally, the ILS water technology farm will be holding a field day on August 15.

President Wood recessed the regular board meeting at 8:00 p.m. and opened the budget hearing to consider the 2018 budget. Manager Feril provided proof of publication for the hearing and provided copies of the proposed budget to all in attendance. Mr. Feril read the proposed budget noting any proposed changes from the adopted 2017 budget. President Wood then asked for any comments and questions from the audience. Following discussion with the audience, President Wood called for the hearing to close and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10 pm.

John Janssen moved and Tom Taylor seconded to adopt the proposed 2018 budget and Resolution 2017-2 as presented. Motion carried 6-1-1.

EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL SERVICES

SALARIES	\$	180,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		25,000
PAYROLL TAXES		15,000

ADMINISTRATION

TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	\$	17,000
UTILITIES		9,000
PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS		7,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES		5,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		4,000
BUILDING EXPENSE		3,000
FIELD EQUIPMENT		3,000

OTHER EXPENSES

WATER MANAGEMENT	\$	610,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES		200,000
WEATHER STATION EXPENSE		15,000
INSURANCE		11,000
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS		1,500
BUSINESS DINNERS		1,500
OTHER		1,500
POSTAGE		1,500

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 1,110,000

ASSESSMENT RATES

PER ACRE	\$	0.05
PER ACRE-FOOT		1.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2

WHEREAS the Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5 ("the District"), Stafford, Kansas, was established under the authority of K.S.A. 82a-1020 for the proper management of groundwater resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the District is a body politic and corporate and has the authority to levy a water user charge and land assessment under K.S.A. 82a-1028 (h) to finance the operations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a proposed budget at this year's annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has submitted the proposed budget for FY2018 to the eligible voters of the District at a budget hearing called for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, at least one (1) budget hearing notice was published in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation within the District at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the budget hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5 hereby adopts the proposed FY2018 budget as submitted at the budget hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE land assessment is hereby set at five (\$0.05) cents per acre for eligible tracts of land as defined by K.S.A. 82a-1030 (a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE water users charge is hereby set at one (\$1.00) dollar for each acre-foot of groundwater as defined by K.S.A. 82a-1030 (a).

ADOPTED the 13th day of July, 2017 by the Board of Directors of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5 at a regular meeting.


Lynn Preheim joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m. via telephone.

Bob Standish moved and Kent Lamb seconded to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for thirty 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 7-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for August 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest by:



Dated

