

MINUTES
2018 ANNUAL MEETING
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
AND
CENTRAL KANSAS WATER BANK ASSOCIATION
February 15, 2018 – 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 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stafford County Annex in St. John, Kansas.

Curtis Tobias called the Central Kansas Water Bank Association annual meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Darrell Wood called the District annual meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. There were approximately 90 eligible voters and 87 visitors in attendance for the meeting.

Curtis Tobias read the minutes from the 2017 annual meeting. The 2017 annual meeting minutes were approved unanimously as presented by raise of hands.

Orrin Feril made an adjustment in the interest of time to move the proposed Local Enhanced Management Area (“LEMA”) discussion ahead of the election of directors. Mr. Feril then introduced Lynn Preheim, Stinson Leonard Street LLP, to provide a high level overview of the proposed LEMA document.

David Barfield, Chief Engineer of KDA–DWR, provided an update on the background of the issues at hand regarding the Quivira NWR impairment. Mr. Barfield then outlined the criteria that KDA–DWR requires for a remedy to the impairment.

Peter Balleau, Balleau Groundwater Inc., outlined the hydrology behind the augmentation project and the two goals for proposed LEMA. The two objectives of the proposed LEMA are to supply water for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and to improve the future of the aquifer with reduced future stream depletions.

Lynn Preheim outlined the statutory requirements needed to establish a LEMA and then provided additional details on the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA.

Lynn Preheim, David Barfield, and Peter Balleau took several questions from the floor regarding the previous presentations. There was concern regarding public input into the process and an initial comment period was set for concerned public to provide feedback on the proposal. It was stated several times that the proposal is far from being finalized and that the public input is needed for a successful LEMA plan.

Curtis Tobias announced the Central Kansas Water Bank Association election of directors and presented the candidates for Position #1 (Incumbent John Janssen) and Position #2 (Incumbent Greg Ebert). Nominations were opened to the floor. With no nominations being made, Tyler Alpers moved and Kevin Schultz seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for both positions. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Fred Grunder announced the District election of directors and presented candidates. Fred Grunder recognized Bob Standish for his years of dedicated service to the District as Pawnee County’s representative. Kerry Froetschner was on the ballot for Pawnee County. Incumbent John Janssen was on the ballot for Kiowa County. Incumbent Tom Taylor was on the ballot for

the At-Large position. Nominations were opened to the floor. With no nominations being made, Phillip Martin moved and Kent Lamb seconded that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for each of the positions. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Kent Lamb presented the 2017 financial report and 2019 budget. The public present were encouraged to review these records in preparation for the July budget hearing to consider the budget for FY2019.

Orrin Feril provided a brief overview of the District and Association activity reports for 2017. A few questions were addressed from the floor.

John Donley, Devine Donley and Murray Governmental Affairs, LLC, presented a legislative update to the public present. There are several legislative bills in Topeka being considered that affect water issues in Kansas.

Keith Miller, Vice-Chair of Great Bend Prairie RAC, presented an update on the regional advisory committee's activities.

Darrell Wood adjourned the annual meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Attest by  Date 7/12/18
Secretary for the Board