

MINUTES – AUGUST 09, 2018
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, August 9, 2018. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Tom Taylor, Kerry Froetschner and Phil Martin. Board members Fred Grunder, Justin Gatz and Jerry Cullop were not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Calvin Kissick, Leah Chadd, Kent Moore, Justin Vosburgh, Harold Crispin, Jeff Crispin, John Dewerff, and Kevin Schultz.

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

The meeting's agenda was modified to reverse the order of item 6 and 7 to accommodate public interest of those present.

Jeff Lanterman noted the following revision to the July minutes:

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA–DWR, noted a recent *visit* of Lt. Governor ~~Colyer~~ *Mann* to the Stafford Field Office. The field office has been processing the list of water rights that exceeded their authorized quantity in 2017. There are 34 water rights that received a notice of non-compliance and 154 water rights that received a civil penalty within the Stafford Field Office region. No action was taken by the board.

Kerry Froetschner moved, and John Janssen seconded to approve the July minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0-1. The official record of the minutes was updated for future reference.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the updated August treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. Kent Lamb moved, and John Janssen seconded to accept the August treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-1.

The District recently received a change application for Water Right File No. 14442 in Stafford County for review and recommendation. The proposed change in place of use would allow the center pivot system to complete the circle and irrigate 122 acres. To do this, the applicant must enter into a monitoring agreement with the District. In the July board meeting, the board recommended to deny the application. The applicant, John Dewerff, requested the opportunity to appeal this decision. Following discussion with the applicant, Phil Martin moved to enter into the monitoring agreement and recommend approval of the application. The motion did not receive a second and was not further considered by the board. Following a brief discussion on other aspects of the application, Kent Lamb moved, and Phil Martin seconded to enter into a monitoring agreement and recommend approval of the application as presented. Motion carried 3-0-3.

In the July board meeting, the board had the opportunity to review the video presentations from an informational meeting in Greensburg on the proposed change applications for the R9 Ranch. Additionally, District staff put together a preliminary summary of the change applications and draft order for the board's consideration in that meeting. Recently, the District received the technical review of the modeling work conducted by Burns & McDonnell and the consumptive use analysis by Keller-Bliesner. Orrin Feril presented this technical review to the board for consideration. Due to the complexity of the change applications, the board tabled the discussion until the next time the board meets.

Orrin Feril provided a presentation on the status of the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA. Additionally, the latest draft document was provided to all in attendance for further review and consideration. The committee heard concerns from the public and answered several questions. The latest revision to the draft document is posted to the website as well as a copy of the summary presentation. A public informational meeting on the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA on August 27 at 7:00 pm in St John at the Stafford County Annex was announced. This meeting is posted to the District's website as well. No action was taken by the board.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. District staff has reworked the website completely to provide additional information to the public and to make the website more user-friendly. This effort is coupled with the increased effort to communicate with the public via Facebook and Twitter. All in attendance were encouraged to explore the new website and provide feedback on ways to enhance it.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, noted potential regulations for the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin for the movement of water rights are being developed. Draft language for these regulations is coming soon for consideration by the District board. No action was taken by the board.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The KWA will meet in Manhattan at KDA headquarters. The key items up for discussion at this meeting will be the proposed budgets for the state and the draft "standard operating procedure" promoted by the Great Bend Prairie RAC. No action was taken by the board.

Orrin Feril provided a brief update on the Great Bend Prairie RAC activities. The standard operating procedure for the regional advisory committees and cover letter to the KWA was presented to the board for discussion. No action was taken by the board.

Kent Moore, representing WaterPACK, noted a recent letter sent to the US Department of Interior from the Kansas delegation regarding the need for technical and financial assistance for augmentation. Additionally, Kent Moore provided an update on the ACRES Initiative to the board. No action was taken by the board.

In other business, Phil Martin requested further explanation regarding how the Cities of Hays and Russell are proposing to combine water rights on the municipal well locations at the R9 ranch.

At 9:15 p.m., Kent Lamb moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to recess the remainder of the board meeting until 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2018 in St John at the Stafford County Annex to further consider the Cities of Hays and Russell change applications. Motion carried 4-1-1.

The monthly board meeting of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 was reconvened at the Stafford County Annex in St John on Monday, August 27, 2018. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Jerry Cullop, Kent Lamb, Tom Taylor, Kerry Froetschner, Justin Gatz and Phil Martin. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and John Hildebrand. Approximately 36 guests were present.

The August regular board meeting was reconvened at 6:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.


Orrin Feril presented the change applications for the Cities of Hays and Russell once again to the board. The Balleau Groundwater technical analysis on the Keller Bliesner review of the Burns and McDonnell modeling was also reviewed and discussed by the board. Following this discussion, the revised District staff findings and recommendations document was presented to the board. John

Janssen moved, and Kent Lamb seconded to accept the revised District staff findings and recommendations as presented and to recommend approval of the change applications. Following discussion, motion carried 8-0-1.

Orrin Feril presented a revised modeling scope of work to the board for consideration. The scope of work encompasses an update of the modeling data, calibration, revision to the uppermost layer of the model framework and sustainability analysis. Fred Grunder moved, and Kent Lamb seconded to table the discussion until a later date. Motion carried 8-0-1.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Attest by:  Dated 9-13-2018