

MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2018. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Tom Taylor, Fred Grunder, Justin Gatz, Jerry Cullop and Kerry Froetschner. Board member Phil Martin was not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Kent Moore, Calvin Kissick, Berry Bortz, Shaine Chadd, Cameron Conant, John Donley, and Pat Janssen.

The December regular board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Darrell Wood.

Orrin Feril recommended that KWA report listed as agenda item 9 be moved to item 3a.

Fred Grunder moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to approve the November minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Tom Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the December treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. Justin Gatz moved, and John Janssen seconded to accept the December treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0-1. Following review of the treasurer's report, Mr. Feril recommended the board to take a look at the adopted FY2019 budget in preparation for discussion in the January and February board meetings.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The next KWA meeting will be in Wichita at the American AgCredit building on December 19, 2018. At this meeting, there will be updates on the RAC and the water marketing program activities in the state. The representation for Groundwater Management District Nos. 2 and 5 is due for reconsideration by the respective boards of directors. Following a description of the issue, John Janssen moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to nominate Calvin Kissick to continue to represent Groundwater Management District No. 5 on the Kansas Water Authority. The motion carried 7-0-1.

In the November board meeting, the board discussed legislative monitoring of activities in Topeka throughout legislative session. Orrin Feril presented the board with two options for service agreements with Devine Donley & Murray Governmental Affairs, LLC. Following a discussion with John Donley and the board of directors, John Janssen moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to enter into a 12-month agreement with Devine Donley & Murray Governmental Affairs, LLC for 2019 for \$12,000. Following a clarification of the motion, the motion carried 7-0-1.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Three board positions are scheduled for election at the annual meeting (Pratt, Reno, Stafford Counties). The board members that currently hold those positions, were asked to inform Mr. Feril soon if they plan to run again as an incumbent. KDA will soon be sending out a post card to inform water users of the new filing fee for paper water use reports. Mr. Feril indicated that this information would also be included in the next District newsletter. Kansas State University recently approached the District with a draft survey that would be sent out to all area water users in the District. A copy of that draft survey was provided to the board for discussion. Following discussion, John Janssen moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to recommend that this survey not be sent out at this time due to potential confusion of the intent of the survey. The motion carried 7-0-1. Mr. Feril presented the board with a quotation (Quote Number 165896) from Campbell Scientific for updated wind

speed/direction sensors for the weather station network. John Hildebrand provided the board with an explanation of the sensors and why this is justified. Following discussion, John Janssen moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to approve the purchase of eleven RM Young wind monitors per Campbell Scientific quote # 165896. The motion carried, 7-0-1. Over the past several months, there have been several items brought to the table for the board's consideration. Mr. Feril requested that these items be resolved before the start of a new year.

- August 27, 2018 – Proposed Scope of Work for Balleau Groundwater Inc. to update and calibrate the BBGMDMOD through 2017/2018 data as well as develop a District-wide sustainability analysis. The proposed scope of work would cost \$54,000. Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to lay the scope of work on the table for 6 months for further consideration. The motion carried 7-0-1.
- November 8, 2018 – Pheasants Forever presented the Corners for Wildlife in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin to the board. The District's portion of the project would be \$200,000 for the 5-year program period. Kent Lamb moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to decline the financial support for the program. The motion carried 7-0-1.
- November 8, 2018 – David Brenn presented information to the board regarding Kansas Water Congress membership. The Kansas Water Congress membership fee is \$1,000/yr. Kent Lamb provided further background and details in the opportunities KWC provides the District. Following discussion, Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to decline membership for 2019. The motion carried 6-0-2.
- November 8, 2018 – Orrin Feril presented the board with two draft revisions to existing regulations to ensure the proper implementation of an augmentation wellfield along with a new draft regulation to provide the mechanism for moving water. The board and public present discussed this draft language and proposed possible revisions for further discussion. These revisions will be completed and brought back to the board in January for further consideration.

The LEMA committee updated the board on the status of the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA. The latest draft of the LEMA document was presented to the board and public for review. The LEMA committee and District staff answered several questions regarding the draft. It was recommended to modify the Advisory Committee in Section 6 (a) to have better representation from the stakeholders involved in the review process. Following that discussion, Justin Gatz moved, and John Janssen seconded to approve the proposed Rattlesnake Creek / Quivira NWR LEMA plan as amended and to submit it to the Chief Engineer for review in preparation for public hearings. The motion carried 7-0-1.

Berry Bortz provided a brief update on the Great Bend Prairie RAC activities. According to Tracy Streeter at the KWA meeting in Wichita, the CREP provisions requested by Central Kansas Water Bank Association representatives is in the latest version of the Farm Bill. This could potentially expand the CREP into the Rattlesnake Creek area.

Kent Moore, WaterPACK, stated that the economic study being conducted by Kansas State University is going to be publicly available soon. Upon publication, this study will be provided to all area water users for their information. Pat Janssen highlighted a recent meeting between WaterPACK, TNC and CKWBA to determine a good pathway forward for providing an incentive for CKWBA participants. No action was taken by the board.

John Janssen moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to go into executive session at 11:55 a.m. for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussion personnel matters of non-elected personnel to conduct performance reviews. Open session will resume at 12:25 p.m. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. The motion carried 7-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 12:25 p.m.

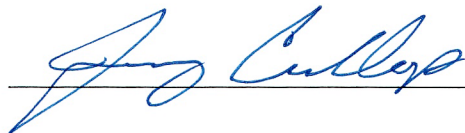
John Janssen moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to accept the manager's recommendations for salary changes for District staff effective January 1, 2019. The motion carried 7-0-1.

Kerry Froetschner moved, and John Janssen seconded to go into executive session at 12:30 p.m. for five minutes for the purpose of discussion personnel matters of non-elected personnel to conduct manager performance reviews. Open session will resume at 12:35 p.m. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. The motion carried 7-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 12:35 p.m.

Justin Gatz moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to increase the manager's salary by \$5,000 effective January 1, 2019. The motion carried 7-0-1.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Attest by:  Dated 1/10/19