

MINUTES – JULY 12, 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, July 12, 2018. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Jerry Cullop, Kent Lamb, Tom Taylor, Kerry Froetschner, and Justin Gatz. Board members Fred Grunder and Phil Martin were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Pat Janssen, Calvin Kissick, Leah Chadd, Ron Ashworth, Alan Crane, David Essmiller, Kent Moore, Heidi Mehl, Abby Marcot, Micah Schwalb, Fred Newby, Justin Vosburgh, and Roger Stotts.

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

John Janssen noted the following revision to the May minutes:

~~Tom Taylor~~ *John Janssen* made the following motion at 8:10 p.m.: “I move that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the acquisition of real property pursuant to the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real property exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume here in the meeting room at 8:20 p.m.” Kent Lamb seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

John Janssen moved, and Justin Gatz seconded to approve the May minutes as amended. Motion carried 6-0-1. The official record of the minutes was updated for future reference.

Roger Stotts joined the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the updated July treasurer’s report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. Kent Lamb moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the July treasurer’s report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 6-0-1.

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 130 acres. To do this, the applicant must enter into a monitoring agreement with the District. Following discussion, Kent Lamb moved, and John Janssen seconded to not enter into a monitoring agreement and recommend denial of the application as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Recently, KDA–DWR and the Cities of Hays and Russell held an informational meeting in Greensburg on the proposed change applications for the R9 Ranch. KDA–DWR recorded the presentations and posted them to the internet. District staff retrieved these videos for its records. Following a brief discussion, the presentation from the Cities of Hays and Russell was shown to the board and public present. District staff has put together a preliminary summary of the change applications and draft order for the board’s consideration.

Darrell Wood recessed the regular board meeting at 8:00 p.m. and opened the budget hearing to consider the 2019 budget. Orrin 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 2018 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.

Justin Gatz moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to adopt the proposed 2019 budget and Resolution 2018-3 as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

EXPENDITURES			
PERSONNEL SERVICES			
	SALARIES	\$	200,000
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		40,000
	PAYROLL TAXES		20,000
ADMINISTRATION			
	TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	\$	20,000
	FIELD EQUIPMENT		10,000
	UTILITIES		9,000
	PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS		8,000
	OFFICE SUPPLIES		5,000
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT		4,000
	BUILDING EXPENSE		3,000
OTHER EXPENSES			
	WATER MANAGEMENT	\$	850,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES		300,000
	WEATHER STATION EXPENSE		15,000
	INSURANCE		11,000
	BUSINESS DINNERS		1,500
	OTHER		1,500
	POSTAGE		1,500
	DUES & MEMBERSHIPS		500
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$	1,500,000
ASSESSMENT RATES			
	PER ACRE	\$	0.05
	PER ACRE-FOOT		1.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-3

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 FY2019 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 FY2019 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 12th day of July, 2018 by the Board of Directors of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5 at a regular meeting.

The video presentation by Andy Keller, representing WaterPACK, was shown to the board and public present. The board will continue to consider the information presented and no action was taken by the board.

Kent Moore, representing WaterPACK, provided some additional comments on the Keller-Bleisner video. He stated that WaterPACK has offered for Andy Keller to meet with KDA-DWR regarding his work on the Hays/R9 change applications. Micah Schwalb provided the board with a presentation on methods to finance the proposed augmentation and water right retirement programs. Following this presentation, John Janssen moved, and Jerry Cullop seconded to support the effort and provide the District logo for use on the promotional material. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Orrin Feril and the LEMA committee had a candid discussion with the public present regarding the current status of the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA. The committee heard concerns from the public and answered questions. The latest revision to the draft document was provided to all present for review and comment. Mr. Feril noted that the draft document is posted to the website. No action was taken by the board.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. District staff is in the process of certifying the annual assessments to the representative counties in the District. Meanwhile, in an effort to enhance the communications with the public, District staff is working on updating the District website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.


Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, noted a recent ^{visit} of Lt. Governor ~~Colyer~~ ^{Moore} 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.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The KWA will meet in Manhattan in August at KDA headquarters. No action was taken by the board.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for August 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Attest by:  Dated 8.9.18