

MINUTES – MAY 10, 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, May 10, 2018. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Kent Lamb, Phil Martin. Board members Jerry Cullop, Tom Taylor, Kerry Froetschner, and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, Berry Bortz, Pat Janssen, Calvin Kissick, Brian Klager, Leah Chadd, Jim Schneider, and Brian Dunnigan.

The May regular board meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

An application review of file number 20189021 was added to the agenda as item 4a. An executive session to discuss matters relating to the acquisition of real property pursuant to the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real property.

John Janssen noted a revision needed to show that Lynn Preheim joined the April meeting by phone. John Janssen moved, and Phil Martin seconded to approve the April minutes as amended. Motion carried 4-0-1.

John Janssen moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to accept the May treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0-1.

Brian Dunnigan and Jim Schneider, representing Olsson Associates, provided the board with an overview of the GET software and the benefits it could provide to the District. The GET software provides water managers with the ability to utilize existing hydrologic models to make informed decisions in the management of the local aquifers. Following thorough discussion, Kent Lamb moved, and Phil Martin seconded to table the discussion until more board members were present to consider the proposal. Motion carried 4-0-1.

The District recently received an application for a Term Permit (20189021) in Pratt county for review and recommendation. The proposed term permit is for fire protection at the cotton gin near Cullison and surrounding rural areas. The application is for 10 AFY over a 20-year term period. This application meets spacing to all nearby wells. However, K.A.R. 5-25-13 limits term permits to one year or less, with exceptions for hydraulic dredging, aquifer remediation, and contaminated water use. Following discussion, Phil Martin moved, and John Janssen seconded to recommend a waiver of K.A.R. 5-25-4 to recommend approval of the application as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The CKWBA activities have occupied much of the District staff time. District staff is working to get the annual report to the Chief Engineer as soon as possible. Additionally, the annual savings account statements are being prepared for the participants of that program. Recently, Kansas Farm Bureau invited Orrin Feril, Darrell Wood, and District attorneys to attend a special informational tour of Quivira NWR. This was well attended, and the District representatives were able to answer questions along the way.

Orrin Feril and the LEMA committee noted a recent letter from Kansas Secretary of Agriculture McClaskey regarding the status of the proposed Rattlesnake Creek LEMA. The LEMA committee along with legal counsel are working on a response letter currently. Additionally, the LEMA committee provided those in attendance with a brief update on the issues of which it is working.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, stated that KDA is completing work on draft regulations for 1) moving water sensitive areas of the Rattlesnake Creek region to areas that have less impact and 2) permitting of augmentation wells for the proposed LEMA. Kent Lamb asked about the current status of the Hays/R9 ranch change applications. Recently, KDA-DWR supplied the District and public with draft orders for the applications for initial review. KDA-DWR is planning on holding a public meeting to answer questions and gather input on the draft orders.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The KWA met in Lenexa on April 18. At this meeting, the KWA had the opportunity to tour the Water One facility in addition to conducting normal business of the meeting. The next meeting will be in Manhattan in August. No action was taken by the board.

Berry Bortz, representing the Great Bend Prairie RAC, provided an update regarding the GBP RAC presentation at the KWA meeting. There is need for a "standard operating procedure" from the KWA for the RACs in the implementation phase of their activities. It is anticipated that this will be discussed and reviewed at the August KWA meeting. No action was taken by the board.

Pat Janssen, representing WaterPACK, provided a report to the board regarding WaterPACK's activities. WaterPACK has recently hired a lobbyist with the intent to seek funding for the augmentation project and water right purchase programs. The DragonLine field study in Pawnee county is being enhanced by Lee Wheeler this summer.

~~Tom Taylor~~<sup>John Janssen</sup> 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.

In other business, the board discussed the water quality concerns in Southwest Stafford County. The water quality issue has been monitored by the District for the past six months and determined that the potential source could be saltwater disposal wells that may not have been constructed properly historically. By consensus of the board, the District will sample the water again in June to see if there is significant change in quality or area of effect.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest by: John Janssen Dated 8-4-2018