

MINUTES
2019 ANNUAL MEETING
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
AND
CENTRAL KANSAS WATER BANK ASSOCIATION
February 21, 2019 – 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 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stafford County Annex in St. John, Kansas.

John Janssen called the Central Kansas Water Bank Association annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Darrell Wood called the District annual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were approximately 62 eligible voters and 28 visitors in attendance for the meeting.

Darrell Wood presented the approved minutes from the 2018 annual meeting.

Orrin Feril and Lynn Preheim provided a brief history and overview of the Quivira NWR LEMA plan. This plan was reviewed by the board of directors and approved for submission to the Chief Engineer at the February 21, 2019 board meeting. Mr. Feril and Mr. Preheim answered several questions from the public regarding this plan.

Association Manager announced the Central Kansas Water Bank Association election of directors and presented the candidate for Position #3 (Incumbent Dennis Holl). Nominations were opened to the floor. Dennis Holl nominated Andrew Vosburgh to replace him on the ballot. David Wood moved, and Leon Dunn seconded that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Andrew Vosburgh to fill Position #3. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Tom Taylor announced the District election of directors and presented candidates. Marlyn Spare was on the ballot for Stafford County. Incumbent Fred Grunder was on the ballot for Pratt County. Incumbent Justin Gatz and Jeff Preisser were on the ballot for Reno County. Nominations were opened to the floor for all positions. With no nominations being made, Darrell Wood moved, and Kevin Schultz seconded that nominations cease. Tom Taylor instructed that the ballots be cast and passed along to District staff and board for counting.

John Janssen presented the 2018 financial report and 2020 budget. The public present were encouraged to review these records in preparation for the July budget hearing to consider the budget for FY2020.

Orrin Feril provided a brief overview of the District and Association activity reports for 2018. 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.

Berry Bortz, Chair of Great Bend Prairie RAC, presented an update on the regional advisory committee's activities.

Tom Taylor presented the election results for the District board of directors as follows: Marlyn Spare – Stafford County, Fred Grunder – Pratt County, and Justin Gatz – Reno County.

Darrell Wood and John Janssen adjourned the joint annual meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attest by  Date 3/14/19