

MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2019
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, March 14, 2019. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, Jerry Cullop, John Janssen, Phil Martin, Marlyn Spare, Tom Taylor and Kerry Froetschner. Board member Justin Gatz was not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril, Michaela Kirmer, and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Calvin Kissick, Cameron Conant, Berry Bortz, and Pat Janssen.

The March regular board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

Darrell Wood welcomed Marlyn Spare to the board of directors following his election at the annual meeting in February.

Phil Martin moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to approve the February minutes as presented.
Motion carried 6-0-1.

Tom Taylor joined the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

John Janssen moved, and Phil Martin seconded to approve the annual meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried 7-0-1.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the March treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. Phil Martin moved, and John Janssen seconded to accept the March treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0-1.

The board conducted an election of officers for the upcoming year. Following a brief discussion regarding the current officers, Phil Martin moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded for nominations to cease and a unanimous ballot be cast to re-elect the current officers for another one-year term. Motion carried 7-0-1. The District board officers are Darrell Wood as President, Fred Grunder as Vice-President, Jerry Cullop as Secretary, and John Janssen as Treasurer.

Michaela Kirmer, notary public in the State of Kansas, administered the affirmation as required by K.S.A. 54-106 to all present board members. All board members raised their right hand and affirmed the following statement:

“I do solemnly affirm that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Kansas, and faithfully discharge the duties of the board of directors of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District Number Five. So help me God.”

Following the affirmation, all present board members and Ms. Kirmer signed the board oath form for the record.

John Janssen moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to have SJN Bank and Prairie Bank of Kansas as the bank depositories for the District. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Fred Grunder moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-2 to adopt the revised management program with no modifications as presented. Motion carried 7-0-1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

WHEREAS the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture approved the proposed Revised Management Program on January 02, 2019; and

WHEREAS a public hearing on the District's proposed, revised management program was conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1029 on February 21, 2019 at the legally noticed time and place; and

WHEREAS no testimony was heard from District members; and

WHEREAS the board duly considered all testimony provided;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the board of directors adopts the proposed revised management program as approved by the Chief Engineer, with no modifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the revised management program is to become effective February 22, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be numbered 2019-2.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. District staff have been working to assist water users with filing their water use reports online. Additionally, the staff have been entering water use information into the CKWBA's accounting system. Since the board approved the Quivira NWR LEMA plan and submitted it to the Chief Engineer for review, the District has received several questions and comments. The board was reminded of the annual board appreciation dinner on March 23rd.

The LEMA committee updated the board on the status of the approved Quivira NWR LEMA. Darrell Wood highlighted a few recent meetings with WaterPACK and Stafford County Economic Development. At this point, KDA-DWR is reviewing the LEMA plan and is working through technical information from Balleau Groundwater.

Cameron Conant, KDA-DWR, provided an update to the board on the water use report system including statistics of those that submitted online vs paper. Cameron reminded those in attendance that a late report will now receive a \$250/file fine until June 1 when it becomes \$1000/file.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The KWA will meet in Abilene in April and Goodland in July. There are several changes anticipated regarding the KWA, including the chairman and several voting members. The board's motion in December regarding the GMD2 and GMD5 representation on KWA was highlighted. Following a discussion of the issue, Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to support Equus Beds GMD2's nominations for this position. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Berry Bortz provided a brief update on the Great Bend Prairie RAC activities. There are several terms expiring on the committee and those interested in serving on the committee were encouraged to apply to the Kansas Water Office. Considering KWA and RAC membership changes, the standard operating procedure promoted by the GBP RAC will be emphasized by the committee. The GBP RAC has tabled action on the sustainability goal until modeling is completed by the District to provide a better understanding of the issues.

Pat Janssen noted that WaterPACK continues to explore options for funding the objectives of the proposed LEMA plan. Additionally, there is ongoing discussion regarding CREP regarding

whether existing Upper Arkansas CREP should be modified or if there should be a new CREP application filed for the Rattlesnake Creek region. There was significant discussion with the board regarding the technology farms with KWO. WaterPACK is modifying the objectives and techniques researched at their technology farm in Edwards county.

In other business, Calvin Kissick noted that GMD2 has noticed a rise in “outside district” meters coming in for repair. This adds a burden on existing staff to repair these meters in a timely manner. Additionally, the upcoming KGS legislative tour will be in Central Kansas in June. This is an opportunity to present local issues directly to legislators.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for April 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Attest by:

 Dated 4/11/19