MINUTES
2020 ANNUAL MEETING
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5
AND
CENTRAL KANSAS WATER BANK ASSOCIATION
February 20, 2020 – 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 20, 2020 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 42 eligible voters and 24 visitors in attendance for the meeting.

Orrin Feril took a moment to recognize the recent passing of Representative Gregory Lewis earlier in the week and then presented the approved minutes from the 2019 annual meeting.

Andrew Vosburgh announced the Central Kansas Water Bank Association election of directors and presented the candidate for Position #4 (Incumbent Curtis Tobias) and Position #5 (Incumbent Vernon Hirt). Nominations were opened to the floor three times. Leon Dunn moved, and John Janssen seconded that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for the incumbents to fill positions 4 & 5 respectively. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Fred Grunder announced the District election of directors and presented candidates. Incumbent Darrell Wood was on the ballot for Edwards County. Incumbent Phil Martin was on the ballot for Barton County. There was no name on the ballot for Rice County. Nominations were opened to the floor for all positions three times. With no nominations being made, Keven Schultz moved, and John Janssen seconded that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for the incumbents to fill Edwards and Barton county positions. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

John Janssen presented the 2019 financial report and 2021 budget. The public present were encouraged to review these records in preparation for the July budget hearing to consider the budget for FY2021.

Orrin Feril provided a brief overview of the District and Association activity reports for 2019. A few questions were addressed from the floor.

Will Meeks & Mike Oldham, USFWS, provided those in attendance with an update on the current status of the Quivira NWR impairment complaint resolution process and answered questions from the floor.

Jeff Lanterman, Stafford field office water commissioner, presented an update on the activities of the Stafford field office for 2019.

Nathan Woydziak, CropQuest, highlighted the various services CropQuest provides as well as an opportunity for water users within Big Bend GMD5 boundaries to get access to the Water Meter Log tool for free on unlimited meters and unlimited readings.

Keith Miller, chair of Great Bend Prairie RAC, presented an update on the regional advisory committee's activities.

Darrell Wood and John Janssen adjourned the joint annual meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Attest by _____ Date 3-12-2020