

MINUTES – SPECIAL JULY 24, 2020  
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The special board meeting of the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 was held at the District office in Stafford on Friday, July 24, 2020. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Kerry Froetschner, Tom Taylor, Craig Zwick, and Marlyn Spare. Phil Martin and Justin Gatz were not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril, John Hildebrand, and Devan Cooper. Guests present were Leon Dunn, Mary Jo Taylor, Jeff Lanterman, Faith Curtis, and Leah Chadd. Additional guests were present via Zoom conference including Rex Buchanon, Victoria Lee, Kent Askren, Craig Mowry, Lane Letourneau, Lisa Moore, Mike Oldham, James Kelly, Christina Hansen, Kent Moore, Aimee Davenport, Chris Beightel, Aaron Popelka, Barbara Boyle, Dick Seaton, Ron Klatasky, Micah Schwalb, Richard Felton, Kenny Titus, and Burke Griggs.

The July special board meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Darrell Wood and introductions were conducted to assist with maintaining a record of those in attendance.

A review of two farm lease agreements with Gary Hornbaker were added to the agenda as item #1a.

In the July regular board meeting, the board asked Marlyn Spare and Fred Grunder to work with Gary Hornbaker to discuss terms for continuing farming with the District as the landowner. Two draft lease agreements were provided to the board for consideration. Following review, Craig Zwick moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to approve both lease agreements as presented. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Over the past several months the Rattlesnake Creek Resolution Committee has been working with representatives for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine a path forward for the Quivira NWR impairment complaint. The parties have been in regular communication throughout the past several months and have put together a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) that will outline the path forward for the foreseeable future. This MOA was presented to the board of directors for consideration. Following an overview of some of the items in the MOA by Orrin Feril, John Janssen moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as written and proposed at this meeting, July 24, 2020. Darrell Wood opened the floor to any discussion or comments from the board or public regarding this action. Hearing none, Darrell Wood called for a vote. Motion carried 7-0.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for August 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attest by:  \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 8-13-2020