

MINUTES  
2021 ANNUAL MEETING  
BIG BEND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT #5  
AND  
CENTRAL KANSAS WATER BANK ASSOCIATION  
February 18, 2021 – Twilight Theatre – Greensburg

The annual meetings for the Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 (District) and the Central Kansas Water Bank Association (Association) were held February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Twilight Theatre in Greensburg, 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 23 eligible voters and 3 visitors in attendance for the meeting. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom conferencing as well. There were approximately 26 additional visitors in attendance via Zoom.

Orrin Feril presented the approved minutes from the 2020 annual meeting.

Orrin Feril announced the Central Kansas Water Bank Association election of directors and presented the candidates for Position #1 (Incumbent John Janssen) and Position #2 (Incumbent Greg Ebert). Nominations were opened to the floor three times. Kevin Schultz moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for the incumbents to fill positions 1 & 2 respectively. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Fred Grunder announced the District election of directors and presented candidates. Incumbent Kerry Froetschner was on the ballot for Pawnee County. Incumbent John Janssen was on the ballot for Kiowa County. Incumbent Tom Taylor was on the ballot for the District At-Large. Nominations were opened to the floor for all positions three times. With no nominations being made, David Wood moved, and Richard Wenstrom seconded that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for the incumbents to fill all open positions with the incumbents. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

John Janssen presented the 2020 financial report and 2022 budget. The public present were encouraged to review these records in preparation for the July budget hearing to consider the budget for FY2022.

Orrin Feril provided a brief overview of the District and Association activity reports for 2020. A few questions were addressed from the floor.

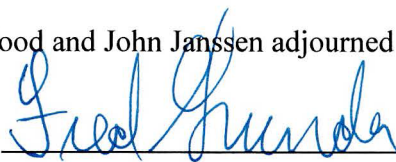
Stacy Armitage, Assistant Regional Director for Refuges, and Mike Oldham, Refuge Manager, provided a brief overview of the changes in administration since January and an overview of some to the conservation efforts at the refuge.

Jeff Lanterman, Stafford field office water commissioner, presented an update on the activities of the Stafford field office for 2020.

Aimee Davenport, Stinson, provided an overview of the recent lawsuit filed by Audubon of Kansas regarding the Quivira NWR resolution process. Aimee & Orrin answered questions from the floor on this issue.

Darrell Wood and John Janssen adjourned the joint annual meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Attest by



Date

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