

MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2022
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, Kansas on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Craig Zwick, Tom Taylor, Kerry Froetschner, Phil Martin, and Gary Hornbaker. Board member Marlyn Spare was absent. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and Devan Cooper. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman and Kent Lamb. Guest present via zoom was Jeff Crispin.

The April regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

Gary Hornbaker moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to approve the March minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the April treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. John Janssen moved, and Craig Zwick seconded to accept the April treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Phil Martin arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The District received two applications (1862 & 44604) that propose to modify the authorized place of use and point of diversion for these two files. Orrin Feril provided background on the applications and explained that these proposed changes do meet District regulations provided that the applicant enter into an agreement to monitor the place of use. Craig Zwick moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to recommend approval of the applications as presented provided that the applicant enter into a monitoring agreement with the District. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Tom Taylor arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The District received another set of applications (22164 & 23484) that propose to move water within the Rattlesnake Creek region. The proposal is to reconfigure the places of use for these to file to more efficiently irrigate better ground along the Rattlesnake Creek in Southwest Stafford county. The applicant provided additional information to the board regarding the purpose for making these changes. The applicant is requesting to utilize K.A.R. 5-25-18 to move the water beyond the ½ mile limitation of K.A.R. 5-25-2a. However, the application does not meet this regulation in two key sections. K.A.R. 5-25-18(3) requires the destination be outside of the 2-mile corridor along Rattlesnake Creek. Additionally, based on the District's evaluation of the proposed move through K.A.R. 5-25-18(c) the quantity of water to be moved would be limited to 270.70 AF. Further discussion with Jeff Lanterman stated that KDA–DWR can evaluate potential stream depletion of the proposed changes. Craig Zwick moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to table the discussion until the May meeting or until the stream depletion evaluation from KDA–DWR is available. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past few weeks and upcoming months. Staff is completing the final quality control of water use and will be sending annual account statements to participants within the next few weeks. KDA-DOC recently announced a new irrigation technology initiative for water users within the five groundwater management districts. The informational flyer was provided to all present.

Jeff Lanterman, KDA-DWR, stated that the Walnut IGUCA tech committee has been reviewing the baseflow of the Walnut Creek. Recently, MDS orders were issued to 240 water users in the Republican River region.

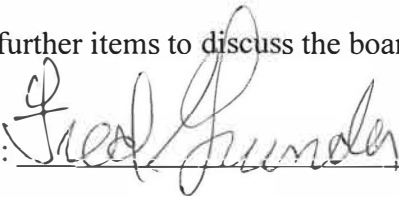
In other business, Orrin Feril noted that the new staff will be selected soon. Since three of the board members were not present in the February meeting, Devan Cooper, Notary Public, administered the affirmation as required by K.S.A. 54-106 to Tom Taylor, Phil Martin, and Kerry Froetschner. The board 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."

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest by:



Dated

5.12.22