

MINUTES – JULY 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 July 14, 2022. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Marlyn Spare, Kerry Froetschner, Tom Taylor, and Gary Hornbaker. Board members Phil Martin and Craig Zwick were absent. District staffs present were Orrin Feril, Veronica Whitlock, and Devan Cooper. Guests present were Kent Moore and Kent Lamb. Guest presents via zoom were Jeff Lanterman, Toby Dougherty, Jeff Crispin, and Earl Lewis.

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

A discussion regarding the change applications for 22164/23484 were added to the agenda as item 4a.

Gary Hornbaker moved, and Kerry Froetschner seconded to approve the June minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the July treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to accept the July treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past few weeks and upcoming months. The interim committee has been formed and will likely begin their meetings in late August or early September, but no agenda has been published yet. The upcoming CIG field day was promoted, and all were encouraged to attend. A brief overview of the amended CREP in the Arkansas River and Rattlesnake Creek regions was provided to the board. After review of the rental payments, the board had a discussion of whether the board would like to supplement the payment. By consensus, the board requested more information be made available from the project lead (Steve Frost) and the District's accountant. Recently the Edwards County District Court filed a memorandum decision and order in favor of the defendant (KDA-DWR). Balleau GW is working to update regional hydrology in the hydrologic model in preparation for the Walnut Creek IGUCA review. While conducting this update, BGW discovered a need to update the calibration for portions of the model. This additional work will exceed the original budget for the work by approximately \$3500. John Janssen moved, and Gary Hornbaker seconded to authorize the additional \$3500 to complete this update and calibration of the hydrologic model. Motion carried 7-0. A brief update on the Watershed Plan-EA was provided to all in attendance.

The District received a set of applications (22164 & 23484) in the April meeting that propose to move water within the Rattlesnake Creek region. The proposal is to reconfigure the places of use for these to file to irrigate better ground more efficiently along the Rattlesnake Creek in Southwest Stafford county. The applicant provided additional information to the board and requested that the board decide if it would approve the application or deny it. Following a discussion, Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to table the discussion until there is a scope of work for analyzing the impact of the application using the hydrologic model. Motion carried 7-0.

Darrell Wood recessed the regular board meeting at 8:00 p.m. and opened the budget hearing to consider the 2023 budget. Orrin Feril provided proof of publication for the hearing and provided copies of the proposed budget to all in attendance. Mr. Feril read the proposed 2023 budget noting

any proposed changes from the adopted 2022 budget. President Wood then asked for any comments and questions from the audience including those attending via Zoom. Hearing no comments or concerns from the audience or board members, President Wood called for the hearing to close and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL SERVICES

SALARIES	\$	250,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	50,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$	25,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	\$	17,000.00
FIELD EQUIPMENT	\$	10,000.00
UTILITIES	\$	12,000.00
PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	\$	8,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	5,000.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$	8,000.00
BUILDING EXPENSE	\$	6,000.00

OTHER EXPENSES

WATER MANAGEMENT	\$	1,000,000.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$	500,000.00
WEATHER STATION EXPENSE	\$	17,000.00
INSURANCE	\$	15,000.00
POSTAGE	\$	2,000.00
OTHER	\$	2,000.00
BUSINESS DINNERS	\$	1,500.00
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	\$	550.00

TOTAL BUDGET \$ 1,929,050.00

ASSESSMENT RATES

PER ACRE	\$	0.05
PER ACRE-FOOT	\$	2.00

John Janssen moved, and Tom Taylor seconded to adopt the proposed 2023 budget and Resolution 2022-1 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Jeff Lanterman, KDA-DWR, stated that the field office has been working through several requests for Multi-Year Flex Accounts and has identified a potential issue with K.A.R. 5-25-21 (5) regarding end gun installation in the first year of the MYFA. Following discussion, Kerry Froetschner moved, and Fred Grunder seconded to table this discussion until the August meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Attest by: _____

Dated _____

8-11-22