

**ANNUAL MEETINGS
SCHEDULED...**

Thursday, Feb 17, 2011

Central Kansas

Water Bank 6:30 p.m.

Election of Directors

Annual Report

Big Bend GMD #5

7:00 p.m.

Ida Long

Goodman Memorial

Library, St. John

406 N Monroe

DON'T FORGET

Water Use Reports
are due in Topeka
by March 1st.

If you need help
completing the report,
please call our office for
assistance.

**GMD # 5 WEATHER
STATIONS**

1 GREENSBURG	(620) 723-2193
2 LEWIS	(620) 324-5866
3 ROZEL	(620) 527-4531
4 CULLISON	(620) 895-6505
5 MACKSVILLE	(620) 348-2238
6 RADIUM	(620) 285-2796
7 GREAT BEND	(620) 793-5798
8 STERLING	(620) 278-2632
9 CAIRO	(620) 672-3359
10 STAFFORD	(620) 234-5667

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Phillip Martin, Barton County
Kevin Schultz, Director at Large
Darrell Wood, Edwards County
John Janssen, Kiowa County
Kraig Froetschner, Pawnee County
Fred Grunder, Pratt County
Ed Shultz, Reno County
Curtis Tobias, Rice County
Kent Lamb, Stafford County

DISTRICT STAFF

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GROUNDWATER HI - LITES

FEBRUARY 2011

Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Scheduled

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 17th, 2011 at the Ida Long Goodman Library in St. John. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. shortly after the annual meeting for the Central Kansas Water Bank. The Board has asked Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, to speak on the state of water in Kansas and Greg Henderson, Edwards County NRCS, to discuss the EQIP and AWEP programs across the District. There will be updates on the various projects and programs of the District.

The District-wide hydrologic model is completed but a formal report cannot be presented due to delays in the review by Division of Water Resources on various components of the model. We will give an update on the model, but there will not be a final product and presentation from our consultants at this meeting. There will also be an election of directors, a 2010 financial statement, and review of the 2011 budget.

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)

The District's AWEP funding for 2011 has been confirmed and the deadline for enrollment is set. All paperwork must be submitted to your local NRCS office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2011. This program pays producers in the Rattlesnake Creek subbasin, to remove the end gun of a center pivot and convert the acres to dry land farming. This program also helps meet the guidelines of the Rattlesnake Creek Management Plan. Now time for the bad news, we did not receive our full share of \$859,266 in AWEP funding we had requested this year. Instead we are being given \$233,951 or 13% of the states allotment, GMD 2 and GMD 4 will split the rest. I have been reassured by NRCS that the other dollars will come through, but you should enroll early to assure your place in line.

Central Kansas Water Bank Association Update

The CKWBA's five year review has been completed and the recommendations are available for view at the Kansas Water Office's or the District's websites www.kwo.org/ or www.gmd5.org/. The Board, as well as the review team, are pleased with the recommendation and are looking forward to the reply from the Department of Water Resources and the Chief Engineer.

DISTRICT VEHICLE FOR SALE

The district will be selling the dark green 2003 Ford Super Crew cab 4x4 Pickup that was used for field inspections. The truck has 85,500 miles and runs great. It has a 4.6L V-8 with automatic transmission, power locks and windows with remote keyless entry, AM/FM radio with six disc CD changer, air conditioning, cloth seats, running boards and General Grabber AT2 tires that have 10,000 miles on them. A photo is available on the District's website. If interested, please mail a sealed bid to the District office, we will be accepting bids until March 9th, 2011.

Big Bend Groundwater Management

District No. 5

125 S. Main St.
Stafford, Kansas 67578-0007

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NOMINATING PETITION

We, the undersigned three eligible voters within the Big Bend Groundwater Management District # 5

hereby nominate _____ as candidate for Board Position
representing _____ County

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Important terms and conditions of the elected position shall be:

- a. 3-year term running 3 consecutive annual meeting dates.
- b. representation shall be for all eligible voters within the county.

I understand the above stated conditions of the board position for which I am being nominated and I accept said nomination.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

Verified Claims:

Anyone wishing to verify to the District a lesser amount of water used in 2010 must do so by April 1, 2011. Assessments are based on the authorized amount of a water right unless otherwise verified. The District will except the following as verified claims: metered values, enrollment in CRP with an inactive status, or verified claims showing that the well has not been installed. Verified claims can be obtained at your local FSA office or the District office.

DIRECTORS ELECTION

Candidates for this annual election include three incumbents. Phil Martin - Barton County, Darrell Wood - Edwards County and Curtis Tobias - Rice County. All are seeking re-election in 2011. Anyone else interested in one of these positions should file using the above petition. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the annual meeting.

Do we have your correct mailing address?

For changes, please notify our office at P.O. Box 125, Stafford, Kansas 67578, or call 620-234-5352.