

GROUNDWATER HI - LITES

JANUARY 2012

Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Scheduled

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 16th, 2012 at the Stafford County Annex located at 310 W. 3rd in St. John (just east of the Courthouse). The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. shortly after the annual meeting for the Central Kansas Water Bank. The Board has asked Peter Balleau of Balleau Groundwater to discuss the District wide hydrologic model and its completion as well as future options. There will be updates on the various projects and programs of the District as well. There will also be an election of directors, a 2011 financial statement, and review of the 2012 budget.

Certificates of Incumbency

This year like last, we will need a representative from a Corporation, LLC, Municipality, Estate, Trustee and a Tenant, to fill out the Certificate of Incumbency for their represented entity in order to vote at the annual meeting. These forms are available on our website at www.gmd5.org as well as in the office. Also note that they will need to be notarized as well. Please feel free to call or stop by the office if you have any questions.

Legislative Updates

- *Central Kansas Water Bank*

The CKWB'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 <http://gmd5.org/> or <http://www.kwo.org/>. The Board as well as the review team are pleased with the recommendation and are looking forward to the renewal of the Water Bank in this year's legislative session.

- *Multi-Year Flex Account (MYFA)*

There are proposed changes to the Multi-Year Flex account program provided by the Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources. These include three new potential applications of the program. The first is an average water use from 2000 - 2009 with no reduction for conservation. The second is a plan to use reported acres, from 2000-2009, multiplied by 110% of the Net Irrigation Requirement (NIR), to determine the amount of water available. These are both limited to the authorized quantity for the water right. The third option is a GMD proposed option submitted to the Chief Engineer. At this point, GMD 5 has not submitted a proposal.

- *Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMA)*

GMD 4 is submitting a new set of regulations to allow more local control within GMD boundaries. This would essentially allow a GMD to specify an area to employ management controls that coincide with the Districts Management plan.

ANNUAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED...

Thursday, Feb 16, 2012

Central Kansas
Water Bank 6:30 p.m.

Big Bend GMD #5
7:00 p.m.

Stafford County Annex
310 W 3rd St
St. John

Election of Directors
Annual Report

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

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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 PM 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 2011 must do so by April 1, 2012. 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 on our web page or at the District office.

DIRECTORS ELECTION Candidates for this annual election include three incumbents; John Janssen - Kiowa County, Kraig Froetschner - Pawnee County and Kevin Schultz - Director at Large. All are seeking re-election in 2012. 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 125 S. Main St., Stafford, Kansas 67578 or call 620-234-5352.