

ANNUAL MEETING
SCHEDULED

Thursday, Feb 21, 2013
7:00 pm

Stafford County Annex
310 W 3rd St
St. John, KS

Election of Directors

Drought Conditions

Annual Report

**UPCOMING
DEADLINES**

DWR Water Use Reports
March 1st

NRCS AWEF Application
February 15

**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
Tom Taylor, Director at Large
Darrell Wood, Edwards County
John Janssen, Kiowa County
Bob Standish, Pawnee County
Fred Grunder, Pratt County
Ed Shultz, Reno County
Curtis Tobias, Rice County
Kent Lamb, Stafford County

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GROUNDWATER HI - LITES

January 2013

Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5

2013 Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 21, 2013 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. Personnel from the Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Water Office and Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources (KDA-DWR) will be on hand to give an update on the drought conditions of the state and their agencies' strategies for the upcoming year. There will also be an election of directors, a review of the 2012 financial statement, 2013 budget and updates on the various projects and programs of the District.

Certificates of Incumbency

Certificates of Incumbency must be filed with the District office in order for a representative from a Corporation, LLC, Municipality, Estate, Trustee or a Tenant to vote at the annual meeting. These forms are available on our website at www.gmd5.org as well as in the office and must be notarized. Please feel free to call or stop by the office if you have any questions.

Central Kansas Water Bank Association

The water bank was authorized by the Chief Engineer—KDA-DWR, to be chartered until Dec 31, 2011. A review of the bank was completed in the spring of 2011 and recommended several changes to the original charter. These modifications have been incorporated into a revised charter that has been submitted to the Chief Engineer—KDA-DWR for review and approval. As of the mailing of this newsletter, the CKWBA is waiting for the completion of an internal review by KDA-DWR staff and a revision of the applicable rules and regulations of the state. We still believe the CKWBA is a valuable resource for our area water users.

Rattlesnake Creek 12-year Review

The District, along with partners, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Water PACK, and the KDA-DWR, are in the final stages of the 12-year review of the Rattlesnake Creek Management Program. The final draft report is complete and is under thorough review by the Partnership. As this project continues, the District will keep its water users informed.

Drought Concerns

As we are all aware, 2011 and 2012 have been extremely dry. The District's precipitation averaged 14 inches in 2011 and 15 inches in 2012. The historic average precipitation for the District is 24 inches. In response to the record drought, the KDA-DWR has revised the Multi-Year Flex Program. This revised program in addition to the proposed revisions for the CKWBA's charter provide water users many options for efficiently managing their water use from year to year. Contact the District office for more information on these programs.



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 2012 must do so by April 1, 2013. 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; Fred Grunder - Pratt County, Kent Lamb - Stafford County and Ed Shultz - Reno County. All are seeking re-election in 2013. 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?
Let us know at 125 S. Main St., Stafford, Kansas 67578 or call 620-234-5352.**