

**ANNUAL MEETING  
SCHEDULED**

*Thursday, Feb 20, 2014  
7:00 pm*

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

**Election of Directors**

**Agency Reports**

**Annual Report**

**UPCOMING  
DEADLINES**

DWR Water Use Report  
March 1

NRCS AWEF Application  
TBA in March

CKWBA Deposit Application  
April 1

**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

**DISTRICT STAFF**

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# GROUNDWATER HI - LITES

**January 2014**

**Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5**

## **2014 Annual Meeting**

This year's annual meeting will be held on February 20, 2014 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 Water Office and Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources (KDA-DWR) will be on hand to give an update on the their agencies' strategies for the upcoming year. There will also be an election of directors, a review of the 2013 financial statement, 2014 budget and updates on the various projects and programs of the District. The Central Kansas Water Bank Association will also have their annual meeting on the same evening.

## **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](http://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 recent deadline for the water bank was utilized by many local water users. In the previous water bank charter 2005-2011, there were 10 total safe deposit accounts opened. In the final week of 2013, over 200 safe deposit accounts were activated successfully. With an account, it is possible to deposit a portion of unused water into your account for your use in future years. The current fee for opening an account is \$100. There is ample time to establish an account for your water right today.

The water bank has another program that allows water to be deposited from one location and leased to another within the same hydrologic unit through the Deposit program. This program uses the actual water use for the ten years between 1987 and 1996. This is the maximum amount of water considered bankable with the CKWBA for use at another location. The deposit program does have a term limitation of five years. Following the expiration of that term, the full water right is available to be used by the original water user or be re-deposited into CKWBA. The deadline for deposit in this program is April 1.

## **Online Water Use Reporting**

Each year, the water use reports are due to KDA-DWR offices by March 1. However, this year there is a new program being tested at the field offices and groundwater management district offices. KDA-DWR with the help of the Kansas Geological Survey, has implemented a system for reporting water use online. If you are interested in participating, contact the Stafford Field Office or our District office.

**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 or District at Large.  
(Circle one)

- 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 no 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 2013 must do so by April 1, 2014. Assessments are based on the authorized water appropriation of a water right unless otherwise verified. The District will except the following as verified claims: a) metered values, b) enrollment in CRP with an inactive status, or c) verified claims showing that the well has not been installed. Verified claims can be obtained on our web page or at the District office. Please contact our office if you have questions.

**Director Elections**

Candidates for this annual election include three incumbents; Darrell Wood—Edwards County, Curtis Tobias—Rice County and Phil Martin—Barton County. All are seeking re-election in 2014 for three-year terms. Anyone 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.**