

MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2011  
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 on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Board members present were Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Fred Grunder, Curtis Tobias, Darrell Wood, Ed Shultz, Kevin Schultz, and Phillip Martin. Board member not present was Kraig Froetschner. District staff present was Wes Essmiller. Guest present Jeff Lanterman.

President Darrell Wood called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Manager Essmiller made additions to the agenda to include a discussion on a water right to be purchased, the new LEMA information and a review of the Districts Management plan.

John Janssen moved, Kevin Schultz seconded to accept the August minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Kevin Schultz moved, Kent Lamb seconded to accept the September and October treasurer's reports. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Fred Grunder arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Balleau Groundwater sent an evaluation of the scenarios that were recently run in term of sustainable yield in the district. The board stated that there was no need to address any issues at this point in time and that we should wait on pursuing any new scenarios.

Curtis Tobias arrived at 7:44 p.m.

Manager Essmiller discussed the Post Office box rent with the board. The annual box rent is due each October at a current rate of \$70.00 per year. The manager explained to the board that the mailman passes by the district office each day and could easily deliver the mail by hand and save the district the annual fee. After a brief discussion, it was unanimous that the district should discontinue the post office box.

Manager Essmiller presented the board with an offer by Tom Turner to sell the water right File No. 15,459 for a price of \$2000 per acre foot. The board declined the offer. Phil Martin moved and Kent Lamb seconded to make a counter offer of \$1,000.00 per acre/foot. Motion carried 7-0-1.

The Management Plan was presented to the board for review. Kevin Schultz moved, John Janssen seconded to approve the management plan as presented to the chief engineer and await the chief's approval. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Discussion on the new legislation pertaining to LEMA was heard by the board and it was decided to table the information until the November board meeting.

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner discussed the new Flex Account regulations that are being fast-tracked at the current moment. There will also be an educational seminar hosted by DWR and KSU on the Water use and Water Rights. The locations for our area will be in, Larned on November 15th at 9 a.m. and in Pratt on the same day at 2 p.m.

Curtis Tobias talked about the new Flex Accounts, Water Bank Legislation and the LEMA legislation. He also recommend that the District draft a letter in support of the new Flex account options.

John Janssen moved, Kevin Schultz seconded at 8:50 p.m. to go into executive session for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 7-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m.

The next board meeting will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the district office.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:06 p.m.