

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2013  
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, November 14, 2013. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Curtis Tobias, Fred Grunder, Justin Gatz, Kent Lamb and Bob Standish. Board members John Jansen, Tom Taylor and Phillip Martin were not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Cameron Conant and Richard Wenstrom, Kevan Adams, and Mel Chesbro.

The November regular board meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

The September minutes were amended to correct the name of one of the guests. Bob Standish moved and Justin Gatz seconded to accept the September minutes as modified. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Kent Lamb seconded to accept the October & November treasurer's reports. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0-1.

An application for term permit number 20139035 was the first item for discussion. This application is for fire protection for the City of St John. The background for the well and the intent for the term permit were discussed by the Board. Fred Grunder moved and Justin Gatz seconded to recommend approval of the term permit application for 1 million gallons per year for twenty years. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Term permit number 20129451 was discussed by the Board as well. This term permit is for industrial use in Barton County. The applicant has requested a 90-day extension on the term permit. Following discussion, Justin Gatz moved and Kent Lamb seconded to recommend an extension of one year from the date of expiration of the term permit. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Change applications for Water Right File Nos. 36360 & 36361 were discussed as well. These two permits appropriate water from single wells and are plumbed together for the operation of a single center pivot system. The applications are to convert them to a battery of two wells. This change would not modify the existing system or the water right appropriations. The applications do not meet spacing to a senior water right to the Southeast. Following discussion, Justin Gatz moved and Bob Standish seconded to waive K.A.R. 5-25-2 and recommend approval of the application. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Manager Feril presented two quotations for the board to review for repair of the metal roof. Following discussion, the board requested more quotations from other companies for review at the next board meeting. No action was taken by the board.

The employee dishonesty bond is up for renewal and was discussed by the board. Currently, companies are not offering coverage previously approved by the board. Following discussion, Kent Lamb moved and Bob Standish seconded to approve a quotation from Quivira Insurance Agency for \$150,000 of coverage for the Manager. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Manager Feril discussed upcoming meetings and activities for the District. The upcoming board roundtable and legislative reception scheduled for February was discussed. Kent Lamb motioned and Justin Gatz seconded to approve the cost for the reception per an estimate provided by GMD3 staff. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Curtis Tobias arrived at 2:12 p.m.

The board discussed the temporary permits recently approved in Edwards County. Cameron Conant helped to explain the permit approvals to the board. The cost for a meeting with Balleau Groundwater Inc. representatives in the coming months was presented to the board for discussion. The board also discussed the possibility of meetings between the GMD5 board and Water PACK board. The board requested that the meeting be set up on the same day as the next board meeting.

Cameron Conant, representing the Division of Water Resources, was on hand to update the board on current issues. DWR is finishing up the inspections and enforcement of water users that exceeded the authorized allocation on their Emergency Drought Term permits.

Curtis Tobias discussed the recent OAAC meeting in Dodge City briefly. There is an upcoming meeting with the KWA in Wichita on November 22.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Attest by: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_