

MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2019
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, April 11, 2019. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, Jerry Cullop, John Janssen, Phil Martin, Marlyn Spare, and Justin Gatz. Board members Kerry Froetschner and Tom Taylor were not present. District staffs present were Orrin Feril, Michaela Kirmer, and John Hildebrand. Guests present were Calvin Kissick, Cameron Conant, Kent Moore, Leah Chadd, and Pat Janssen.

The April regular board meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Darrell Wood.

Fred Grunder moved, and John Janssen seconded to approve the March minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Phil Martin, Justin Gatz and Leah Chadd joined the meeting at approximately 8:00 a.m.

Orrin Feril provided the board and public with the April treasurer's report and highlighted the unique items for further board review. John Janssen moved, and Marlyn Spare seconded to accept the April treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 6-0-1.

Orrin Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The District received a "Save the Date" notice for the upcoming Governors Conference in Wichita on November 7-8, 2019. In the past week, the Chief Engineer issued the Master Order contingently approving the change applications for the Cities of Hays and Russell at the R9 Ranch.

The LEMA committee updated the board on the status of the approved Quivira NWR LEMA., KDA-DWR is working through technical information from Balleau Groundwater that supports the Quivira NWR LEMA plan. Darrell Wood noted a beneficial meeting with Mike Oldham regarding the augmentation wellfield project.

Cameron Conant, KDA-DWR, stated that approximately 175 water users in the Stafford Field Office area reported water use in 2018 in excess of their authorized quantities. Currently, the SFO is quality controlling those reports prior to enforcement action.

Calvin Kissick provided an update on the KWA activities to the board. The KWA will meet in Abilene in April and Goodland in July. The KGS field tour will be coming to south central Kansas in June to discuss water issues of this area.

Kent Moore noted that WaterPACK has filed a petition for administrative review regarding the Hay/R9 contingent approvals. Additionally, WaterPACK is having Andy Keller review the technical information from Balleau Groundwater and KDA-DWR on the Quivira NWR LEMA plan. Pat Janssen noted that this review is going to be comprehensive and intended for the benefit of all parties.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for May 9, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Attest by: John Janssen Dated 5-9-2019