

MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2015  
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 August 13, 2015. Board members present were Darrell Wood, Fred Grunder, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Tom Taylor, Kent Lamb, Phillip Martin, and Bob Standish. Board member Justin Gatz was not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Richard Wenstrom, Jeff Lanterman, and Mike Oldham.

The August regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the July minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the August treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0-1.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The annual assessments are nearly completed by staff. The District recently hosted the flowmeter summit for KDA–DWR field offices and the other groundwater management districts with great success. Mr. Feril gave a brief update on all of the pending projects across the District. At this point many projects have been submitted to KDA–DWR for final review, but at this point there is nothing new to report. Mr. Feril noted the upcoming KWA meeting in Hutchinson and encouraged any board member to attend. No action was taken by the board.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA–DWR, provided an update on the activities of the Stafford field office. KDA–DWR is currently processing several draft regulations the District has proposed. The field office is compiling water use for the 500 plus Multi-Year Flex Accounts (MYFA) in order to provide correspondence regarding the remaining water in those accounts.

Mike Oldham representing the USFWS stated that at this time of year there are not many birds passing through the refuge and as such the Service is not diverting water. The control of woody invasive species is ongoing at the refuge this year.

Richard Wenstrom representing WaterPACK gave a brief summary of recent board meetings. Mr. Wenstrom has been in contact with KDA–DWR staff regarding the Rattlesnake Creek impairment investigation, but no new information was provided. A recent meeting regarding the Hays/R9 Ranch proposed transfer of water was also briefly discussed. No action was taken by the board.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.