

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 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 Tuesday November 10, 2015. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Fred Grunder and Justin Gatz. Board members Tom Taylor and Phillip Martin were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Richard Wenstrom, Mike Oldham, and Jeff Lanterman.

The November regular board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

A quotation from Seiders Heating & Air and a discussion on Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CKWBA) activity were added to the agenda as items 3a and 3b respectively.

John Janssen moved and Bob Standish seconded to accept the October minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the November treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0-1.

Justin Gatz and Fred Grunder arrived at 1:04 pm.

The lighting in the District office is having becoming outdated and in need of repairs. Manager Feril presented the board with a quotation from Seiders Heating & Air to upgrade the florescent lighting to use T8 florescent lights. Following discussion it was recommended to get a quotation for LED lighting in the office. No further action was taken by the board.

John Janssen noted an idea he has recently had to address the recent inquiries from individuals outside of the District & CKWBA boundaries regarding possible expansion of the District in order to be able to utilize CKWBA programs. He noted that financial credit unions are able to conduct business across multiple jurisdictional boundaries and that, at first glance; the CKWBA could be treated in the same manner. This idea would need further development and consideration by the CKWBA and KDA–DWR before it could be implemented however. No further action was taken by the board.

Richard Wenstrom arrived at 1:14 pm.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The CKWBA has recently received approval of its amended charter from the Chief Engineer for KDA–DWR. As a result, the deadline to enroll in a Savings Account is December 1<sup>st</sup>. As such this will affect District activities in the days leading up to that deadline. The recent proposal from the Kansas Water Office to develop a unified hydrologic model for the High Plains Aquifer in Kansas was briefly discussed. The recent meeting of the Great Bend Prairie regional advisory committee was highlighted as they established their primary goal for the region. The committee plans to develop an action plan to address “water use sustainability within the region by 2025 with a starting point being no new net depletions that includes a reasonable raising or lowering of the water table in conjunction with enhanced monitoring of poor water quality areas.” The joint committee on administrative rules and regulations has recently set an administrative review of the proposed “Endgun MYFA” regulation proposed by the District. Manager Feril will be

present to address any questions or concerns by that committee. It is anticipated that this regulation will have a public hearing on January 11, 2016.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA–DWR, stated that the Quivira impairment investigation is getting compiled into a draft report which will be available for public comment within the next few weeks. Following this comment period, the KDA–DWR will complete the final report for review. Additionally, KDA–DWR has tested approximately 30 meters this year with a large majority reading significantly low. No further information was provided at this time.

Mike Oldham, representing the US Fish and Wildlife Service, stated the Little Salt Marsh is  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  full at this point and Whooping Cranes are coming into the area. This has had an impact on the access local hunters have had to the refuge property.

Richard Wenstrom, representing WaterPACK, noted the date of their annual meeting (February 15, 2016 in St John). Additionally, WaterPACK is working on a research project in conjunction with KSU Extension to evaluate the “Dragon-Line” drip irrigation system. WaterPACK is also working with KSU in developing an economic impact study for the R9 Ranch area. More details will be provided soon regarding these projects.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set for December 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 2:08 p.m.