

MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 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 October 15, 2015. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Curtis Tobias, Kent Lamb, and Phillip Martin. Board members Bob Standish, Fred Grunder, Tom Taylor and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Vin Kissick, Richard Wenstrom, and Jeff Lanterman.

The October regular board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

The change application for Water Right File No. 17294 was removed from the agenda as the District has received notice from KDA–DWR staff that the change application had been voluntarily dismissed by the applicant. The review of a model scenario for the Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CKWBA) was added to the agenda.

John Janssen moved and Phil Martin seconded to accept the September minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Kent Lamb moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to accept the October treasurer’s report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0-1.

The CKWBA utilizes a map to determine the amount of water conserved in the deposit and lease transactions. It is important that this map be as accurate as possible for the operations of the Association. The District has developed a comprehensive hydrologic model that is able to provide such a map. The CKWBA board has requested that a map be developed by Balleau Groundwater Inc. based on a scope of work and to re-evaluate again within three years. Kent Lamb moved and Phil Martin seconded to have Balleau Groundwater develop this map for the CKWBA provided the CKWBA funds this development. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Throughout the 2015 legislative session, Kent Askren provided legislative monitoring service to the District in conjunction with Equus Beds GMD2. Kent Lamb moved and Phil Martin seconded to approve the proposal to have Kent Askren to assist the District with keeping up with the activities in Topeka throughout the 2016 Legislative session for \$2500 pending approval of the GMD2 board. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. The Kansas Water Office has proposed the development of a unified hydrologic model for the High Plains Aquifer in Kansas. The details are still pending at this point. Following discussion it is the consensus of the District board that the District modelled this area at the District’s expense in order to determine the issues of this area. A few meetings were discussed by the board. The Regional Advisory Committee for the Great Bend Prairie will be meeting on October 27 to begin their work. The Governor’s Conference is scheduled for November 18-19. The annual GMDA conference will be held in Sacramento, CA on January 5-8. The District’s annual meeting is quickly approaching and the board discussed possible speakers for that meeting.

Richard Wenstrom, representing WaterPACK, stated that the next board meeting for WaterPACK will be October 27 at 7:30 a.m. in Macksville. WaterPACK is working on their annual meeting as well and are planning on adding time to their agenda to feature the economic benefits to area producers for participation in the CKWBA programs.

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

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.