

MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2016  
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 7, 2016. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Fred Grunder, and Curtis Tobias. Board Members Tom Taylor, Phillip Martin, and Justin Gatz were not present. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, and Richard Wenstrom.

The April regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Darrell Wood.

Manager Feril added a board review for a change application for Water Right File No. 12967 as agenda item 3a).

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the March minutes as mailed. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Bob Standish moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to accept the April treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0-1.

Manager Feril provided the board with an overview of the change application for Water Right File No. 12967. The applicant is requesting to change the place of use for this water right to be able to irrigate an additional quarter to the south of the existing place of use. This would be an increase in irrigated acres that would require additional monitoring by the District. Following discussion, Fred Grunder moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to recommend approval of the application conditional on the applicant entering into a 5-year monitoring contract with the District. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. Staff has been clearing unused equipment out of the office this month and working to be more organized. The Central Kansas Water Bank Association (CWKBA) has seen a lot of activity this month which has taken a decent amount of time to process the paperwork.

Jeff Lanterman, representing KDA-DWR, mentioned a meeting KDA-DWR staff had with the Cities of Hays & Russell (Cities) recently. This meeting was held in Manhattan to address questions KDA-DWR had about the change applications the Cities had filed previously. No further information was provided. Additionally, KDA-DWR staff has been working on internal procedures for handling CKWBA paperwork as it is received.

Richard Wenstrom, representing WaterPACK, provided a brief summary of the letter that is being submitted to KDA-DWR in relation to the impairment investigation initial report filed by the Chief Engineer. Additionally, Mr. Wenstrom provided an update on the technology field project that WaterPACK is coordinating.

The next District board meeting was tentatively set May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to reconvene the meeting to address one additional item. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to approve the entity authorization form for Prairie Bank of Kansas as presented to the board. Motion carried 5-0-1.

With no further items to discuss the board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest by: Curtis J. Tobias Dated May 12, 2014