

MINUTES – MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 2016. Board members present were Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Bob Standish, Fred Grunder, Tom Taylor, Phillip Martin, Curtis Tobias and Justin Gatz. District staff present was Orrin Feril. Guests present were Mike Oldham, Cameron Conant, Berry Bortz, and Mike Lamb.

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

Three items were added to the agenda by Manager Feril. The items added were 12a) Berry Bortz requested a discussion with the board; 13a) Executive Session for Attorney-Client privileged information; and 13b) Executive session for Preliminary discussion regarding to acquisition of real property.

Curtis Tobias moved and Bob Standish seconded to accept the February minutes as mailed. Motion carried 6-0-1.

John Janssen arrived to the meeting.

Curtis Tobias moved and Tom Taylor seconded to accept the Annual meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried 7-0-1.

Phil Martin arrived to the meeting.

Bob Standish moved and John Janssen seconded to accept the March treasurer's report as presented. Following discussion, the motion carried 8-0-1.

The board conducted an election of officers for the upcoming year. Fred Grunder moved and Bob Standish seconded to re-elect the current officers for another one-year term and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried 8-0-1. The District board of directors' officers are Darrell Wood as President, Fred Grunder as Vice-President, Curtis Tobias as Secretary and John Janssen as Treasurer.

Manager Feril gave an update to the Board in regards to the recent legislative activity in Topeka. The committees have been busy working bills and there have been amendments that could have implications to the District. Additionally a brief discussion on the proposed rules and regulations for KDA-DWR was held. No action was taken by the board.

Manager Feril discussed staff activities for the past month and upcoming months. In the February board meeting, the board passed action to plug three observation wells known as Water Quality Site 38 (WQS38). Following further discussion by the board, Curtis Tobias moved and Justin Gatz seconded to rescind the previous month's motion to plug WQS38. Motion carried 8-0-1. Phil Martin moved and John Janssen seconded to approach the landowner of record for WQS38 to determine the interest in selling the area immediately surrounding the site to the District. Motion carried 5-4-0.

Cameron Conant, representing KDA-DWR, noted that nearly 15% of all water reports received by KDA-DWR were filed online. This accounts for approximately 5,600 water rights.

Mike Oldham, representing USFWS, noted that the Service is getting prepared to burn several pastures at Quivira NWR, once precipitation arrives.

Mike Lamb, 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.

Berry Bortz, chairman of the Great Bend Prairie Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), provided the board with an overview of the issues the RAC is pursuing. Mr. Bortz noted that the RAC is in need of further data in order to make better recommendations to the Kansas Water Authority. Following discussion regarding the type of data that is needed, John Janssen moved and Curtis Tobias seconded to cooperate with the RAC recognizing the time constraints for the District and the RAC. Motion carried 7-0-2.

John Janssen moved and Bob Standish seconded to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussion of information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.

Justin Gatz moved and Tom Taylor seconded to go into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for 20 minutes for preliminary discussion relating to acquisition of real property. Executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of the parties involved. Motion carried 8-0-1. The board came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m.

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

With no further items to discuss, the board adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Attest by: Curtis J Tobias Dated Apr 7, 2016