

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2009
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, November 12, 2009. Board members present were Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Vernon Hirt, Curtis Tobias, Darrell Wood and Phillip Martin. Ed Shultz. Kraig Froetschner and Kevin Schultz were absent. District staff present was Sharon Falk. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman and Lisa Allen.

President Phillip Martin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda was amended to include a discussion on the KWA Representative and the upcoming GMDA Conference.

John Janssen moved Darrell Wood seconded to approve the October minutes as mailed. Motion carried 5-0.

Curtis Tobias moved John Janssen seconded to accept the November treasurer's report. Motion carried 5-0.

Lisa Allen was present to discuss the final draft of the 2008 review of the Rattlesnake Creek Management Program. She asked if the board would be willing to sign off on the document. After considerable discussion, no action was taken.

The board reviewed application File No. 47371. The application is for an open-loop groundwater system using two wells for a heat pump/air conditioning unit at the city hall in Greensburg. Curtis Tobias moved and John Janssen seconded to recommend approval of the new application since it is a non-consumptive use of the water. Motion carried 5-0.

Application to change the place of use under file #32958 was reviewed by the board. The application is to go from 80 acres to 132. If approved, the water right would fall under the place of use monitoring program through a memorandum of understanding with the DWR. The file had been in the program previously but had not been monitored since the end of 2002 because of violations to the agreement with the District. John Janssen moved Curtis Tobias seconded to deny the application due to non-compliance with the monitoring program. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the groundwater model being developed by Balleau Groundwater Inc. The model is close to being completed with the need to discuss potential scenarios. The board discussed a scenario involving the impacts from the western area outside GMD #5 and a potential 5% reduction in acres irrigated. No action was taken.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.