

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10, 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, September 10, 2009. Board members present were Kent Lamb, John Janssen, Vernon Hirt, Curtis Tobias, Ed Shultz, Kraig Froetschner, Kevin Schultz, Darrell Wood and Phillip Martin. District staff present was Sharon Falk. Guests present were Jeff Lanterman, David Barfield, David Essmiller, Leon Dunn, Chris Beightel, Ron Ashworth, Alan Crane and Senator Ruth Teichmann.

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

Kevin Schultz moved and Darrell Wood seconded to approve the August minutes as mailed. Motion carried 8-0.

Ed Shultz motioned Kraig Froetschner seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried 8-0.

The Board discussed several issues with Chief Engineer David Barfield. Issues included the Rattlesnake Creek Program, DWR budget constraints, the Water Rights Conservation Reserve program, and modeling issues. The board took no action on any of the issues discussed.

The Board discussed the Division of Water Resources' Water Rights Conservation Program. Due to budget constraints, the Division will be abolishing the program on December 31, 2009. After board discussion, Kevin Schultz moved Ed Shultz seconded to draft a letter conveying the importance of the program and that it is maintained. Motion carried 8-0.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.