

**ANNUAL MEETINGS
SCHEDULED...**

**Central Kansas
Water Bank
Thurs, Feb 19, 6:30 p.m.**

**Big Bend GMD #5
Thurs, Feb 19, 7:00 p.m.**

**At the Ida Long
Goodman Memorial
Library, St. John
406 N Monroe**

REMEMBER

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RUNNING. USE THEM AS A
TOOL TO REDUCE
EXPENSES AND AVOID
VIOLATIONS.
CHECK YOUR METERS
BEFORE GETTING INTO
THE IRRIGATION SEASON.**

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1 GREENSBURG (620) 723-2193
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3 ROZEL (620) 527-4531
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5 MACKSVILLE (620) 348-2238
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7 GREAT BEND (620) 793-5798
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9 CAIRO (620) 672-3359
10 STAFFORD (620) 234-5667

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Phillip Martin, Barton County
Kevin Schultz, Director at Large
Darrell Wood, Edwards County
John Janssen, Kiowa County
Kraig Froetschner, Pawnee County
Vernon Hirt, Pratt County
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Kent Lamb, Stafford County

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FEBRUARY 2009

Big Bend Groundwater Management District No. 5

The Board of Directors for the Central Kansas Water Bank Association will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with the GMD#5 annual meeting on February 19. The banking meeting will start at 6:30 pm for the purpose of an election of directors and an update on banking activities. Additionally, there will be proposed changes to the bank charter discussed at this meeting. Position #5, currently held by Vernon Hirt, is up with Mr. Hirt seeking re-election for a three-year term. Anyone wishing to run for the banking position should call the office. A review of the objectives for this program and an overview of past year activities will be given. This is an opportunity for public feedback on the water banking program from the water users and potential participants.

**DWR REVIEWING IMPAIRMENT
REGULATIONS**

The Division of Water Resources is working on their impairment regulations to better define the circumstances when a call of potential impairment is received. In addition to direct well to well interference situations, they are now adding language that will address concerns related to the regional lowering of the aquifer covering larger areas. We will have more on this issue as these regulations go through the routine process. We would add that DWR and the Secretary of Agriculture's office is working closely with many stakeholder groups to obtain valuable feedback on this issue.

**WTAP applications received in
Rattlesnake Creek Basin**

The State Conservation Commission received two applications for the Water Transition Assistance Program within GMD #5 and the Rattlesnake Creek Basin. These two water rights have been approved and are waiting for final funding. WTAP will be considered again by the 2009 legislature for funding. Hopefully it will be one of those programs that makes it through the budget process.

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING
SCHEDULED**

The District's annual meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2009 at the Ida Long Memorial Library in St. John, KS. President Kent Lamb, of Macksville will cover 2008 activities and updates on District projects. The agenda will include a review of the 2008 annual meeting minutes, the 2008 financial report, review of the 2010 budget and an election of three board members.

GUEST SPEAKER –Peter Balleau, the



District's hydrologic consultant will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the District's modeling efforts. If one recalls, the District is working

cooperatively with Chief Engineer David Barfield of the Division of Water Resources to conduct a model covering the entire District. At this time the focus has been placed on the Rattlesnake Creek basin but by including the whole District, we can answer many questions surrounding boundary issues and other outside influences.

Peter Balleau is a Kansas Licensed Geologist with career experience in dry/irrigated-lands hydrogeology, water supply and dewatering, water-litigation support, and computer modeling of regional aquifers in many parts of the world. He established the consulting firm of Balleau Groundwater in 1992. Peter's presentation is intended to introduce what a model of an aquifer and stream system can do for managers and farm operators who want to control certain hydrologic conditions for the future, what the practical limitations are, and the current status of developing such a model. Peter has agreed to avoid jargon and hopes not to use the words 'transmissivity', 'coefficient', or 'non-linear' in the talk.

Big Bend Groundwater Management

District No. 5

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Rattlesnake Creek/Quivira Management Program 8-year review

The District, along with Partners, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Water PACK, and the Division of Water Resources, KDA are currently reviewing the Rattlesnake Creek Management Program to determine its successfulness. At this point in time, we are all reviewing the original goals and the various programs to reduce water use. Issues currently being discussed are 1) the original water use figures and changes in the originally defined areas, 2) are we on track with the goals, and 3) what future options should be considered. The 12-year plan originally sought to reduce water use in the basin by 24,000 acre-feet. Water use has been down the last couple years, which helps in meeting these goals, but some of the partners believe more needs to be done prior to the 2012 ending date. We are all confident that the model will help answer several of these questions and give us a better picture of what is happening in this basin.

NOMINATING PETITION

We, the undersigned three eligible voters within the Big Bend Groundwater Management District # 5

hereby nominate _____ as candidate for Board

Position representing _____ County/Director At Large

(circle one)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Important terms and conditions of the elected position shall be:

- a. 3-year term running 3 consecutive annual meeting dates.
- b. representation shall be for all eligible voters within the county.

I understand the above stated conditions of the board position for which I am being nominated and I accept said nomination.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. FEB. 18, 2009 (THE DAY BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING) IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

DIRECTORS ELECTION - Candidates for this annual election include three incumbents. John Janssen - Kiowa County, Kevin Schultz - Director at Large and Kraig Froetschner, Pawnee County. All are seeking reelection in 2009. Anyone else interested in one of these positions should file using the above petition. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the annual meeting.

Verified Claims: Anyone wishing to verify to the District a lesser amount of water used in 2008 must do so by April 1, 2009. Assessments are based on the authorized amount of a water right unless otherwise verified. The District will except the following as verified claims: metered values, enrollment in CRP with an inactive status, or verified claims showing that the well has not been installed. Verified claims can be obtained at your local FSA office or the District office.