



September 20, 2016, Newton, Kansas

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Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m., September 20, 2016
Harvey County Health Department
2nd Floor Community Room
215 South Pine Street, Newton, Kansas

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Steve Hieger (Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas, City, KS	Watershed Protection	2019	Yes
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2017	No
Dan Haines	Leon, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Bob Seiler	Valley Center, KS	Groundwater Management	2019	No
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2017	No
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Brian Meier	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	No
Denise Noonan Middleton	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Joseph Pajor	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Lewjene Schneider	Maize, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2019	Yes
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. Conservation District/El Dorado WRAPS
David Bollenback	KCC
David Barfield	KDA - DWR
Rich Basore	KDHE
Tim Boese	GMD 2
Dana Ladner	Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
Ron Graber	KSU
Lisa French	Cheney Lake Watershed
Gina Bell	Harvey County
Mandy Stone	USGS
Bruce Wells	NRCS
Matt Unruh	KWO

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KWO Planner: Matt Unruh, 785-296-3185; matt.unruh@kwo.ks.gov

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.
3. **Approval of July 2016 Meeting Notes:** Denise Noonan Middleton made the motion to approve the July 2016 meeting notes with Byron Warta providing a 2nd. The motion carried as presented unanimously.
4. **Regional Activities and Other Updates**
 - a. **September KWA Meeting:** Steve Hieger provided an update on the September 1 KWA. At this meeting Equus-Walnut Regional Goal Action Plans 1, 5, 6 and 7 were presented to the KWA for their review and approval.
 - b. **Equus-Walnut RAC Message to the KWA & Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force:** Matt Unruh provided an update to the RAC on the message which was passed along to the KWA & Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force regarding proposed revenue and project expenditures related to discussions taking place with the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force.

Joe Pajor discussed ongoing efforts spearheaded by the City of Wichita in relation to Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force discussions. The City of Wichita will be contracting with the Environmental Finance Center (EFC), housed within the Wichita State University's Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, to evaluate water resource funding demands and proposed revenue scenarios discussed by the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force. This study will evaluate where funding is being generated from within the proposed revenue scenarios by geographic location as well as water user group, and compare that information to geographic location and water user groups for known water resource funding demands. K-State's Urban Watershed Institute in Olathe will conduct an independent review of the EFC's findings.
 - c. **Regional Goal Action Plan Development Discussion:** Equus-Walnut Regional Action Plans for Goals 2,3 and 4 were not presented to the KWA at the September meeting. Additional work took place at this RAC meeting to finalize the drafts for these Regional Goal Action Plans so that they could be presented to the KWA at the October 2016 meeting. Draft language for these actions plans were again reviewed by the RAC members in attendance and final edits were discussed and took place at the meeting. After these final edits took place, Denise made the motion to approve the draft action plans for Equus-Walnut Regional Goals 3&4, seconded by Russ Tomevi. The motion carried as presented with no dissenting votes.

Later, the action plan for Regional Goal Action Plan 2 was discussed and edited. Following these edits, Joe Pajor made the motion to approve the draft action plan for Equus-Walnut Regional Goals 2, seconded by Roger Black. The motion carried as presented with no dissenting votes.

The Equus-Walnut Regional Goal Action Plans as approved by the KWA are available for download on the KWO webpage at <http://www.kwo.org/The-Vision.html>
 - d. **Education and Public Outreach Working Group:** Dana Ladner, Kansas Department of Agriculture, provided an update on efforts which had been taking place with the Vision Education and Public Outreach Working Group. Dana's presentation and the Vision Education and Public Outreach Supplement are

available on the KWO webpage at

<http://www.kwo.org/Vision/Education/October%206%202016%20Draft%202%20Presentation.pdf> and
<http://www.kwo.org/Vision/Education/Education%20and%20Public%20Outreach%20Supplement%2011-7-16.pdf>

5. Other Business

- a. Agency reports on items not previously discussed & public comments:
KDHE – Rich Basore discussed blue-green algae (BGA) in the region, specifically at Lake Afton as well as a contamination plume near Maple & Maize in west Wichita.
KDA-DWR – David Barfield discussed hearings for the Burrton and McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas (IGUCA) as well as Rattlesnake Creek Impairment and Hays Transfer.
- b. Questions and Future Issues from Members: Discussion on development of a RAC to-do list for action plan implementation at a future RAC meeting.
- c. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: None provided

6. **Adjourn:** Byron Warta made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Pajor. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

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Lisa French	Cheney Lake Watershed
Gina Bell	Harvey County
Mandy Stone	USGS
Matt Unruh	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
- Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

3. **Approval of March 2016 Meeting Notes:** The March 2016 meeting notes were approved as presented.

4. **Regional Activities and Other Updates**

- a. **May Kansas Water Authority Update:** Steve Hieger, Chair – Equus Walnut RAC and Matt Unruh, KWO, provided an update on the May 2016 KWA meeting in Oakley.
- b. **Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force Update:** Matt Unruh provided an update on the status of Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force (BRFTF) activities. Information regarding the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force can be found online at <http://www.kwo.org/BlueRibbonTaskForce.html>.

Following Matt's overview of BRFTF activities, members of the RAC engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the process currently in place to identify Vision implementation funding needs as well as a revenue source to fund those needs. A result of this discussion was the drafting of a formal message from the RAC to the BRFTF as well as the KWA. The message is as follows:

The Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to bring to the attention of the Blue Ribbon Funding Taskforce (BRFT) as well as the Kansas Water Authority serious concerns from the RAC's viewpoint regarding the process being utilized for identification of funding sources for Vision implementation by the BRFT. The RAC's main concern is regarding the sources of funding utilized to generate proposed new revenue, where those new revenues are generated and where those funds might be utilized for Vision implementation. Revenue generation and allocation of those funds need to be based on local and equitable strategies in alignment with philosophical Vision needs. Distribution of these proposed new funds also needs to take into consideration where revenue is generated as well as expended from a geographic and user group perspective where local projects are receiving local funding.

- c. **Regional Goal Action Plans:** All seven of the draft action plans for Equus-Walnut Vision regional goals were reviewed. Following review of these draft action plans the following actions were taken:
 - Goal action plans to formally present to the KWA at the September 1 Meeting:
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #1
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #5
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #6
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #7
 - Goal action plans to defer presenting to the KWA until October Meeting:
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #2
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #3
 - Regional Goal Action Plan #4

In regards to the deferred goals, it was suggested that the RAC get more information on the Kansas Basin Watershed Management System (KBWM) before officially finalizing action plans for Goals 3 and 4. Matt Unruh mentioned he would mail this information to the RAC following the meeting.

5. **Other Business**

- a. Agency reports on items not previously discussed & public comments:

WRAPS – Ron Graber (Little Arkansas WRAPS) provided an update on the Wichita Offsite BMP Implementation Program and mentioned upcoming field days.

KDHE – Rich Basore discussed blue-green algae (BGA) sampling efforts ongoing within the area as well as the upcoming Kansas Environmental Conference.

GMD2 – Tim Boese discussed the sustainability and recharge model currently being developed by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) and mentioned that it should be completed within the near future. He also discussed the upcoming Kansas Water Congress meeting to take place in Wichita.

KDA-DWR – David Barfield discussed upcoming hearings for the Burrton and McPherson Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas (IGUCA) as well as the GMD2 Boundary expansion proposal.

USGS – Mandy Stone mentioned the recently released report on Phase II aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) in relation to water quality of the surrounding area. This report can be viewed online at <https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/sir20165042>.

- b. Questions and Future Issues from Members: Denise Middleton mentioned the aquifer exhibit scheduled to open at Exploration Place in Wichita on August 27.
- c. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: Mentioned previously in meeting notes.
- d. Future Meetings:
 - i. Kansas Water Authority: August 31-September 1, Emporia.
 - ii. Equus-Walnut RAC: TBD via Doodle Poll

6. **Adjourn:** Bob Seiler made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Denise Middleton. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.



Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m., January 22, 2016
WATER Center
101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS

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Others in attendance:

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Gary Stecklein	Public
Mark Bergkamp	Public
Tom Bergkamp	Public
James Breitenback	Public
Jack Bender	Public
Ray Flickner	Public
Dennis Gruenbacher	Kansas Farm Bureau/Kansas Soybean Commission
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR
David Barfield	KDA-DWR
David Bollenback	KCC
Suzanne Loomis	City of Newton
Herb Llewellyn	City of El Dorado
Karma Mason	KWA
Tracy Streeter	KWO
Daniel Clement	Burns & McDonnell
Sandy Manner	Kansas Farm Bureau
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. C.D.
Rich Basore	KDHE
Allison Herring	KDHE

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Anna Smith	PEC
Tim Boese	GMD 2
Mike McGinn	GMD 2
Ron Graber	KSRE
Gina Bell	Harvey County
Chad Milligan	SCS Aquaterra
Matt Unruh	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
2. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** Byron Warta made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Bob Seiler. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
3. **RAC Approval of October 2015 Meeting Notes:** Byron Warta made the motion to approve the October 2015 Meeting Notes as presented, seconded by Denise Noonan Middleton. The October 2015 Meeting Notes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. Regional Activities and Other Updates

- a. **Regional Implementation: Proposed Reg. Change K.A.R.5-12-1** Aquifer storage and recovery permitting: Alan King, Director of Public Works & Utilities for the City of Wichita provided a presentation, titled *Wichita Water Planning*, in which he discussed a number of items relating to the City of Wichita’s water supply. Among the items discussed during this presentation were water supply from Cheney Reservoir, the Wichita Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project, how Wichita manages water from the Equus Beds currently with the ASR and how the proposed regulation change for K.A.R. 5-12-1 would impact Equus Beds withdrawal for the City, and future water plans for Cheney Reservoir and the Equus Beds for the City. This presentation is available for viewing on the KWO webpage at http://www.kwo.org/RACs/Webinars/ppt_WichitaWater_AlanKing_012216_mu.pdf.

Following Alan’s presentation, members of the RAC as well as meeting audience members had the opportunity to ask questions regarding information discussed within the presentation. David Barfield, Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources, discussed the process ongoing in relation to the proposed regulation change for K.A.R. 5-12-1. A public hearing on the proposed regulation change was held January 11 in Manhattan with a satellite location at the KDA-DWR Stafford Field Office.

Due to time considerations following this presentation and the accompanying discussion it was decided by the RAC no additional business or agenda items would be covered at the meeting.

5. Other Business

- a. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** No items for future meetings were discussed.
- b. **Messages to the Kansas Water Authority:** No formal messages were drafted by the Equus-Walnut RAC for the KWA.
- c. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. KWA January 27-28, 2016, in Topeka, KS

ii. Equus-Walnut RAC: TBD pending results of RAC Doodle Poll.

6. **Meeting Adjourned:** Byron Warta moved to adjourn the meeting, Brian Meier provided the second. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

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