



December 14, 2016, Gardner, Kansas

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Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Johnson County

Water District No. 7 Office

534 W. Main

Gardner, Kansas 66030

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Vacant		Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Gayla Speers	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	No
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR
Katie Burke	KDA-DOC
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Herschel George	KSU
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Gayla Speers was welcomed as the newest appointee to the MdC RAC.
2. **Review of October Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the October meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
3. **Regional Advisory Committee**
 - a. Past
 - i. **Goal Drafting Process:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) opened up the discussion to receive feedback on how the RAC thought the goal and plan drafting process was conducted. Bobbi asked for feedback from the RAC about the effectiveness of the plan creation process the RAC went through and what could have been done differently.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speers, Wellsville, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS

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During the discussion, the RAC mentioned that other RAC Plans are very specific, while the MdC RAC is more general. It was also noted that the MdC RAC plan included funding language. The RAC discussed their concern about funding not being secured at this time to fund Plan implementation. They noted that funds need to be dedicated and that current funds need to be kept/maintained as they are now.

The need to know the load reductions for the Region was mentioned as it relates to the 10% reduction mentioned in the RAC's goals. Travis Sieve (KDHE) and Katie Burke (KDA-DOC) discussed this was information they could provide by looking at WRAPS Plans and the new load reduction mapping project that was beginning in 2017. This information may be available by the next RAC meeting in in the spring.

Implementation of the RAC's plans were discussed. In looking ahead (at the Plan) the RAC will work with WRAPS groups, the Conservation Districts, Sierra Club, HAWC, etc. The RAC will be proactive and engage these groups. To do this, a talking points information sheet will be created to show these groups what the RAC is doing now, planning to do in the future, and how those groups can help support the RAC's effort.

b. Present

- i. Update of items requested: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed information needed to be provided on the PWS systems within the Region. Items discussed were location, storage amount, sediment load reduction, and possible water shortages by location.

c. Future

- i. RAC Plans: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed implementation of RAC plans and that prioritization will be needed. Bobbi also noted that the Plans will be incorporated into State Water Plan.
 - ii. Membership: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided information on upcoming RAC membership issues, including membership expiration dates, chair changes, and the need for vice-chairs. The RAC then discussed that Gayla Speer would fill George Pretz's position, as he wishes to step down from the RAC.
Also noted by the RAC, is that there is still a vacant position on the RAC to be filled. Attempts have been made to recruit members, but with no success. Additional recruitment will continue.
 - iii. Spring Meeting: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed that the RAC would most likely need to have a meeting in March or April to discuss the state of the Region, plan implementation, and vision updates. At the Spring meeting the drought simulation model and load reduction mapping may be presented if completed by this time.
4. **Vision Video: Discussion:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that Jim Whitt (video's creator) discussed the idea of showing the video that was presented at the Governor's Conference about the Vision to the RACs. She noted that some edits needed to be completed before it was ready to be shown. Bobbi asked for the RAC's feedback on this. The RAC would like to be notified when the video was edited and they would discuss then, when, where, and how they would like to view the video.
5. **Vision Update:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update on the Vision process and what was to be expected in the near future. Bobbi reported that the Phase II Action items are 50% underway and the KWO will be holding public hearings in early 2017 to complete the process and incorporate the Vision and Education supplement into the State Water Plan. She also reported that the BRTF is in the process of finalizing their report to be delivered to

the Governor. If it is approved by all, then the KWO will be presenting it to the KWA at their December 15, 2017 meeting in Wichita. Bobbi noted that at this time it is unclear whether the KWA will take any formal action on it, however, it is not necessary for them to do so as it will go to the Governor, from the BRTF, regardless. Once the report has been signed and delivered to the Governor, the KWO will post it on their website.

6. Drought Tournament and Model: Keri Harris (At-Large Public) and Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) provided an overview of the Drought Tournament that was conducted on December 1st in Emporia. Cara Hendricks (KWO) discussed the ability to conduct model runs to provide information for plan implementation and as a way to prioritize goals and plans. Cara stated she will create a write-up of the options, etc. that could be simulated and listed in the RACs plans. She will then take feedback and possible option inputs from the RACs. Cara also noted that it would be best to incorporate input from other entities involved in water supply planning.

7. Questions and Future Issues from Members: None at this time.

8. Agency and Public Input:

Katie Tietsort (KDA): reported that the 2016 WURs were printed on December 13th and will be going out to water right holders after January 1st. Katie then reported that it is very important to note that if a water right holder does not file their WUR by March 1st then a \$250 fee will be assessed. If the WUR is not filed by June 1st then a \$1,000 fee will be assessed.

Katie Burke: (KDA-DOC): reported that the KDA and KWO are working on a mapping project for load reduction by HUC 12. Sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus can be mapped along with associated cost to show efficiency. The timeframe of the data used for the mapping project is 2004-2015.

Herschel George (KSU): reported that he is working with the Hillsdale WRAPS to initiate and complete projects. Marmaton is completing a number of very good projects, mostly dealing with livestock. Three are schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

9. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: December 15, 2016: iSi Environmental, 215 S. Laura Street, Wichita, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority (and legislative visits): January 24-25, 2017: Topeka, KS
- c. MdC RAC: TBD after January KWA Meeting (Spring)



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10:00 a.m., Monday, October 3, 2016

Water District 7 Office

534 W. Main

Gardner, Kansas 66030

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Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Vacant		Agriculture	2017	
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Bruce Well	NRCS
Gayla Spear	JCCD
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Nathan Law	MdC PUA
Jerry Bennett	MiCo RWD2
Michael Mabrey	City of Edgerton (HAWC)
Herschel George	KSU
Dana Ladner	KDA
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of July Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the July meeting were discussed. Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment) noted a change in the Draft Plan. It will be corrected.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS

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3. Priority Goals

a. Review of Proposed Draft Action Plan for Education Goals: Dana Ladner (KDA) presented to the RAC on the Draft Action Plan for the Vision's Education Goals.

1. The RAC discussed the draft plan.
2. The following comments and questions were provided:

How will the curriculum be vetted? Having a sound science standard is important.

Who is the ultimate authority?

The professional development portion will assist with ensuring material presented is sound science.

Do not duplicate efforts.

We need to utilize our partners.

Will there be a coordinator to coordinate all activities and website?

State legislators, need a lot of education on water. KACD has a legislation day and we would like extra help that day.

Top Priority Action Items: 'Develop a media plan, etc. for conservation...' This should include water quality.

The MdC Goal was read. All the items in that goal are covered with the Education Goal Implementation Plan.

4. Questions and Future Issues from Members: None at this time.

5. Agency and Public Input:

Katie Tietsort (KDA): reports that there are 2 regulation changes. One is in reference to sealing meters and pumps due to compliance issues. On Thursday October 27th a Public Meeting concerning well spacing in GMD 1 will be held.

KDA settled their first Native American water claim issue with the Kickapoo.

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): reported on the well plugged at Rantoul.

Herschel George (KSU): reported that the Hillsdale WRAPS is back up and running. They already have applications in front of them.

6. Future Meetings:

a. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: October 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

b. Kansas Water Authority: October 19, 2016: Milford Lake Conference Center, 3710 Farnum Creek Road, Milford, KS

c. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: November 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

d. Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 14-15, 2016: Manhattan, KS

e. MdC RAC: TBD at a later date



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1:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016

Melvorn Lake,

The Outlet Park Pavilion

Melvorn, KS 66510

1:00pm

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	No
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Mike Mabrey (rep. HAWC for Allan Soetaert)	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Gayla Speer	JOCO Conservation District
Jim Franz	USACE
Scott Rice	USACE
Nathan Westrup	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Lori thanked Jim Franz and Scott Rice (USACE) for setting up the meeting location and hosting the RAC.
- Review of June Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the June meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Lori Kuykendall (Chair) stated the George Pretz (Agriculture) wished to step down from his position. Lori stated that George will serve until a replacement is found. She also mentioned that the RAC could fill the Agriculture position that is currently being represented or the RAC could choose to create a new category to be represented on the RAC.

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Lori asked the RAC to think about possible nominations and categories and discussion would continue after the Draft Plan was discussed.

4. Priority Goals:

a. Action Plan for Priority Goals: Nathan Westrup (KWO) presented information about supply and demand and reservoir operations. After reviewing the information that was presented at the June meeting, Nathan discussed what additional modeling, population, supply, storage use, etc. work that will or could be done. Nathan will provide maps, projections, and other related information once it is finalized. That information will be sent out to the RAC through email.

b. Review of Proposed Draft Action Plan: The RAC reviewed the current draft plan that was proposed during the previous RAC meetings and via email. The RAC discussed changes offered by Scott Yeargain, via email. The RAC then discussed the drafting of the Action Plan:

A RAC representative will work with each WRAPS group within the Marais des Cygnes Region to assess their 9 Element Plan and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the Marais des Cygnes Regional goal of sedimentation reduction. A RAC representative will also work with each conservation district within the Marais des Cygnes Region to assess their goals and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the Marais des Cygnes Regional goal of sedimentation. If the goals of the conservation district and the 9 Element Plan of the WRAPS groups align with the RAC sedimentation goal then funding will be sought to leverage funds to meet Regional Goals. These two groups have a system in place to distribute cost share funds and to identify projects that need to be implemented to decrease sedimentation. They also provide educational opportunities for landowners.

In order to fund these efforts, the first plan of action is to not create a new funding source, but instead to ensure current funding sources are funded; we cannot continue to see funds being diverted away from water quality, water quantity and water conservation efforts within the state budget if we truly want to work to reach the goals of the RAC and the Vision. This would also include working to see that the State Water Plan Fund is funded to maximum levels and funds from the State Water Plan are allocated as they were originally intended; this should include pesticide and fertilizer fees being rerouted back into the water plan fund and therefore assisting with funding goal implementation. If these funds are not adequate, then new sources will need to be sought. These sources could include, but are not limited to applying a 1 cent/1000 fee on water used by all beneficial uses not already paying a usage fee and or a 1 to 3 cent per bottle water tax applied to bottled water sold in Kansas.

RAC members will also encourage local support of goal implementation through conservation districts, WRAPS groups, producers, municipalities, etc. This will be done through education and awareness of the RAC.

The Kansas Water Office, along with the Marais des Cygnes RAC, will evaluate cost estimates of calling-in the unallocated storage in Melvern Reservoir, as well as the evaluation of a pool rises at Pomona and Hillsdale Reservoirs with the estimated cost of constructing a new reservoir for water supply. The entire Marais des Cygnes Region's population projections will be evaluated for their supply needs to ensure that the demand can be met and exceeded by 10% through the year 2050. Both mainstem and off-stream storage supply will be evaluated to ensure all counties within the Marais des Cygnes region have their water supply needs met. The reduction of sediment loads created by the work with the WRAPS groups and the Conservation Districts to implement BMPs such as, but not limited to, cover crops, No-Till, terraces, etc. will be evaluated for these practices' potential to meet projected water needs through 2050, and, as an alternative to constructing a new storage structure. The RAC is, in effect, going to consider whether Goal 2 can essentially be met by achieving Goal 1 in conjunction with purchasing the reserve supply in Melvern Reservoir and the already purchased, but largely underutilized, supply in Hillsdale Reservoir.



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A motion was made by Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) and seconded by Larry Walrod (Planning and Zoning) to approve the Draft Action Plan to be presented to the KWA for approval. The motion was passed. There was no discussion.

5. RAC Membership: The RAC discussed nominating a new member to fill the position being left vacant by George Pretz. Keri Harris (At-large Public) suggested that the RAC include the Drainage Districts as a new category. The RAC decided to have Keri contact the members of the Drainage Districts to see if there was interest from the Drainage Districts to nominate someone to be a representative on the RAC.

5. Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

There were no comments or reports from the RAC members.

6. Agency and Public Input:

There were no comments or reports from the agencies or public.

7. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31st (Tour) and September 1st (KWA meeting): Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2650 US-50, Emporia, KS.
- b. Marais des Cygnes RAC: The RAC will hold a meeting following the next KWA meeting if there are changes to the Proposed Draft Action Plan recommended by the KWA. At that time a Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine the best possible date. If there are no changes or comments to evaluate from the KWA, the RAC will not plan to meet until after the Governor's Conference.



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1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2016

Santa Fe Depot
504 Market Street
Osage City, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	No
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	No
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	No
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Doug Schemm	KDA/DWR
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Clifford Thornton	NRCS
Poly Shteamer	Public
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Nathan Westrup	KWO
Ginger Harper	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of May Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Priority Goals:**
 - May 18th and 19th KWA Meeting: Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reported that she had presented on the RACs goals, plans, and request for additional information to the KWA. Lori noted that the feedback the KWA did not involve a lot of questions. Lori stated she gave the KWA an overview of the WRAPS groups in the MdC. She also mentioned that she noticed all the RACs were at different points in their draft planning, as each RAC and their goals are different.

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Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that the feedback the KWA offered was very positive on the work the RAC had done and the plan they were working towards. The KWA appreciated the fact that the RAC had looked at work that had already been completed and that the RAC was asking for additional information to become better informed to write the most appropriate and useful implementation plan.

b. June Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Meeting Update: Ginger Harper (KWO) reported that the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meeting was held June 16th in Topeka. The draft proposal for funding was sent to the RAC prior to the meeting. The link can be found here: http://www.kwo.org/Vision/BRTF/tbl_revenue_options_052616_BRFTF_Edits_06162016.pdf

Ginger reported that the points to highlight about the BRTF meeting and the draft proposal are that:

- i. No organization represented on the Task Force has taken action to endorse this proposal.
- ii. The next meeting will be held August 4, 2016, in Manhattan, KS. Time and specific location TBD.
- iii. At the next meeting, more work will be done on the funding ideas put forth in this proposal.
- iv. Please contact the Kansas Water Office if you have any questions about this draft funding proposal.

The RAC discussed the budget presented and how that would be implemented into the Vision.

c. Review Information Requested for Priority Goals:

Nathan Westrup (KWO) and Cara Hendricks (KWO) presented a review of information items to assist the RAC in understanding water supply and demand and sedimentation reduction practices in the MdC Region. Items concerning supply and demand, reservoir operations, BMPs, etc. were discussed. Links to information presented will be sent out to the RAC.

After hearing all information presented drafts plans were discussed for the goals. The RAC decided it would be best to draft plans via email and come back in July to finalize plans and vote to approve them. The RAC thought the best approach was to use the draft plan previously created from the May RAC meeting, as presented to the KWA, as the plan they use with additional wording to encompass their second goal.

4. John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update of the John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update.

5. Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) noted that there are many complaints about the streambanks and the high water levels. Wes also commented on the funds used to implement Vision Goal Plans need to be new funds so we don't take funding from other programs.

Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) reported that RCPP grant was granted to help streambank work. Ron then mentioned that when BAC reorganized to the RAC the conservation districts were not fully included. Ron stated that we should emphasize that conservation districts and NRCS will help implement goals. There is a conservation district in every county or are joined with another county, so therefore a delivery system is in place.

Lori Kuykendall (Chair & WRAPS) stated that the conservation districts need to involve themselves in the RACs and take a proactive step to join in the process.

Scott Yeargin (Conservation/Environment) commented that the conservation districts have done a great job with involvement.

6. Agency and Public Input:



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Frank Guilfoyle (KCC) reported that the KCC has finished up 2 projects in Linn County and 3 in Allen County and have begun 1 project in Anderson and Miami Counties. Frank commented that many wells are hard to see and detect. This makes locating them for plugging a difficulty.

7. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31st and September 1st: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
- b. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out) but will occur between July 26th -28th. It was suggested the meeting to be at Melvern Lake. Bobbi will contact Jim Franz for availability.



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 Neosho County Community College
 900 East Logan Street, Ottawa, KS 66067

Members in Attendance:

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Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Chris Beightel	KDA/DWR
Helen Holm	KDHE
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Jim Franz	USACE - Melvern
Brad Cox	USACE - Pomona
Scott Rice	USACE – Pomona/Melvorn
Keena Privat	Lyon/Osage Env Health
Mary Grosshart	Public
Lynn Wobker	KWA
Kara Niemeir	Marmaton WRAPS
Herschel George	KSU
Gayla Speer	JOCO Conv District
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

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3. Priority Goals:

a. KWA discussion: Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reviewed what was discussed at the January KWA meeting in Topeka. Lori noted that she explained the regional goals, including their importance and implementation. The KWA did not have any questions at that time.

b. April Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Meeting Update: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) provided an update of the April 19th BRTF public meeting held in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Capital Building. No recommendations have come from the BRTF at this time. They will most likely provided feedback at their June 16, 2016 meeting.

c. Action Goals for Priority Goals:

i. Regional Goal Implementation Review and Draft Plan:

The first goal of the MdC Region is: “Reduce cumulative sediment loads entering public water supply impoundments by 10% in the MdC River Basin every 10 years to extend the life of existing infrastructure.”

To meet this goal the WRAPS program was discussed to see how their sedimentation reduction efforts could help the RAC meet this goal. Travis Sieve (KDHE), Kara Niemeir (Marmaton WRAPS), and Lori Kuykendall (MdC RAC Chair & Pomona WRAPS) presented on the WRAPS program in general and Marmaton and Pomona WRAPS specifically. The MdC RAC discussed how the WRAPS program is best utilized to meet the Region’s sedimentation goal. A draft plan using the WRAPS program to reduce sediment was created. The draft plan will include and be presented by Lori (Chair) to the KWA:

A RAC representative will work with each WRAPS group within the MdC Region to assess their 9 Element Plan and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the MdC Regional goal of sedimentation reduction. A RAC representative will also work with each conservation district within the MdC Region to assess their goals and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the MdC Regional goal of sedimentation. If the goals of the conservation district and the 9 Element Plan of the WRAPS groups align with the RAC sedimentation goal then funding will be sought to leverage funds to meet Regional Goals. These two groups have a system in place to distribute cost share funds and to identify projects that need to be implemented to decrease sedimentation. They also provide educational opportunities for landowners.

In order to fund these efforts, the first plan of action is to not create a new funding source, but instead to ensure current funding sources are funded; we cannot continue to see funds being diverted away from water quality, water quantity and water conservation efforts within the state budget if we truly want to work to reach the goals of the RAC and the Vision. This would also include working to see that the State Water Plan Fund is funded to maximum levels and funds from the State Water Plan are allocated as they were originally intended; this should include pesticide and fertilizer fees being rerouted back into the water plan fund and therefore assisting with funding goal implementation. If these funds are not adequate, then new sources will need to be sought. These sources could include, but are not limited to applying a 1 cent/1000 fee on water used by all beneficial uses not already paying a usage fee and or a 1 to 3 cent per bottle water tax applied to bottled water sold in Kansas.

RAC members will also encourage local support of goal implementation through conservation districts, WRAPS groups, producers, municipalities, etc. This will be done through education and awareness of the RAC.

Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies: None were noted

5. Review and Public Comment on Regulations: Chris Beightel (KDA-DWR): Gave a legislative update, including an update on rules and regulations. Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR) specially mentioned that Water Use Report March 1st deadline filing penalty.



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8. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: May 18-19th, Buffalo Bill Cultural Center, 3083 US Hwy 83, Oakley, KS
- b. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out). Meeting may be in late June at Melvern Lake.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45pm

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
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1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016

USDA Service Center

343 West 23rd Street

Ottawa, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Julie Coleman	KDHE
Nathan Law	MdC PUA
Fran Bennett	Public
Brett Bunger	KDA/DWR
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Lori thanked Keri Harris (At-Large Public) for supplying the meeting room and hosting the RAC. Lori and Keri noted that the documentary “When the Well Runs Dry” would be shown after the meeting.
- Review of December Meeting Notes:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair) corrected the December meeting notes to reflect that Mike Gilliland was at the December meeting.
- KWA discussion:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reviewed what was discussed at the December KWA meeting in Ellsworth. Lori noted that she explained the regional goals, including their importance and implementation, as well as answered questions from the KWA.

Membership: Wes Sherman Cole, Chair, Osawatomie, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Lori Kuykendall, Lyndon, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
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Priority Goals: The RAC discussed the MdC Regional Goals (found here http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS_RAC_August2015.pdf) that had been set previously by the Regional Goal Leadership Teams. As part of the discussion and review of the goals implementation strategies were developed.

- a. Engage RCPP Program (KFS) to build riparian buffers above Pomona and Hillsdale.
- b. Engage WRAPS groups and create an umbrella goal with the 5 WRAPS groups in the MdC. Hold a meeting with the 5 WRAPS groups and include Conservation District, Extension Agents, Municipalities, KDHE, USACE, KACEE, and KSU.
- c. KWO was directed to create model run incorporating a MPSL in or near Miami County.
- d. KWO was directed to create a model run to look at supply and demand in the Region, incorporating calling all available storage into the service.
- e. KWO was directed to look at adaptable lake levels and to create scenarios to adjust plans to increase water supply storage availability.
- f. KWO was directed to provide a flow chart diagram of how constructing a reservoir is accomplished, as well as current mitigation guidelines.
- g. KWO was directed to look at the cost benefit ratio of reduction in sediment through BMPs, streambank stabilization, and dredging possibilities to increase water supply storage.
- h. KWO was directed to begin work USACE to determine the possibility of initiating a PAS study to look at purchasing storage and/or reallocating storage for Melvern and Pomona.
- i. Create awareness of the RAC and their activities, as well as provide education by engaging the following groups:
 1. WRAPS groups
 2. Municipalities
 3. Extension Agents
 4. KACEE
 5. Conservation Districts

Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

5. **Review and Public Comment on Regulations:** Kansas Department of Agriculture: Katie Tietsort (DWR-KDA) and Brett Bunger (DWR-KDA) gave an update on the regulation changes that were previously proposed by KDA that had been presented at the previous meeting in reference to over-pumping, meter sealing, and water use reporting.
8. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: January 27th and 28th in Topeka, KS
 - b. Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting: January 29th in Topeka
 - c. Vision Education and Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: March 10th in Manhattan, KS
 - d. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out). Late April. Neosho County Community College.