



# Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017

Fort Scott Community College

Ellis Fine Arts Center

2108 S. Horton

Fort Scott, 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	No
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Gayla Speers	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	No
Paul Ling (Rick Titus & Nathan Law)	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
Vacant		Agriculture (cc)	2017	
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
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
Katie Burke	KDA-DOC
Mikayla Kortan	KDA-Intern
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Gary Armentrout	PWWSD No. 13 & MdC RAC applicant
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Lynn Wobker	KWA
Ginger Harper	KWO
Cara Hendricks	KWO
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. Ron Brown gave a brief report on the history of Fort Scott.
- Review of the December Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

**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

**KWO Planner:** Bobbi Lutjohann, 785-296-3185; [bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov)

2. **Mapping Project for Local Reduction by HUC 12 – Katie Burke (KDA-DOC) and Mikayla Kortan (KDA-Intern):** presented on the new mapping project that was completed by the DOC and KWO. Mikayla explained that the interactive mapping tool was developed to show historical load reduction achieved by implemented BMPs. Mikayla explained that the map shows the WRAPS projects and the load reduction in the past 10 years, along with costs. The hopes for the project will be to have the data updated yearly to see the value of the implemented projects and will eventually be online. It was suggested that showing a cost per load reduction, if possible, would be useful. It was mentioned that if the data displayed that net reduction it may be very useful to see load reduction, but noted that the reductions shown are theoretical.
3. **Drought Tournament Modeling Tool – Cara Hendricks (KWO):** presented on the drought tournament that occurred on December 1, 2016 in Emporia. Cara then went over how the tool is used and how it applies to Verdigris Regional Plan implementation. Then it was discussed that a workshop would be held at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek in August for the Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs to go over and use the drought tool as it applies to their regions and regional goals and plans. RAC members will be asked to invite other pertinent participants to the workshop.
4. **Small Lakes within the MdC Region – Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** Bobbi reported that Erika Stanley (KWO) is working on looking at the smaller (non-federal) reservoirs that supply municipalities to see if there are supply shortages within the Region.
5. **Legislative, Funding, and Vision Update – Ginger Harper (KWO):** gave an update on the [Blue Ribbon Task Force \(BRTF\)](#) and how funding was addressed for the [Vision](#), as well as the [Education and Public Outreach Working Group](#). Ginger reported on the legislative visits held in January that many of the KWA and RAC members attended. She also explained the Water and Environment Committee that was created this year to look at water issues in the legislature. She then discussed that the statutory committee to fund the State General Fund (SGF) and the budget that is being put forth this year by the KWO. Ginger then showed where all this information could be found on the KWO website. <http://www.kwo.org/LegislativeNews.html>
6. **Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship - Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that current chairs of the RACs would be asked by the KWA to continue on for an additional 2 years. In addition, a vice-chair would be named by the KWA to serve out this current year and into the next 2 years. Bobbi also reported that Keri Harris has agreed to accept the vice-chair nomination if approved by the KWA. Nominations and approvals will not be conducted until the May KWA meeting.

Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): reported that one applicant has sent in an application and that it would be reviewed at the May KWA meeting. The applicant, Gary Armentrout, was in attendance and introduced himself to the RAC.

### 7. Questions and Future Issues from Members:

**Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment):** reported on legislative issues and current EPA 319 funding.

**Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment):** reported that the governor has been very interested in creating water policy but funding mechanisms need to be found to implement water policy and projects.

### 8. Agency and Public Input:

Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR): Reported that the consumptive use regulations have been reviewed and will go up for approval. Katie also reported that the penalty regulations are going to be reviewed this week and a public hearing will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in Manhattan. Information on these issues can be found at KDA's website: <https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/2016/09/30/public-hearing-scheduled-for-proposed-amendments-to-regulations>

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): Reported that they have been working on projects and plugging wells in/near Paola, Lane, and Montgomery and Chautauqua counties. Frank explained financial responsibility and prioritization for well plugging.

Travis Sieve (KDHE): Reported that the 319 Program is still waiting on funding approval.

### 9. Future Meetings:

a. Kansas Water Authority: May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Garden City, KS

b. Kansas Water Authority: August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg, KS

c. MdC RAC: June - Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine the best possible date and time for the RAC to meet. Meeting in the northern portion of the Region may be a possibility.

d. Joint RAC Workshop: August - Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs Drought Workshop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek