



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29, 2017

Overbrook Library
Community Room
317 Maple
Overbrook, Kansas

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2019	Yes
Keri Harris (Vice-Chair)	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2017	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Paul Ling (Stewart Kasper)	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
Allan Soetaert (Jerry Bennett)	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	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
Vacant		At-Large Public (cc)	2019	

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Brett Bunger	KDA/DWR
Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Scott Rice	USACE
Jim Franz	USACE - Melvern
Brad Cox	USACE - Pomona
Polly Shteamer	Public
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Hershel George	KSU
Keena Privat	Lyon/Osage Co. Env. Health
Don George	KDWPT
Erika Stanley	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	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 the April Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the April meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Keri Harris, Vice-Chair, Ottawa, KS; Gary Armentrout, Centerville, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speer, Wellsville, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS

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3. **FY 18 Allocations for Counties – Dave Jones (KDA-DOC):** presented on the FY2018 Cost Share Allocations funded by the KWP for counties. Dave explained the allocation process, including how applications can be submitted and how they are processed. Dave then noted that they have talked with Conservation Districts about ranking worksheet updates. He also listed and discussed the recommended approved allocations per county for FY2018 and what projects those included.
4. **Small Lakes within the MdC Region – Erika Stanley (KWO):** reported that she is working on looking at the smaller (non-federal) reservoirs that supply municipalities to see if there are supply shortages within the Region. Erika gave information on supply, demand, and yield, and then asked for feedback from the RAC.
5. **Legislative, Funding, and Vision Update – Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO):** gave an update on the budget as discussed at the KWA.
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/Rpt_KWA_Meeting_Materials%2005.17.17.pdf
Bobbi also reported that legislators approved a FY18-19 budget, and that the KWO will receive \$1.2 million from the State General Fund for the State Water Plan. Streambank Stabilization Projects will receive \$1.0 million, Bathymetric Surveys will receive \$100,000, and \$100,000 will be appropriated for the Kansas River Alluvial Aquifer Observation Well Network. Bobbi noted the \$800,000 reduction that was taken from the TMDL initiatives and Irrigation Technology.
Bobbi also reported that the 2018 marketing rate had been set at \$0.392 and approved by the KWA.
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/8b_PWSCCommitteeUpdate_DRAFT_CCDP_050517.pdf
Legislative and Vision issues were discussed. More information on this can be found at the KWO website:
<http://www.kwo.org/index.html>
6. **RAC Membership – Lori Kuykendall (Chair)** welcomed the new member that was approved at the May KWA meeting, Gary Armentrout. Lori then reported that Mike Gilliland had stepped down from his RAC position and that this left a vacancy on the MdC RAC. She also mentioned that current solicitation and acceptance of new RAC member applications is currently being conducted.
Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that KWA approved the chair and vice-chair positions for the MdC RAC at the May KWA meeting in Garden City.
7. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**
Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment): thanked everyone for their condolences and that he appreciated everyone's kind words and cards.
Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment): Posed the question: Are water pricing rate structures are used to encourage or discourage population movement and/or growth?
Gary Armentrout (Public Water Supply): stated that some are in the business of selling of water and need this revenue.
Jerry Bennett (PWS): explained growth follows water and it can be a self-limiting process.
8. **Agency and Public Input:**

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): Reported that the KCC has been working on projects and plugging wells in all the counties in the region. A total of 2,166 wells have been plugged to date at a cost of just over \$6 million. More are still in the work plan to be plugged. Frank stated that if anyone had questions or needed additional information to talk to him after the meeting or to contact him later.

Don George: (KDWPT): supplied the RAC with a packet of KDWPT information. Don then explained the information within the packet and asked if anyone had questions or needed tours to contact him.

9. Future Meetings

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th in Pittsburg, KS
- b. Joint RAC Drought Workshop: September 1, 2017 - Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs Drought Workshop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek
- c. State of the Resource Meeting: Fall, 2017
- d. MdC RAC: Date: October. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to pick the best possible dates and times for the next RAC meeting. Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) offered to host the next meeting in Osawatomie.



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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

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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 22nd 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 17th – 18th in Garden City, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th 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