



Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

2:00pm, Monday, April 3, 2017

Pittsburg Fire Station #1

Conference Room

911 W. 4th Street

Pittsburg, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Angela Anderson (Chair)	Allen, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Joe Buchanan	Council Grove, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2017	Yes
Jay Byers	Pittsburg, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes
Phillip Cooper	Emporia, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Wes Fleming	Burlington, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
John Hough	Cherokee, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	No
Gary Kilgore	Chanute, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	No
Brian Obermeyer	Cottonwood Falls, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	No
Larry Paine	Hillsboro, KS	At Large Public	2019	Yes
Pat Sauble	Cedar Point, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
James Triplett	Pittsburg, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Lisa Suderman	Cottonwood WRAPs/Marion Co Conservation. District
Gary Suderman	Neosho Region Resident - Public
John Bailey	City of Pittsburg - KWA
Mike O'Connor	KAWS – Grand Lake RCPP
Dan Holub	Marion County
Pat Spielbusch	NOCO Conservation District
Linda Johnson	Public
Abby Carpenter	NOCO Conservation District
Katie Burke	KDA/DOC
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Ginger Harper	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Angela Anderson. All present provided self-introductions. Angela thanked Jay Byers for setting up the meeting room.
- Review of the July Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

Membership: Angela Anderson, Chair, Allen, KS; Joe Buchanan, Council Grove, KS; Jay Byers, Pittsburg, KS; Philip Cooper, Emporia, KS; Wes Fleming, Burlington, KS; John Hough, Cherokee, KS; Gary Kilgore, Chanute, KS; Brian Obermeyer, Cottonwood Falls, KS; Larry Paine, Hillsboro, KS; Nik Roth, Emporia, KS; Pat Sauble, Cedar Point, KS; James Triplett, Pittsburg, KS

KWO Planner: Bobbi Lutjohann, 785-296-3185; bobbi.lutjohann@kwo.ks.gov

3. **Mapping Project for Local Reduction by HUC 12 – Katie Burke (KDA-DOC):** presented on the new mapping project that was completed by the DOC and KWO. Katie explained that the interactive mapping tool was developed to show historical load reduction achieved by implemented BMPs. Katie 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 cities (point sources) be included in the mapping to show an overall load balance. It was also suggested that mapping layers of roads and waterways be made available on the map as locators.
4. **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 Neosho 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. GRDA and GLWAF will be asked to participate and possibly provide support and funding for the workshop.
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 about 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 Luttjohann (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 and approved by the KWA to serve out this current year and into the next 2 years.
7. **Possible New Membership – Angela Anderson (Chair & WRAPs):** reported that 2 applicants had sent in applications (and 1 other possible candidate will be sending in an application) that would be reviewed at the KWA May meeting. One of the applicants, Lisa Suderman, was in attendance and introduced herself to the RAC.
8. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**
Wes Fleming (Industry/Commerce) reported on the bathymetric survey mapping for reservoirs using crowd sourcing. Wes presented information on the program Insight Genesis from BioBase.
9. **Agency and Public Input:**
Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR): reported that the consumptive use regulations have been reviewed and will go 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.
Terry Medley (KDA-DWR): reported that the Cottonwood FEMA Floodplain Mapping Meetings were held in February. Funding for this should become available in October. More information would be available at that time.

8. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: May 17th – 18th in Garden City, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th in Pittsburg, KS
- c. Neosho RAC: June - Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine the best possible date and time for the RAC to meet. Meeting at John Redmond 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