



Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00pm, Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Madison High School Library Meeting Room
1500 SW Blvd
Madison, Kansas

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
John Black (Chair)	Howard, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Ken McNickle (Vice-Chair)	Mound Valley, KS	Public Water Supply	2017	No
Vacant		At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Doug Blex	Independence, KS	WRAPs	2019	No
John Ditmore	Coffeyville, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Gary Kelley	Sedan, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Chuck Shively	Coffeyville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Debbie Smith	Neodesha, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	No
Ron Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Wes Moots	KDA-DWR (Intern)
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Dave Jones	KDA/DOC
Jeff Davidson	KSU
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson, John Black. All present provided self-introductions. John thanked Harold Engle (Agriculture) for helping reserve and setting up the meeting room and for providing drinks and cookies.
- Review of the April Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the April meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- 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. **Division of Water Resources: Training and Customer Service Opportunities – Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR-TFO) & Caleb Fabrycky (KDA-DWR-Parsons):** presented on the DWR program that is designed to address areas where water supply sources may have issues in order for users to maintain compliance. Katie reported that Caleb will be working with this program to educate users about their water rights, including source, quantity, rate, reporting, back up supply, connections, etc. Katie mentioned there may be user group workshops held to educate water right holders on these issues. Also, particular entities and users may need personalized education. Katie noted this will help users properly perfect their water rights and avoid penalties. Katie then asked the RAC if they had suggestions or know of needs in the Region. The RAC stated that water right education on vested, senior, and junior rights and water marketing and assurance district operations would be beneficial. Different user groups such as municipalities and agriculture producers were noted as those that may benefit from education.
5. **Legislative, Funding, and Vision Update – Bobbi Lutjohann (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
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/9a_Legislative%20Attachments%20KWA%2005.10.17.pdf
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_CCDDP_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. **Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship- Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that KWA approved the chair and vice-chair positions for the Verdigris RAC at the May KWA meeting in Garden City. Bobbi also mentioned that current solicitation and acceptance of new RAC member applications is currently being conducted.
7. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**
John Black (Chair & Agriculture): stated that the City of Howard has put in application to connect with PWWSD No. 23.
8. **Agency and Public Input:**
Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR): gave an update on Elk City and also PWWSD No. 23. Katie also explained the PWS agency committee group that looks at issues such as this. Bobbi noted there will be a meeting for this group in June.

Terry Medley (KDA-DWR): reported that DWR is close to finalizing the Montgomery Flood Rate Map. The next step will be to hold an open house, then allow for an appeal period. After those items are complete the map will be finalized. Terry then reported that DWR will be doing baseline engineering in Labette County next year to map out the floodplain in order to set flood insurance rates.
9. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th in Pittsburg, KS
 - b. State of the Resource: September or October
 - c. Joint RAC Workshop: August 25, 2017 at 9am - Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs Drought Workshop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek



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Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00am, Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Coffeyville Resources

808 E. New Street

Coffeyville, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
John Black (Acting Chair)	Howard, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Ken McNickle (Acting Vice-Chair)	Mound Valley, KS	Public Water Supply	2017	Yes
Sam Atherton	Cherryvale, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Doug Blex	Independence, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
John Ditmore	Coffeyville, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	No
Gary Kelley	Sedan, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Chuck Shively	Coffeyville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Debbie Smith	Neodesha, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	No
Ron Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Katie Burke	KDA/DOC
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Ginger Harper	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Acting-Chairperson, John Black. All present provided self-introductions. John thanked John Ditmore for setting up the meeting room.
- Review of the December Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- 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 showing a cost per load reduction, if possible, would be useful.

Membership: John Black, Howard, KS; Acting-Chair; Ken McNickle, Mound Valley, KS; Sam Atherton, Cherryvale, KS; Doug Blex, Independence, KS; John Ditmore, Coffeyville, KS; Harold Engle, Madison, KS; Gary Kelley, Sedan, KS; Charles Shively, Coffeyville, KS; Ronald Smith, Fredonia, KS; Debbie Smith, Neodesha, KS
KWO Planner: Bobbi Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov

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 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.

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>

Doug Blex (WRAPs): reported on the legislative process, committees, and funding as it relates to water. Doug was able to give his unique perspective as a newly appointed state representative. Doug mentioned that personalized communication with legislators to discuss issues is the best method to help support water issues.

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 by the KWA to serve out this current year and into the next 4 years. Bobbi also explained, that due to Doug Blex stepping down from his chairmanship, John Black will be Acting Chair and Ken McNickle will be Acting Vice-Chair until KWA nominations and approval are conducted at the May KWA meeting.

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

Doug Blex (WRAPs): reported that Elk City is working to keep their plant operating and will be having meetings with interested parties, including pertinent state agencies, to discuss their future plans for operating their municipal water system.

8. **Agency and Public Input:**

Katie Tietzort (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>

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. Verdigris RAC: June or July - 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.



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