



Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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9:00am, Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Coffeyville Resources

808 E. New Street

Coffeyville, KS

Members in Attendance:

| Name | City | Category | Term | Present |
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| 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 |
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| 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 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>

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