



Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 am, February 28, 2017
Salina Public Library – Prescott Room
301 West Elm, Salina, KS

Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Martha Tasker (Chair)	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Greg Barrett	Marquette, KS	Agriculture 2	2017	No
Sandra Beisner	Ellis, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Toby Dougherty	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2019	No
Paul Froelich	Enterprise, KS	At Large Public 2	2017	No
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
John Peckham	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Allen Roth	Hays, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Bevin Law	Longford, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes
Timothy Scheck	Russell, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	Yes
Alan Scheuerman	Ellis, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2019	No
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2017	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Eric Wiley	Salina Journal
Dan Baffa	Public
Dan Mount	Post Rock Rural Water District
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE
Bruce Wells	NRCS
Monty Breneman	NRCS
Susan Metzger	KDA
Kelly Stewart	KDA-DWR
Rachel Marlett	KDHE
Ron Graber	K-State Research & Extension, Upper Lower Smoky Hill River WRAPS
Stacie Minson	K-State Research & Extension, Kanopolis WRAPS
David Bollenback	KCC
Matt Unruh	KWO

Membership: Martha Tasker, Chair, Salina, KS; Greg Barrett, Marquette, KS; Sandra Beisner, Ellis, KS; Toby Dougherty, Hays, KS; Paul Froelich, Enterprise, KS; Bevin Law, Longford, KS; Chris Meyer, Sylvan Grove, KS; John Peckham, Salina, KS; Allen Roth, Hays, KS; Timothy Scheck, Russell, KS; Alan Scheuerman, Ellis, KS; Brad Shogren, Lindsborg, KS
KWO Planner: Matt Unruh, 785-296-3185; matt.unruh@kwo.ks.gov

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Martha Tasker welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
2. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** Bevin Law made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Allen Roth. Motion carried.
3. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of October 2016 Meeting Notes:** Allen Roth made the motion to approve the October 2016, seconded by Chris Meyer. Motion carried.
4. **KWA Meeting:** Chair Martha Tasker and Matt Unruh provided an update on the January KWA meeting. On January 24, KWA and RAC members participated in meetings with legislators to provide briefings on Regional Goal Action Plans. Other topics discussed included the John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Project, other Reservoir-related activities, Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer activities, Statewide water resources education and outreach, water reuse and low quality water, the State Water Plan Fund & Budget, and the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force.
5. **Regional Activities and Other Updates**
 - a. **Regional Goal Action Plan Implementation Discussion:** Members of the RAC discussed prioritization of Action Plan action items as a next step in the overall Action Plan development and implementation process. These prioritization efforts would be used to help determine the highest priority action items which can be implemented without funding as well as those which need funding to move implementation forward. Items discussed as priority action steps included:
 - Goal 1
 - Evaluate recommendations included within the Smoky Hill-Saline section of the KWO Reservoir Roadmap when completed.
 - Continue to pursue conservation pool rise efforts at Kanopolis Reservoir.
 - Pursue alternative options to V-notch at Kanopolis Reservoir to allow for better control of operations and releases.
 - Evaluate the potential to dredge pools within river channel to create pools or basins which help promote recharge of alluvial aquifer.
 - Evaluate the potential for utilization of the NRCS PL-566 watershed structure program for structure rehab for water supply purposes.
 - Finish reallocation study of Wilson Reservoir before proceeding forward with any exploration of Wilson as a water supply reservoir.
 - Conduct a needs assessment and/or feasibility study for water suppliers within the Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Planning Area to evaluate potential for interconnectivity among systems.
 - Goal 2
 - Determine what needs to be reported or accounted for at a regional to track progress on Statewide Vision Education and Public Outreach within the Smoky Hill-Saline Planning Region.
 - Goal 3

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- Continued support of locally led and driven efforts, such as the WRAPS program and projects within the region, within watersheds and the BMPs noted for implementation within the 9 Element Watershed Plans.
- Continue to support NRCS programs/initiatives such as RCPP, EQIP, easement programs, WRP, CSTP, etc., which can be utilized to implement sediment-reducing BMPs as well as improve soil health. Identify sources of sediment contributing to TSS/sediment in water bodies (i.e. streambank assessments, etc.).
- Continue to support KDA-DOC programs/initiatives such as the nonpoint source program, watershed program, water resource conservation program and the funding provided to DOC through the State Water Plan fund.
- BMP implementation above water supply waters to help facilitate settling out of solids before entry into water supply water (i.e. forebays, settling basins).
- BMP implementation should continue to reduce sedimentation rate of Kanopolis Reservoir as well as other water supply sources.
- Goal 4
 - Develop a “tool box” of educational information PWSs could utilize to pass information along to customers.
 - Hold annual public water supply “field days” to share current water conservation efforts.

It was determined that it would be beneficial if some form of survey was put together and sent out to RAC members for their review and input prior to the next RAC meeting to allow for members not present to participate. Matt and Martha would work on this prior to it being sent out to the entire RAC, and the results would be shared and discussed at the next RAC meeting.

- b. City of Hays/R9 Ranch Water Right Changes and Water Transfer Application: Kelly Stewart, DWR Water Commissioner from the Stockton Field Office, provided an overview of the water transfer application process relating to the City of Hays and the R9 Ranch in Edwards County. Information regarding the water right changes and water transfer application can be found on the KDA-DWR webpage at <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/water-appropriation/change-applications/hays-change-and-water-transfer>

6. Other Business

- a. Agency reports not previously discussed and Public Comments:
 - Kanopolis WRAPS: Stacie Minson discussion National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) efforts the Town of Munjor HUC 12 watershed. To date more than \$1.9 million has been on best management practice implementation within the watershed. Stacie also a video K-State Research & Extension put together to highlight water quality work. This video can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvusji2BssA>
- b. RAC Membership: RAC Meeting attendance and lack of presence of several individuals has been noted at a number of meetings. With this in mind, members of the RAC decided to take formal action to pass along membership recommendations to the KWA. Allen Roth made the motion to make the recommendation to the KWA to remove Paul Froelich, John Peckham, and Greg Barrett from the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC due to lack of attendance. Tim Scheck seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- c. Questions and Future Issues from Members: None noted
- d. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: No formal messages were made to the Kansas Water Authority by the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC.

7. Meeting Adjourned: Bevin Law moved to adjourn the meeting, Allen Roth provided the second. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm.

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