

# MEMO



DATE: February 22, 2017  
TO: Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Members  
FROM: Margaret Fast and Kirk Tjelmeland  
RE: February 27, 2017 Meeting

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The Kansas Regional Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Suite 509 of the Landon State Office Building , 900 SW Jackson, Topeka. Free two-hour on-street parking is available on Ninth and on Kansas Avenue. There is also a parking garage on the NW corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Kansas with parking for \$1.00/hour. There is free 4-hour lot northwest of the Judicial Center at 10<sup>th</sup> and Harrison. You have to walk a couple blocks.

The Committee activities have shifted from development to implementation of Action Plans. A good understanding of funding sources is on the agenda to reinforce that understanding. An update on the discussions underway at the legislature will also be provided.

You have previously seen emails about support for two opportunities in the region – the Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal for nutrient reduction in Milford and the sustainable River Program Proposal for the Kansas River. Status of those proposals will be discussed.

Enclosed please find the following meeting materials:

- Agenda
- Meeting notes from the Dec 19 Joint Meeting with the Solomon Republican RAC
- Kansas Regional Goals and Action Plans

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Kansas Regional Advisory Committee**  
**February 27, 2017 1:30 p.m.**  
**Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 509, Topeka**

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. **Review Of Committee Activities** – Sarah Hill Nelson
  - a. January Kansas Water Authority Meeting Update
  - b. Legislative visits and testimony to Water and Environment Committee
3. **Funding Sources for Conservation and watershed protection in the Kansas Region** – KWO
  - a. Division of Conservation, KDA
  - b. Kansas Department of Health and Environment
  - c. Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - d. Kansas Forest Service
4. **Update on Legislative Session - KWO**
  - a. KWA project sheets
  - b. Legislative update – funding and other issues
5. **Opportunities**
  - a. **Nutrient Reduction Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Proposal** – Darci Meece
    - i. Update
    - ii. Nomination of RAC member for pre-proposal work group
  - b. **Update on Sustainable Rivers Program Proposal** – Christy Ostrander, KC District , COE
6. Public Comments \*
7. Agency Comments
8. Upcoming Meetings:
  - a. KS RAC – TBD
  - b. Kansas River Trip
  - c. KWA – May 17-18, Garden City
  - d. Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas – November 8-9, 2017 - Manhattan

\*Public Comments are limited to 3-5 minutes and limited to issues related to regional goals, action plans, or other water resources issues and concerns.

Underlined Items require action.



# Kansas & Solomon-Republican Joint Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Kansas & Solomon-Republican Joint Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, Monday, December 19, 2016

Concordia Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 606 Washington St., Concordia, KS

### Kansas RAC Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Marlene Bosworth	Sabetha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2019	Yes
Brad (William) Bradley	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2017	No
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Dawn Buehler	Eudora, KS	Recreation	2019	No
Blake Follis	Topeka, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Sarah Hill-Nelson, Chair	Lawrence, KS	Industry/Commerce	2019	Yes
Heath Horyna	Topeka, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2017	Yes
Daniel Howell	Frankfort, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Darci Meese	Lenexa, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
Katie Miller	Junction City, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	Yes
William Ramsey	Leawood, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2017	No
Sharon Schwartz	Washington, KS	WRAPs	2019	No
Greg Wilson	Olathe, KS	Water Assurance District	2017	Yes

### Solomon-Republican RAC Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Donald Hellwig (Chair)	Solomon, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Mike Brzon	Courtland, KS	At Large Public	2017	Yes
John Cockerham	Osborne, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	No
Raymond Debey	Cawker City, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Timothy Driggs	Phillipsburg, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
Stacey Forshee	Ottawa County, KS	At Large Public	2019	Yes
Keith Houghton	Tipton, KS	Fish, Wildlife & Recreation	2019	No
James (JP) Metzler	Minneapolis, KS	Industry and Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Terry Nelson	Phillips County, KS	Irrigation West	2017	Yes
David Pfizenmaier	Clay Center, KS	At Large Public	2017	Yes
Arnold Ross	Webber, KS	Irrigation East	2019	Yes
Scott Ross	Stockton, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Robert Reschke	KDA/DOC	Amanda Reed	KDHE	Greg Sherbert	CY Cons. Dist.
Earl Lewis	KWO	Terry Alstatt	USDA-NRCS	Tom Stiles	KDHE
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE	Tracy Streeter	KWO	Deb Baker	KAWS
Marlene Stamm	NCK LEPG	Galene Biery	KRWAD #1	Sherry Koster	NCK LEPG
Bruce Wells	NRCS	Nina Meyer	WS Cons. Dist.	Susie Swanson	State Leg.
Dennis Reedy	Public	Leslie Holthaus	MS Cons. Dist.	Margaret Fast	KWO
Dana Ladner	KDA	Tom Meek	Milford WRAPS	Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO

**Membership:** *Kansas* - Sarah Hill-Nelson (Chair), Marlene Bosworth, Brad Bradley, Glenn Brunkow, Dawn Buehler, Blake Follis, Heath Horyna, Daniel Howell, Darci Meese, Katie Miller, William Ramsey, Sharon Schwartz, Greg Wilson **S&R** - Donald Hellwig (Chair), Mike Brzon, John Cockerham, Raymond Debey, Timothy Driggs, Stacey Forshee, Keith Houghton, James (JP) Metzler, Terry Nelson, David Pfizenmaier, Arnold Ross  
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1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Don Hellwig and Sarah Hill-Nelson, Chairs, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and all present providing self-introductions.
2. **Kansas & Solomon-Republican Common Ground:** Margaret and Tj started off the power point with an explanation of common geography between the two RACs. Sarah and Don went through the main portion of the power point that illustrated common Action Items between the two RACs: Water Storage in Existing Reservoirs, Additional Storage in Multipurpose Lakes, Water Delivery Efficiency, Sediment Reduction in Reservoirs and Reservoir Nutrients. Sarah also asked Katie Miller, KS RAC to highlight the Kansas Basin Watershed Management System the committee is promoting to target funding for sediment and nutrient reduction into priority hot spots. The power point is posted on the KWO web site at <http://www.kwo.org/Regional-Advisory-Committees.html>
3. **Conservation Districts (Tom Meek and Rob Reschke)** – Tom went through a power point that illustrated best management practices in Clay County that had been installed through cost share programs including waterways, streambank stabilization, buffers and cover crops. He also showed one slide of particular interest was of a ravine on a piece of property in Clay Co. where the landowner was involved in absolutely no government programs. He went on to say that landowners as a whole are doing a pretty good job in keeping over 90% of phosphorous in the field (in his estimate) but there is always room for improvement. Amanda Reed from KDHE informed the group that the Milford drainage phosphorous reduction load has been increased significantly to 1 million pounds/year due to recent assessments. Rob presented a map that is still under construction and is not available to the public yet. The map is for watershed areas broken down to the HUC 8 with practices applied, money invested, sediment reduction and a couple of items. Both RACs thought this would be very useful in making informed decisions when targeting conservation dollars. Tom's presentation posted on the KWO web site <http://www.kwo.org/Regional-Advisory-Committees.html>
4. **Update from NRCS (Bruce Wells)** – Bruce had a general power point, the talk illustrated their moto, Helping People Help the Land. He stated they don't plan for programs; they use programs to implement plans. Bruce went on to explain that NRCS has a presence in every county in KS and they provide free technical assistance on a variety of concerns: soil, water, air, plants and animals. NRCS has a 9 step plan that is implemented to help clients achieve their goals. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is their flagship program; 60% has to benefit livestock. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is one that is generating some interest by some of the RAC's. He showed a picture of a gully on White Rock Creek that was adding 68 tons/year to the Creek. Bruce talked a little about terraces, waterways and other BMP's and their benefits. He mentioned the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative which is designed to reduce the quantity of water removed from the aquifer and improve water quality using conservation practices. Bruce flipped through the RCPP slides another tool NRCS has available to provide assistance to producers and landowners. He mentioned the Watershed Rehabilitation Program has been in place for 15 years and has provided millions of dollars for rehab projects across Kansas. The power point is posted at <http://www.kwo.org/Regional-Advisory-Committees.html>
5. **Update on Milford WRAPS (Deb Baker)** – Deb gave a short update on the Milford WRAPS plan. The plan is good and is based off of good information; however since it is over 5 years old a good deal of the information needs to be updated, ex: public water supply information. Deb said they had new aerial photos and they had done some ground - truthing recently to insure their accuracy.
6. **Update on Kansas Water Authority Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup> - Wichita** – Sarah gave a quick overview of meeting and said the most conversation was about the \$16 million that was in the budget for dredging. Earl

elaborated on the Blue Ribbon Funding Task Force and the possibility of the funding for the budget going forward. Given the current financial situation of the state increasing the Kansas Water Plan budget seems slim.

7. **Agency and Public Input** –There was no other agency or public comment.

8. **Meeting was adjourned – 12:20 pm**

9. **Future Meetings:**

- a. HAB Meeting: January 18<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority: January 24-25<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Inn Downtown 426 SE 6<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS
- c. Kansas RAC: January TBD
- d. Solomon-Republican RAC: To be determined (Doodle Poll will be sent out) – February
- e. Forum on Reservoir Health (KACEE hosted) Meeting: February 9<sup>th</sup>, Wakefield, KS

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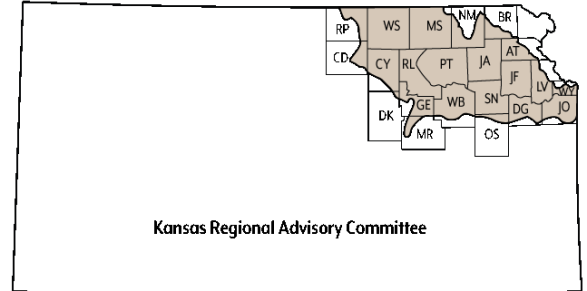


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**Kansas RAC Meeting in Topeka**  
*February 27, 1:30 p.m., in the Landon State Office Building*

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Kansas Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is set to meet to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 1:30 p.m., at the Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 509 in Topeka, Kansas. The main focus of the meeting will be discussion of implementing approved action plans to meet regional goals, including funding and other partnership opportunities.

The agenda and meeting materials can be found when available at [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org) or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

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