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DATE: July 11, 2016
TO: Marais des Cygnes RAC Members
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RE: July 25, 2016 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2016 at Melvern Lake, USACE Shop Conference Room, or weather permitting, the Outlet Park Pavilion, Melvern, KS 66510.**

The main item of discussion will be the Proposed Draft Action Plan for the Mdc Regional Goals Implementation.

Enclosed are materials for the July 25, 2016 meeting:

- Agenda
- June Meeting Notes
- Press Release

If you cannot attend, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at (785) 296-3185 or by e-mail at bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov.

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
July 25, 2016
Melvern Lake,
USACE Shop Conference Room
or weather permitting
The Outlet Park Pavilion
Melvern, KS 66510
1:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of June Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. Priority Goals
 - a. Action Plan for Priority Goals (45 min)
 - i. KWO presentation of information
 - ii. Review of Proposed Draft Action Plan
 1. Discussion
4. Discuss Upcoming May KWA meeting (20 min)
5. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
6. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
7. Future Meetings
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31st – September 1st: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds,
2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
 - b. Marais des Cygnes RAC: Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____



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1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2016

Santa Fe Depot
504 Market Street
Osage City, KS

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Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	No
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	No
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	No
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Doug Schemm	KDA/DWR
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Clifford Thornton	NRCS
Poly Shteamer	Public
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Nathan Westrup	KWO
Ginger Harper	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of May Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Priority Goals:**
 - May 18th and 19th KWA Meeting: Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reported that she had presented on the RACs goals, plans, and request for additional information to the KWA. Lori noted that the feedback the KWA did not involve a lot of questions. Lori stated she gave the KWA an overview of the WRAPS groups in the MdC. She also mentioned that she noticed all the RACs were at different points in their draft planning, as each RAC and their goals are different.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
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Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that the feedback the KWA offered was very positive on the work the RAC had done and the plan they were working towards. The KWA appreciated the fact that the RAC had looked at work that had already been completed and that the RAC was asking for additional information to become better informed to write the most appropriate and useful implementation plan.

b. June Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Meeting Update: Ginger Harper (KWO) reported that the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meeting was held June 16th in Topeka. The draft proposal for funding was sent to the RAC prior to the meeting. The link can be found here: http://www.kwo.org/Vision/BRTF/tbl_revenue_options_052616_BRFTF_Edits_06162016.pdf

Ginger reported that the points to highlight about the BRTF meeting and the draft proposal are that:

- i. No organization represented on the Task Force has taken action to endorse this proposal.
- ii. The next meeting will be held August 4, 2016, in Manhattan, KS. Time and specific location TBD.
- iii. At the next meeting, more work will be done on the funding ideas put forth in this proposal.
- iv. Please contact the Kansas Water Office if you have any questions about this draft funding proposal.

The RAC discussed the budget presented and how that would be implemented into the Vision.

c. Review Information Requested for Priority Goals:

Nathan Westrup (KWO) and Cara Hendricks (KWO) presented a review of information items to assist the RAC in understanding water supply and demand and sedimentation reduction practices in the MdC Region. Items concerning supply and demand, reservoir operations, BMPs, etc. were discussed. Links to information presented will be sent out to the RAC.

After hearing all information presented drafts plans were discussed for the goals. The RAC decided it would be best to draft plans via email and come back in July to finalize plans and vote to approve them. The RAC thought the best approach was to use the draft plan previously created from the May RAC meeting, as presented to the KWA, as the plan they use with additional wording to encompass their second goal.

4. John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update of the John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update.

5. Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) noted that there are many complaints about the streambanks and the high water levels. Wes also commented on the funds used to implement Vision Goal Plans need to be new funds so we don't take funding from other programs.

Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) reported that RCPP grant was granted to help streambank work. Ron then mentioned that when BAC reorganized to the RAC the conservation districts were not fully included. Ron stated that we should emphasize that conservation districts and NRCS will help implement goals. There is a conservation district in every county or are joined with another county, so therefore a delivery system is in place.

Lori Kuykendall (Chair & WRAPS) stated that the conservation districts need to involve themselves in the RACs and take a proactive step to join in the process.

Scott Yeargin (Conservation/Environment) commented that the conservation districts have done a great job with involvement.

6. Agency and Public Input:

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Frank Guilfoyle (KCC) reported that the KCC has finished up 2 projects in Linn County and 3 in Allen County and have begun 1 project in Anderson and Miami Counties. Frank commented that many wells are hard to see and detect. This makes locating them for plugging a difficulty.

7. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31st and September 1st: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
- b. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out) but will occur between July 26th -28th. It was suggested the meeting to be at Melvern Lake. Bobbi will contact Jim Franz for availability.