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DATE: June 15, 2017
TO: Marais des Cygnes RAC Members
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RE: June 29, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held at **10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Overbrook Library, Community Meeting Room, 317 Maple, Overbrook, KS.**

The main items of discussion will be the RAC membership, DOC FY 18 allocations, Small Lakes and water supply within the Mdc Region, and funding updates.

Enclosed are materials for the June 19, 2017 meeting:

- Agenda
- April 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
June 29, 2017
Overbrook Library
Community Room
317 Maple
Overbrook, Kansas
10:00am

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of April Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. FY 18 Allocations for Counties - (KDA-DOC) (15 mins)
4. Small Lakes within the MdC Region – Erika Stanley (KWO)
5. Legislative, Funding, and Vision Updates – (KWO) (10 mins)
6. RAC Membership (15 mins)
7. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
8. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
9. Future Meetings
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th in Pittsburg, KS
 - b. Joint RAC Drought Workshop: August 25th 2017
 - c. State of the Resource Meeting: Fall, 2017
 - d. MdC RAC: Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017

Fort Scott Community College

Ellis Fine Arts Center

2108 S. Horton

Fort Scott, KS

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 | No |
| Mike Gilliland | Osage City, KS | At-Large Public (cc) | 2019 | No |
| Gayla Speers | Wellsville, KS | Agriculture | 2017 | Yes |
| Keri Harris | Ottawa, KS | At-Large Public | 2017 | No |
| Paul Ling (Rick Titus & Nathan Law) | Kansas City, KS | Water Assurance District | 2019 | Yes |
| Richard Nienstedt | Ottawa, KS | Public Water Supply | 2019 | No |
| Vacant | | Agriculture (cc) | 2017 | |
| Allan Soetaert | Gardner, KS | Public Water Supply (cc) | 2019 | No |
| Larry Walrod | La Cygne, KS | Planning and Zoning | 2017 | Yes |
| Lyle Wobker | Paola, KS | Agriculture | 2019 | Yes |
| Scott Yeargain | Ottawa, KS | Conservation/Environment | 2017 | Yes |

Others in attendance:

| Name | Agency |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Katie Tietsort | KDA/DWR |
| Katie Burke | KDA-DOC |
| Mikayla Kortan | KDA-Intern |
| Travis Sieve | KDHE |
| Gary Armentrout | PWWSD No. 13 & MdC RAC applicant |
| Frank Guilfoyle | KCC |
| Lynn Wobker | KWA |
| Ginger Harper | KWO |
| Cara Hendricks | KWO |
| Bobbi Lutjohann | KWO |

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Ron Brown gave a brief report on the history of Fort Scott.
- Review of the December Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speers, Wellsville, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS

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2. **Mapping Project for Local Reduction by HUC 12 – Katie Burke (KDA-DOC) and Mikayla Kortan (KDA-Intern):** presented on the new mapping project that was completed by the DOC and KWO. Mikayla explained that the interactive mapping tool was developed to show historical load reduction achieved by implemented BMPs. Mikayla 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. It was mentioned that if the data displayed that net reduction it may be very useful to see load reduction, but noted that the reductions shown are theoretical.
3. **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.
4. **Small Lakes within the MdC Region – Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** Bobbi reported that Erika Stanley (KWO) is working on looking at the smaller (non-federal) reservoirs that supply municipalities to see if there are supply shortages within the Region.
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>
6. **Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship - Bobbi Lutjohann (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 2 years. Bobbi also reported that Keri Harris has agreed to accept the vice-chair nomination if approved by the KWA. Nominations and approvals will not be conducted until the May KWA meeting.

Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): reported that one applicant has sent in an application and that it would be reviewed at the May KWA meeting. The applicant, Gary Armentrout, was in attendance and introduced himself to the RAC.

7. Questions and Future Issues from Members:

Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment): reported on legislative issues and current EPA 319 funding.

Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment): reported that the governor has been very interested in creating water policy but funding mechanisms need to be found to implement water policy and projects.

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>

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): Reported that they have been working on projects and plugging wells in/near Paola, Lane, and Montgomery and Chautauqua counties. Frank explained financial responsibility and prioritization for well plugging.

Travis Sieve (KDHE): Reported that the 319 Program is still waiting on funding approval.

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. MdC RAC: June - 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.

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