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DATE: December 5, 2016  
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RE: December 14, 2016 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Neosho Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Council Grove City Hall, 205 North Union, Council Grove, KS.**

The main item of discussion will be RAC operations and plan updates. A review of the Governor's 50 Year Vision will be also be given.

Enclosed are materials for the December 14, 2016 meeting:

- Agenda
- September 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](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov).

**Neosho Regional Advisory Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
December 14, 2016  
Council Grove City Hall  
205 North Union, Council Grove, KS  
2:00pm**

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1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of September Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. Regional Advisory Committee
  - a. Past
    - i. Goal Drafting Process
  - b. Present
    - i. Update of items requested
  - c. Future
    - i. RAC Plans
    - ii. Membership
    - iii. Spring Meeting
4. Vision Video: Discussion
5. Vision Update
6. Drought Tournament and Model: Angela Anderson (Chair), Wes Fleming, and Jim Triplett
7. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
8. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
9. Future Meetings
  - a. Kansas Water Authority: December 15, 2016: iSi Environmental, 215 S. Laura Street, Wichita, KS
  - b. Kansas Water Authority (and legislative visits): January 24-25, 2017: Topeka, KS
  - c. Neosho RAC: TBD after January KWA Meeting



# Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00pm, Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Iola Water Treatment Plant

1220 Highway 54 West

Iola, KS

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Angela Anderson (Chair)	Allen, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Joe Buchanan	Council Grove, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2017	No
Jay Byers	Pittsburg, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Phillip Cooper	Emporia, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Wes Fleming	Burlington, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
John Hough	Cherokee, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	No
Gary Kilgore	Chanute, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Brian Obermeyer	Cottonwood Falls, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	No
Larry Paine	Hillsboro, KS	At Large Public	2019	No
Nik Roth	Emporia, KS	Agriculture Industry	2017	No
Pat Sauble	Cedar Point, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
James Triplett	Pittsburg, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Julie Carey	USACE
Andy Lyons	KDHE
Dana Ladner	KDA
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:15 p.m. by Chairperson, Angela Anderson. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of the August Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the August meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions. Angela noted that the RAC Implementation Plans, developed and approved, at the August RAC meeting, were presented to, and approved by the KWA on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. **Priority Goal:**
  - a. Action Plan for Priority Goals
    - i. **Review of Proposed Draft Action Plan for Education Goals:** Dana Ladner (KDA) presented to the RAC on the Draft Action Plan for the Vision's Education Goals.
      1. The RAC discussed the draft plan.
      2. The following comments were provided:

Grant Program: Resource Management: The BOW– KDHE is involved directly with waste management and waste management education in schools. The Green Schools Initiative Grant Program is a program administered and utilized by

**Membership:** Angela Anderson, Chair, Allen, KS; Joe Buchanan, Council Grove, KS; Jay Byers, Pittsburg, KS; Phillip Cooper, Emporia, KS; Wes Fleming, Burlington, KS; John Hough, Cherokee, KS; Gary Kilgore, Chanute, KS; Brian Obermeyer, Cottonwood Falls, KS; Larry Paine, Hillsboro, KS; Nik Roth, Emporia, KS; Pat Sauble, Cedar Point, KS; James Triplett, Pittsburg, KS

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the BOW. This grant program provides funds, resources, etc. for schools for waste management education. It may be beneficial to piggyback on this effort or mimic their plan of action/implementation. Getting teachers and administration on board, and enthusiastic about water education is important.

University involvement is very critical. Collaboration with community colleges, 4-year universities, etc. is vital and creates a wealth of knowledge. (Example of No-till and claypan soils).

How is the Marketing Firm Chosen? How are they evaluated? It is critical a company is chosen that is relevant to the times.

Teach people that we need to have water walk off, not run off.

Even though people know the information, they still do not practice it. We need to change the culture.

Education is critical so future generations will be better equipped for conservation.

Keeping connected with current educators is critical.

Teach the true value of water. We need to change behaviors, economics do this.

#### 4. Questions and Future Issues from Members:

What is the process to makes changes to the RAC Plans? There will be a meeting at the end of the year for all RACs to discuss past accomplishments, future implementation, and the process the Plans will follow.

What is the BRTF? What have they done? The following link to the BRTF will provide information and status of the BRTF. <http://www.kwo.org/BlueRibbonTaskForce.html>

Streambank erosion and stabilization was discussed.

Oklahoma and GRDA were discussed is reference to work done with those from Kansas, KDHE, etc.

#### 5. Agency and Public Input: None at this time

#### 6. Future Meetings:

a. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: October 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

b. Kansas Water Authority: October 19, 2016: Milford Lake Conference Center, 3710 Farnum Creek Road, Milford, KS

c. Vision Education Meeting & Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: November 6, 2016: Kansas Farm Bureau Building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, KS

d. Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 14-15, 2016: Manhattan, KS

e. Neosho RAC: TBD at a later date

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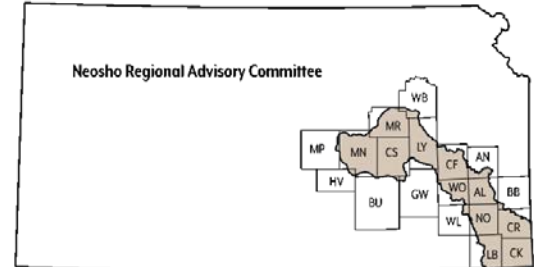
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**Neosho Regional Advisory Committee to Meet in Council Grove**  
*December 14, 2 p.m., Council Grove City Hall*

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Neosho Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is set to meet Wednesday, December 14 to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The RAC will meet at 2 p.m. at the Council Grove City Hall, 2015 North Union in Council Grove, KS. The main discussion will be the operations and future roles of the committee.

The agenda and meeting materials will be 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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