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DATE: March 20, 2017
TO: Neosho RAC Members
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RE: April 3, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Neosho Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Pittsburg Fire Station #1 Conference Room, 911 W. 4th Street, Pittsburg, KS.**

The main items of discussion will be the Mapping Project for Load Reduction, the Drought Tournament Modeling Tool, RAC membership, and legislative, funding, and Vision updates.

Enclosed are materials for the April 3, 2017 meeting:

- Agenda
- December 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.

Neosho Regional Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2017

Pittsburg Fire Station #1

Conference Room

911 W. 4th Street

Pittsburg, KS

2:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of December Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. Mapping Project for Load Reduction by HUC 12- Katie Burke (KDA-DOC) (15 mins)
4. Drought Tournament Modeling Tool – Cara Hendricks (KWO) (15mins)
5. Kansas Water Well Policy Project - Jack Brown, (Kansas University School of Medicine-Wichita) (15 mins)
6. Legislative, Funding, and Vision Updates – Ginger Harper (KWO) (10 mins)
7. Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship (15 mins)
8. Possible New Membership (5mins)
9. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
10. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
11. Future Meeting
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: May 17th -18th Garden City , KS
 - b. Neosho RAC: Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____



Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

2:00pm, Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Council Grove City Hall

205 North Union,

Council Grove, 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	Yes
Jay Byers	Pittsburg, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes
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	No
Brian Obermeyer	Cottonwood Falls, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	Yes
Larry Paine	Hillsboro, KS	At Large Public	2019	Yes
Pat Sauble	Cedar Point, KS	Agriculture	2017	No
James Triplett	Pittsburg, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Vacant		Agriculture Industry	2017	
Vacant		Ranching/Grazing	2019	

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Terry Medley	KDA-DWR
Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR
Jeff Davidson	KSU
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Larry Fischer	Council Grove City Lake
Katie Burke	KDA-DOC
Gary Kepley	USACE – SWT
Andy Lyons	KDHE
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Angela Anderson. All present provided self-introductions. Angela thanked Joe Buchanan (PWS) for securing the meeting venue.
- Review of the September Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the September meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Drought Tournament and Model:** Angela Anderson (Chair), Wes Fleming (Industry/Commerce), and Jim Triplett (Conservation/Environment) provided an overview of the Drought Tournament that was conducted on

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

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December 1st in Emporia. Cara Hendricks (KWO) discussed the ability to conduct model runs to provide information for plan implementation and as a way to prioritize goals and plans. Cara stated she will create a write-up of the options, etc. that could be simulated and/or are listed in the RACs plans. She will then take feedback and possible option inputs from the RACs. Cara also noted that it would be best to incorporate input from other entities involved in water supply planning.

4. Regional Advisory Committee

a. Past

- i. Goal Drafting Process: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) opened up the discussion to receive feedback on how the RAC thought the goal and plan drafting process was conducted. Bobbi asked for feedback on if the RAC thought that plan creation process the RAC went through was effective and what could be done differently.

The RAC discussed that the information transfer process can be difficult and requires knowledge of language and use of good communication. The RAC noted that knowing what were/are the expectations of them was sometimes confusing. They would like a constant flow of information, even if not asked for, because sometimes the RAC is not sure how or what information to ask for. The RAC thought it was frustrating that the goals were “set in stone” and had to create implementation plans around them. The RAC would have liked to have had the ability to tweak goals and have more input.

It was also noted that the grassroots process that was started with, ended with a top down process as a result.

b. Present

- i. Update of items requested: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed information needed to be provided on the PWS systems within the Region. Items discussed were storage needs, sediment loads, and possible water shortages by location.

Katie Burke: (KDA-DOC): reported that the KDA and KWO are working on mapping project for load reduction by HUC 12. Sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus can be mapped along with associated cost to show efficiency. The timeframe of the data used for the mapping project is 2004-2015.

c. Future

- i. RAC Plans: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed implementation of RAC plans and that prioritization will be needed. Bobbi also noted that the Plans will be incorporated into State Water Plan.
- ii. Membership: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided information on upcoming RAC membership issues, including membership expiration dates, chair changes, and the need for vice-chairs. The RAC then discussed that Nik Roth has not attended any RAC meetings and should be removed from the RAC. Jim Triplet (Conservation/Environment) made a motion to remove Nik Roth from the Neosho RAC due to nonattendance. The motion was seconded by Larry Paine (At-Large Public). It was discussed that with the removal of Nik Roth there are now 2 vacancies on the Neosho RAC. Attempts have been made to recruit members, but with no success. Additional recruitment will continue. Unanimous approval was given.
- iii. Spring Meeting: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed that the RAC would most likely need to have a meeting in March or April to discuss the state of the Region, plan implementation, and vision updates. At the Spring meeting the drought simulation model and load reduction mapping may be presented if completed by this time.

5. **Vision Video: Discussion:** Angela Anderson (Chair) reported on the film about the Vision that was shown at the Governor's Water Conference. Angela asked for input on when and how the RAC would like to view the video. She noted that some edits needed to be completed before it was ready to be shown. The RAC decided that once the video was done being edited they would decide on when and where to watch the video. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that Jim Whitt (video's creator) discussed the idea of showing the video that was presented at the Governor's Conference about the Vision to all of the RAC committees.
6. **Vision Update:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update on the Vision process and what was to be expected in the near future. Bobbi reported that the Phase II Action items are 50% underway and we will be holding public hearings in early 2017 to complete the process and incorporate the Vision and Education supplement into the State Water Plan. She also reported that the BRFTF is in the process of finalizing their report to be delivered to the Governor. If it is approved by all, then the KWO will be presenting it to the KWA at their December 15, 2017 meeting in Wichita. Bobbi noted that at this time it is unclear whether the KWA will take any formal action on it, however, it is not necessary for them to do so as it will go to the Governor, from the BRFTF, regardless. Once the report has been signed and delivered to the Governor, the KWO will post it on the website.

7. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**

The RAC discussed the legislative visits that take place during the January KWA meeting. Angela Anderson (chair) noted that the KWO puts together a water talking points packet for all of RAC and KWA members to use during the legislative visits. The RAC requested copies of the packets so they can use when talking to legislators at other times too. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) noted there will also be a prep conference call for RAC and KWA members prior to the legislative visits. Any and all RAC members can join the call.

The RAC discussed the RCPP CIG proposal from KAWS. It was noted that the CIG goals are in line with RAC goals and that this is a good education tool to get people interested in planting cover crops. Therefore, the RAC noted they would like to draft a letter of support. Wes Fleming (Industry/Commerce) made a motion to draft a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Jim Triplett (Conservation/Environment). There was no discussion and unanimous approval was given.

8. **Agency and Public Input:**

Katie Burke (KDA-DOC): gave an update on the on the streambank work being conducted in the Cottonwood-Neosho Region. Katie reported that Jeff Davidson (KSU) is the local contact for landowners. She noted that 8 projects are underway.

Larry Fischer (CGCLA): reported on the group he works with in reference to Council Grove City Lake.

Andy Lyon (KDHE): reported on the WRAPS 9 Element Plan reviews. Andy noted this is a planned review and not as a response based on any poor performance. He noted the WRAPS 9 Element Plans are living documents and need proper revision in a timely manner.

Jeff Davidson (KSU): reported on the WRAPS projects he is involved in, including Eagle Creek and Cottonwood WRAPS.

Terry Medley (KDA): reported on the flood mapping project KDA is working on. This project will begin in 2017 for the upper portion of the Neosho Region. He noted there will be public meetings held to present the mapping projects.

Katie Tietsort (KDA): reported that the 2016 WURs were printed on December 13th and will be going out to water right holders after January 1st. Katie then reported that it is very important to note that if a water right holder does not file their WUR by March 1st then a \$250 fee will be assessed. If the WUR is not filed by June 1st then a \$1,000 fee will be assessed.

Pamela Walker (Wilson County Conservation District): reported that she was there to represent the Conservation District and offer any assistance to the RAC that they may need.

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 (Spring)