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DATE: July 14, 2016  
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RE: July 28, 2016 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Neosho Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Chanute City Offices, 101 S Lincoln, Alliance Room, 3rd Floor, Chanute, KS.**

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

Enclosed are materials for the July 28, 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](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov).

**Neosho Regional Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**July 28, 2016**  
**Chanute City Offices**  
**101 S Lincoln**  
**Alliance Room, 3rd Floor**  
**Chanute, KS**  
**9:00am**

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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. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
5. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
6. Future Meetings
  - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds,  
2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
  - b. Neosho RAC: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_



# Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 pm, Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Hillsboro City Hall

118 E Grand

Hillsboro, KS 67063

(Community Room)

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### 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	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	Yes
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
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
Milton McCabe	KDA/DWR
Rob Reschke	KDA/DOC
Lisa Suderman	Marion County
Doug Svitak	Marion County
Jim Krueger	KACD
Clifford Thornton	USDA-NRCS
Kat Bailey	GLWAF
Cristen Knight	GLWAF
Andy Lyons	KDHE
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Nathan Westrup	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Angela Anderson. All present provided self-introductions. Angela thanked Larry Paine for setting up the meeting location and hosting the RAC.

**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; Nik Roth, Emporia, KS; Pat Sauble, Cedar Point, KS; James Triplett, Pittsburg, KS

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2. **Review of the May Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

3. **Priority Goal:**

a. May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> KWA Meeting: Angela Anderson (Chair) reported that she had reported on the RACs goals, plans, and request for additional information to the KWA. Angela reported that the feedback the KWA provided was positive and that the KWA noted that they appreciated the RAC looking at the current funding options.

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. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meeting was held June 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kwo.org/Vision/BRTF/tbl_revenue_options_052616_BRFTF_Edits_06162016.pdf)

Bobbi reported that the points to highlight about the BRTF meeting and the draft proposal is 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.

c. Nathan Westrup (KWO) and Cara Hendricks (KWO) presented a review of information items requested from the January meeting to help understand water supply and demand and sedimentation reduction practices in the Neosho Region. Items concerning supply and demand, reservoir operations, BMPs, etc. were discussed.

Rob Reschke (KDA-DOC) and Andy Lyons (KDHE) noted the cost differences associated with the streambank stabilization and BMP implementation.

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.

4. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update of the John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update. The tour provided at the last meeting was discussed.

5. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update of the Cottonwood Streambank Stabilization Projects.

6. **Members Reports:**

Jim Triplett (Conservation/Environment) reported that Darrell Townsend from GRDA was installing water quality remote sensing devices at Grand Lake. Jim reported that water quality sensing devices were to be installed at protected sites and the information collected would be on GRDA's website. He mentioned that this could help track the number of blue-green algae cells. Jim then introduced the interns

from GLWAF, Kat Bailey who was working on social media and Cristen Knight who was working on the one-stop shop website clearing house.

Brian Obermeyer (Conservation/Environment) reported that Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is a sight for KDHE atmospheric nutrition loading survey to investigate the relationship with blue-green algal blooms. Brian stated he would forward KDHE's report.

### 7. Agency and Public Input:

Rob Reschke (KDA-DOC) reported the DOC was wrapping up FY2016. Rob also reported on the allocations to conservation districts and how those projects are ranked. He stated there was a map created to show what projects had been completed. These projects included those done through WRAPS, conservation districts, NRCS, etc. and would have information on the BMPs and show the load reduction in planning/targeted areas. The map would be a visualize representation of the projects implemented across the state and this could be shown to entities like EPA.

Andy Lyons (KDHE) reported on the 3 WRAPS groups that received new sponsoring agencies. These were Cottonwood WRAPS and the new sponsor is Marion County Conservation District, Upper Neosho WRAPS and the new sponsors are KAWS and Allen County Conservation District, and Spring River WRAPS and the new sponsor is GLWAF.

Clifford Thornton (NRCS) reported that they are currently reviewing applications in July. The review process is extensive and important because the best applications equal the best projects. Clifford also reported that State Conservation is reviewing the SE Kansas area office staff and services to conservation partners. These types of reviews occur every 4 years.

### 8. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
- b. Neosho RAC: Date July 25-29 Time: TBD Location: Chanute Doodle poll to be sent out.