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DATE: July 13, 2016  
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The meeting of the Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Eureka Public Library, 606 North Main, Eureka, KS 67045.**

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

Enclosed are materials for the July 27, 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).

**Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**July 27, 2016**  
**Eureka Public Library**  
**606 North Main**  
**Eureka, KS 67045**  
**1:00pm**

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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. Verdigris RAC: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_



# Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016

Neodesha Housing Authority

118 South 6th Street,

Neodesha, KS

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### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Doug Blex (Chair)	Independence, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Sam Atherton	Cherryvale, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
John Black	Howard, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
John Ditmore	Coffeyville, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Gary Kelley	Sedan, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	Yes
Ken McNickle	Mound Valley, KS	Public Water Supply	2017	No
Charles Shively	Coffeyville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Debbie Smith	Neodesha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Ronald Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Rob Reschke	KDA-DOC
Milton McCabe	KDA-DWR
Steve Korf	KCC
Jeff Davidson	KSU-KCARE
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Nathan Westrup	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 9a.m. by Chairperson, Doug Blex. All present provided self-introductions. Doug thanked Debbie Smith (Conservation/Environment) for setting up the location at the Neodesha Housing Authority meeting room.
- Review of the May Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Priority Goals:**
  - KWA discussion:** May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> KWA Meeting: Doug Blex (Chair) reported that he had presented on the RACs goals, plans, and request for additional information to the KWA. Doug reported that the KWA is very engaged with the RACs. He noted that the feedback the KWA provided was positive and helpful. Doug also noted that having a joint meeting, with USACE involvement, was very beneficial for developing plans for goal implementation.

**Membership:** Doug Blex, Chair, Independence, KS; Sam Atherton, Cherryvale, KS; John Black, Howard, KS; John Ditmore, Coffeyville, KS; Harold Engle, Madison, KS; Gary Kelley, Sedan, KS; Ken McNickle, Mound Valley, KS; Charles Shively, Coffeyville, KS; Ronald Smith, Fredonia, KS; Debbie Smith, Neodesha, KS  
**KWO Planner:** Bobbi Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; [bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov)

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 Verdigris Region. Items concerning supply and demand, reservoir operations, BMPs, etc. were discussed. Rob Reschke (KDA-DOC) provided information on the mitigation guidelines and rehabilitation process and costs.

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. Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

John Black (Agriculture) reported that the Cities of Howard, Molin, and Severy have been approved by USDA to improve their water supply systems. However, due to cost and noncompliance the grant money has not been utilized.

#### 6. Agency and Public Input:

Steve Korf (KCC) reported that crude oil and drilling were down, however well plugging is continuing. Steve noted that more operators are plugging now. Steve then reported that the new ruling is not making any changes on responsible parties. Therefore, if you purchase a lease you are still responsible for all wells on that lease. This ruling helps the KCC with abandoned wells. He mentioned that the KCC plugs approximately 300 wells per year and the wells are ranked in priority by environmental issues.

Rob Reschke (KDA-DOC) reported that the 2017 allocations are now out to the counties and that these contracts will be written after July. Rob stated 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



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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.

### 7. 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. Verdigris RAC: Date July 25-29 Time: TBD Location: Eureka Doodle poll to be sent out.