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DATE: May 24, 2017  
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RE: June 7, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Madison High School Library Meeting Room, 1500 SW Blvd, Madison, Kansas.**

The main items of discussion will be the RAC membership, DOC FY 18 allocations, DWR Training and Customer Service Opportunities, and continued RAC goal and plan updates.

Enclosed are materials for the June 7, 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](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov).

**Verdigris  
Regional Advisory Committee  
June 7, 2017  
Madison High School Library Meeting Room,  
1500 SW Blvd,  
Madison, Kansas  
1:00pm**

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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. Division of Water Resources: Training and Customer Service Opportunities – Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR-TFO)  
& Caleb Fabrycky (KDA-DWR-Parsons) (15 mins)
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 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg, KS
  - b. Joint RAC Drought Workshop: August 25<sup>th</sup> 2017
  - c. Verdigris RAC: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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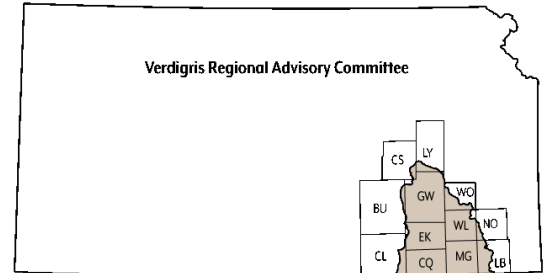
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### **The Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting in Madison** *June 7, 1 p.m. at the Madison High School Library*

The Kansas Water Office's (KWO) Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 7 at 1 p.m., at Madison High School Library Meeting Room, 1500 SW Blvd in Madison, Kansas. The main agenda items include the continued implementation of the regional water supply priority goals, allocations for the counties and an update from Division of Water Resources – KS Dept. of Agriculture. RAC membership and terms will also be addressed.

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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*The agency prepares the KANSAS WATER PLAN, a plan for water resources development, management and conservation. KWO also reviews all water laws and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for needed legislation.*



# Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00am, Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Coffeyville Resources

808 E. New Street

Coffeyville, KS

### Members in Attendance:

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

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Katie Burke	KDA/DOC
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Ginger Harper	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. by Acting-Chairperson, John Black. All present provided self-introductions. John thanked John Ditmore for setting up the meeting room.
- Review of the December Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Mapping Project for Local Reduction by HUC 12 – Katie Burke (KDA-DOC):** presented on the new mapping project that was completed by the DOC and KWO. Katie explained that the interactive mapping tool was developed to show historical load reduction achieved by implemented BMPs. Katie 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.

*Membership: John Black, Howard, KS; Acting-Chair; Ken McNickle, Mound Valley, KS; Sam Atherton, Cherryvale, KS; Doug Blex, Independence, KS; John Ditmore, Coffeyville, KS; Harold Engle, Madison, KS; Gary Kelley, Sedan, 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*

4. **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.

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>

**Doug Blex (WRAPs):** reported on the legislative process, committees, and funding as it relates to water. Doug was able to give his unique perspective as a newly appointed state representative. Doug mentioned that personalized communication with legislators to discuss issues is the best method to help support water issues.

6. **Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship-** Bobbi Luttjohann (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 4 years. Bobbi also explained, that due to Doug Blex stepping down from his chairmanship, John Black will be Acting Chair and Ken McNickle will be Acting Vice-Chair until KWA nominations and approval are conducted at the May KWA meeting.

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

**Doug Blex (WRAPs):** reported that Elk City is working to keep their plant operating and will be having meetings with interested parties, including pertinent state agencies, to discuss their future plans for operating their municipal water system.

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

#### 9. **Future Meetings:**

- a. Kansas Water Authority: May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Garden City, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority: August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg, KS
- c. Verdigris RAC: June or July - 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.



## Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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