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DATE: March 29, 2017  
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RE: April 12, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the Coffeyville Resources, 808 E. New Street, Coffeyville, 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 12, 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](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov).

**Verdigris  
Regional Advisory Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
April 12, 2017  
Coffeyville Resources,  
808 E. New Street,  
Coffeyville, KS  
9:00am**

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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. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
9. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
10. Future Meetings
  - a. Kansas Water Authority: May 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Garden City , KS
  - b. Verdigris RAC: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_



# Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Monday, December 19, 2016

Ron Stevenson Building

Walter Johnson Park

601 Park Ave

Coffeyville, KS 67337

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Doug Blex (Chair)	Independence, KS	WRAPs	2019	No
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	Yes
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
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	No
Ronald Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	No

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:15a.m. Chuck had secured the venue and provided a welcome for everyone that attended. John Ditmore (Industry/Commerce) and Chuck Shively (PWS) gave an over view of the Neodesha Chemical Fire that occurred over the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. **Review of the July Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the July meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
3. **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 though was effective and what could be done differently.
  - b. Present
    - i. Update of items requested: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed information needed to be provided to begin plan implementation. Drought modeling was discussed.
  - c. Future
    - i. RAC Plans: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed implementation of RAC plans and that prioritization will be needed.

**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  
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- ii. **Membership:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided information on upcoming RAC membership issues, including membership expiration dates, chair changes, and the need for vice-chairs.
  - iii. **Spring Meeting:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed that the RAC would most likely need to have a meeting in March or April to discuss state of the Region, plan implementation, and vision updates.
- 4. Vision Video: Discussion:** 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 the RAC committees. She noted that some edits needed to be completed before it was ready to be shown. Bobbi asked for the RAC's feedback on this.
- 5. 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 BRTF 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 BRTF, regardless. Once the report has been signed and delivered to the Governor, the KWO will post it on the website.
- 6. Drought Tournament and Model:** Chuck Shively provided an overview of the Drought Tournament that was conducted on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Emporia. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that Cara Hendricks (KWO) will be visiting each Region to do reservoir and drought simulations. She will be asking for RAC input on which options and scenarios to run in the model.
- 7. Questions and Future Issues from Members:**
- Chuck Shively (PWS): reported on City operations. Chuck also mentioned he and Doug Blex (Chair) are on the Kansas Oklahoma River Commission.
- John Ditmore (Industry/Commerce): reported that the cold weather makes running the refinery plant difficult. Condensation, freezing, etc. prove to make things problematic. John also described operations of plant in reference to natural gas and electricity and discussed the removal of sulfur.
- Harold Engle (Agriculture): stated that sulfur now has to be added back into cropland.
- 8. Agency and Public Input:**
- Dave Jones (KDA-DOC): reported that the KDA and KWO are working on a 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.
- Pamela Walker (Wilson County Conservation District): reported that she has reviewed the RAC goals and plans. Pamela stated she was happy to see that the Verdigris RAC had an education goal, as the conservation districts are highly involved in education efforts.
- 9. Future Meetings:**
- a. Kansas Water Authority (and legislative visits): January 24-25, 2017: Topeka, KS
  - b. Verdigris RAC: TBD after January KWA Meeting (Spring)