

# Solomon-Republican Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Solomon-Republican Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:30 pm, Monday, October 26, 2015

Pioneer Seeds Meeting Room, 240 W. US Highway 24, Downs, KS

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### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Donald Hellwig (Chair)	Solomon, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Mike Brzon	Courtland, KS	At Large Public	2017	No
John Cockerham	Osborne, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Raymond Debey	Cawker City, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Timothy Driggs	Phillipsburg, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Stacey Forshee	Ottawa County, KS	At Large Public	2019	No
Keith Houghton	Tipton, KS	Fish, Wildlife & Recreation	2019	No
James (JP) Metzler	Minneapolis, KS	Industry and Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Terry Nelson	Phillips County, KS	Irrigation West	2017	Yes
David Pfizenmaier	Clay Center, KS	At Large Public	2017	Yes
Arnold Ross	Webber, KS	Irrigation East	2019	Yes
Scott Ross	Stockton, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Steve Frost	KDA/DOC
Kelly Stewart	KDA/DWR
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE
Tracy Streeter	KWO
Katie Goff	KWO

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairperson, Donald Hellwig. All present provided self-introductions.

**2. Committee Expectations:** Tracy Streeter (KWO) presented to the Solomon-Republican RAC on the following:

- a. Expectation for Members
- b. Kansas Water Authority Process and Involvement
- c. Overall Process
- d. Committee Tools
  - a. Technical Options
  - b. Meeting Format
  - c. Communication

There was discussion about how the RACs would operate and coordinate with the KWA. There was also discussion on the meeting format, length, and expectations. Tracy presented a PowerPoint that can be viewed on the KWO website: [http://www.kwo.org/RACs/2015\\_RAC\\_Sept\\_Oct\\_MeetingMaterials/Regional%20Advisory%20Committee\\_Expectations\\_edl.pdf](http://www.kwo.org/RACs/2015_RAC_Sept_Oct_MeetingMaterials/Regional%20Advisory%20Committee_Expectations_edl.pdf)

3. **Review of Regional Goals:** The RAC discussed the Solomon-Republican Regional Goals (found here [http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS\\_RAC\\_August2015.pdf](http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS_RAC_August2015.pdf)) that had been set previously by the Regional Goal Leadership Teams. The RAC reviewed each goal and then chose Goal 1: “Within the next two years, develop a clearinghouse of technical tools, agreements and agency personnel for use alternatives for Solomon-Republican region waters. An example could be the marketing contract for Keith Sebelius Reservoir/Almena Irrigation District that reached agreement to convert irrigation to recreation use.” as the priority goal the RAC would focus on and present to the KWA at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ellsworth.
4. **Regional Implementation:** As the priority goal was being chosen, the RAC discussed methods and timelines of implementation for the goals.
5. **Review and Public Comment on Regulations:** Kansas Department of Agriculture: Kelly Stewart (KDA/DWR) reviewed regulation changes proposed by KDA and asked for any feedback the RAC could provide.
6. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** Donald Hellwig: Questioned what opportunities might be available for the RAC to gain additional background information to be able to continue work on the RAC goals. Scott Ross: discussed opportunities that might be available to partner with other agencies, and what role they might be able to play to help the RAC work towards the goals.
7. **Future Meetings:**
  - a. Governor’s Conference November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; Manhattan, KS
  - b. Kansas Water Authority: December 17<sup>th</sup>; Ellsworth, KS
  - c. Solomon-Republican RAC: To be determined