

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m., October 27, 2015
Harvey County Health Department
2nd Floor Conference Room
215 South Pine Street, Newton, Kansas

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Steve Hieger (Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas, City, KS	Watershed Protection	2019	Yes
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2017	Yes
Dan Haines	Leon, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	Yes
Calvin (Vin) Kissick	Halstead, KS	Groundwater Management	2019	Yes
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2017	Yes
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Brian Meier	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	Yes
Denise Noonan Middleton	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Joseph Pajor	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Lewjene Schneider	Maize, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2019	Yes
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
David Barfield	KDA-DWR
Earl Lewis	KWO
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR
Karma Mason	KWA
Tracy Streeter	KWO
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. C.D.
Rich Basore	KDHE
Anna Smith	PEC
Bob Seiler	GMD 2
Tim Boese	GMD 2
Ron Graber	KSU
Peter Donovan	Soil Carbon Coalition
Lisa French	Cheney Lake Watershed
Gina Bell	Harvey County
Chad Milligan	SCS Aquaterra
Matt Unruh	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Member Calvin Kissick proposed adding membership discussion to the Other Business section of the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented with Calvin's suggested agenda addition.
3. **Committee Expectations:** Earl Lewis (KWO) presented a Power Point to the RAC on the following:
 - a. Expectation for Members
 - b. Kansas Water Authority Process and Involvement
 - c. Overall Process
 - d. Committee Tools
 - i. Technical Options
 - ii. Meeting Format
 - iii. Communication

This presentation is available on the KWO website at the following address:

http://www.kwo.org/RACs/2015_RAC_Sept_Oct_MeetingMaterials/Regional%20Advisory%20Committee_Expectations_edl.pdf

4. Regional Activities and Other Updates

- a. **Review of Regional Goals:** An overview of all regional goals developed by the Equus-Walnut Regional Goal Leadership Team in conjunction with the development of the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas was provided. Goals developed for the Equus-Walnut Regional Planning Area as well as those developed for the other regions can be found at the following link on the KWO webpage: http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS_RAC_August2015.pdf.

Topics of committee discussion regarding these goals included the following:

- Much more cost effective to keep sediment in place out of waterways than it is to deal with it once it's deposited into rivers or lakes.
- State assistance would be beneficial in developing markets for alternative crops.

Additional discussion regarding the Regional Goals centered on development of groupings for the goals. The RAC discussed commonalities among the goals and made the decision to make goal groupings. From these grouping subcommittees would be developed to assist in the drafting of action plans for the goals within these groupings. The goal groupings which were determined by the RAC were:

- Goals 3 & 4
- Goals 2 & 7
- Goals 1 & 5
- Goal 6

From these goal groupings RAC members were to RAC members identify the top two goal groupings (in order of priority) that they'd like to work on. RAC members working on goal groups would then be tasked to identify actionable steps necessary to achieve the stated goals.

- b. Regional Implementation: Time restrictions limited presentation on a specific Regional Implementation item, but future topics for regional information were discussed. Future topics of interest identified by the RAC included:
 - i. GMD history & role, evolution of model and contamination areas (*tour of Wichita ASR to coincide with GMD presentation*)
 - ii. WRAPS in the region, progress and gaps, and general watershed districts
 - iii. City of Wichita and Cheney Reservoir
 - iv. City of El Dorado and El Dorado Reservoir
 - v. Function and structure of organized Watershed Districts
 - vi. KWA function and structure & Agriculture producer incentive programs
 - vii. State Water Funding.
- c. Review and Public Comment on Regulations - Kansas Department of Agriculture: David Barfield (KDA-DWR) provided an update on proposed water rules and regulations changes as well as Water Conservation Areas (WCAs).

5. Other Business

- a. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** No items for future meetings were discussed.
 - b. **Membership:** Calvin Kissick noted his pending appointment to the KWA, thus causing him to have to resign his position on the Equus-Walnut RAC. With Calvin's appointment to the KWA, GMD 2 nominated Bob Seiler to become Calvin's replacement on the RAC. Byron Warta moved to accept GMD 2s nomination of Bob Seiler to become Calvin Kissick's replacement on the Equus-Walnut RAC and make a recommendation to the KWA to appoint Bob Seiler as a member of the RAC. Don Koci seconded Byron's motion and the motion carried as presented.
 - c. **Messages to the Kansas Water Authority:** No formal messages were drafted by the Equus-Walnut RAC for the KWA.
 - d. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. Governor's Conference November: 18 and 19, 2015, in Manhattan, KS
 - ii. KWA December 17, 2015, in Ellsworth, KS
 - iii. Equus-Walnut RAC: TBD but targeting sometime in January 2016. Meeting locations were noted to rotate between Newton and Wichita for future meetings.
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** Byron Warta moved to adjourn the meeting, Don Koci provided the second. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:07 pm.