

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2015
 Memorial Hall, 411 11th Street, Osawatomie, KS

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Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Wes Sherman Cole (Chair)	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2019	Yes
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At Large Public	2017	Yes
Lori Kuykendall	Lyndon, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes (Devona Herrin-rep)
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Helen Holm	KDHE
Nathan Law	MdC PUA
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

1. Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m. by Chairperson, Wes Cole. All present provided self-introductions. The minutes from the September meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

2. Agency Reports:

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): Gave an overview of what he and the KCC do. Frank reported that he just finished one project in Linn County, but many other counties have ongoing projects. Frank also discussed leased property laws and how they affect plugging abandoned wells.

3. Priority Goal:

a. The RAC discussed the Regional Goal that was set as the first goal to begin working on. The RAC discussed what items should be presented at the December 17th KWA. The following items were chosen to be a part of the presentation Lori will provide to the KWA.

1. Background of goal.

a. The MdC RAC discussed the Regional Goals that were set as the first Goals to begin working on. The MdC has three Goals total. Two Goals focus on securing public water supply and one is focused on education. The RAC decided to work on the above two Goals simultaneously because the RAC felt that both Goals were a priority and could be worked on concurrently because ensuring adequate water supply is critical, especially in the growing population areas of the MdC Region. The 3rd Goal focusing on education is also critical but will be incorporated into the Education Committee that has already formed and is already working on Education Goals for the state that were highlighted as part of the Vision process. Also the education goal will be incorporated as the other two Goals are accomplished because by reducing sediment loads and increasing sources of supply, education will naturally go along with this process. To begin the implementation of the two Priority Goals the RAC felt they needed additional information.

2. Information needed

- a. Location of public water supply impoundments
 - a. Map
 - b. Reports on these impoundments (includes storage supply available, rate of sedimentation, bathymetric survey)
- b. Location of all surface water municipal water rights
- c. WRAPS 9 Element Plans' Goals
- d. BMP sedimentation reduction rate efficiency
- e. Location of streambank hotspots
 - a. Map
 - b. Reports on the hotspots (includes sedimentation rate from streambanks, reduction of sedimentation from stabilization, cost, cost: benefit)
- f. Emergency Preparedness Plans for both PWS and Counties
- g. Site location for potential reservoirs

Resources needed to provide asked for information:

- a. Location of public water supply impoundments (KWO)
- b. Location of all surface water municipal water rights (KWO from KDA info)
- c. WRAPS 9 Element Plans' Goals (KDHE)
- d. BMP sedimentation reduction rate efficiency (KDHE & KSU)
- e. Location of streambank hotspots (KWO)
- f. Emergency Preparedness Plans for both PWS and Counties (Hazard Mitigation Team)

Timeline: The RAC has set a deadline with the agencies providing them information to receive that information no later than the January RAC meeting.

Once reports have been received the RAC will be able to better able determine goal implementation strategies. The next meeting of the RAC will be mid-January. Discussion will continue then.

b. Goal Prioritization for 2016 (Report at January, 2016 KWA Meeting):

The RAC will prioritize the Regional Goals for implementation and discuss strategy at their January RAC meeting.

c. Committee Tools: It was discussed what the MdC RAC needs to be a successful committee. Some things the RAC noted they would like were any reports with pertinent information to be sent out to the RAC members as well as agency presentations. The RAC thought the current methods of communication were sufficient.

Questions and Future Issues from Members:

Wes Cole announced he was stepping down from his Chair position due to personal reasons and commitments. A new Chair will be appointed by KWA Chair, Gary Harshberger.

8. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: December 17th; Ellsworth, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority: January 27th and 28th; Topeka, KS
- c. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out). Meeting will be held in Ottawa, KS at the USDA Service Center.



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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2:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2015
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Others in attendance:

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Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Chris Beightel	KDA/DWR
Mary Grosshart	Public
Earl Lewis	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m. by Chairperson, Wes Cole. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Committee Expectations:** Earl Lewis (KWO) presented to the Marais des Cygnes 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

Membership: Wes Sherman Cole, Chair, Osawatomie, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Lori Kuykendall, Lyndon, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
KWO Planner: Bobbi Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov

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. Earl 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

3. **Review of Regional Goals:** The RAC discussed the Marais des Cygnes Regional Goals (found here 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: “Reduce cumulative sediment loads entering public water supply impoundments by 10 percent in the Marais des Cygnes River Basin every 10 years to extend the life of existing infrastructure.” and Goal 2: “Increase sources of supply, at a minimum of one multipurpose structure, to meet increased demand in specific growth areas by 2035. In addition, ensure water supply available from storage exceeds projected demand by at least 10% through the year 2050.” as the priority goals the RAC would focus on and present to the KWA at the December 17th meeting in Ellsworth.
4. **Regional Implementation:** As the priority goal was being chosen the RAC discussed methods and timelines of implementation for the goals. The RAC chose 2 goals after discussion and sensing that two goals could be named as priority as timing was a factor for implementation.
5. **Review and Public Comment on Regulations:** Kansas Department of Agriculture: Katie Tietsort (DWR-KDA) and Chris Beightel (DWR-KDA) reviewed regulation changes proposed by KDA and asked for any feedback the RAC could provide.
6. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** The MdC RAC asked for an update from the KWO on the issues:
 - a. John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Project: KWO provided information at the meeting. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.kwo.org/Projects/JohnRedmondDredging.html>
 - b. Zebra Mussel Infestation of Lakes: KWO provided information at the meeting. Additional information can be found here: <http://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Aquatic-Nuisance-Species>
 - c. Cottonwood River Streambank stabilization Projects: KWO provided information at the meeting. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.kwo.org/Projects/CottonwoodStreambankPhase1.html>
<http://www.kwo.org/Projects/CottonwoodStreambankPhase2.html>
 - d. Regulatory issues concerning nutrients in the water: Ron Brown provided information at the meeting.
7. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Governor’s Conference November 18th and 19th; Manhattan, KS
 - b. Kansas Water Authority: December 17th; Ellsworth, KS
 - c. MdC RAC: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 2pm at the Memorial Hall in Osawatomie, KS.