

Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

December 3, 2015, 9:30 am

Westar Professional Training Facility

Topeka, Kansas

Members' Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>
Marlene Bosworth	Sabetha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2019	Yes
Brad (William) Bradley	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2017	Yes
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Dawn Buehler	Eudora, KS	Recreation	2019	Yes
Blake Follis	Topeka, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Sarah Hill-Nelson, Chair	Lawrence, KS	Industry/Commerce	2019	Yes
Heath Horyna	Topeka, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2017	Yes
Daniel Howell	Frankfort, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Darci Meese	Lenexa, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Katie Miller	Junction City, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	Yes
William Ramsey	Leawood, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2017	Yes
Sharon Schwartz	Washington, KS	WRAPs	2019	No
Greg Wilson	Olathe, KS	Water Assurance District	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Katie Tietsort	Topeka	Ks Dept. of Ag
David Barfield	Manhattan	Ks Dept. of Ag
Roger Wolfe	Topeka	Ks Dept. of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Tom Stiles	Topeka	Ks Dept. of Health and Environment
Jaime Gaggero	Topeka	Ks Dept. of Health and Environment
Jacob Gray	Topeka	Ks Department of Emergency Management
Galen E Biery	Topeka	Ks River Water Assurance District #1
Guy Foster	Lawrence	US Geological Survey
Margaret Fast	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Matt Unruh	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Diane Knowles	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Earl Lewis	Topeka	Kansas Water Office

Welcome and Introductions:

Self-Introductions hosted by Chairperson Sarah Hill Nelson.

Sedimentation Action Plan:

The majority of the meeting was on discussion of the goal action plan. Many members had submitted ideas which were reviewed and discussed. Sarah had met with Jaime Gaggero, KDHE, and shared ideas from KDHE. A few comments:

- WRAPS is a key to getting this done
- Funding is an issue

- Voluntary/Mandatory/Purchase options all may have a part
- Concern that WRAPS is only focused on quality.
- Others felt that where sedimentation is the priority, quantity was the driver
- The lake may not be listed as impaired for sedimentation, however local plans address sediment (Delaware)
- The goal of NRCS standards and timeframe can be an encumbrance
- There needs to be a comprehensive conservation plan – this should be criteria for funding
- Getting information to the producer is a challenge
- To implement change, recognize that 60% of the Water Plan fund goes to the Department of Conservation.
- State autonomy from feds needs to be a focus
- A clearinghouse for the producer would be helpful
- There should be a committee to prioritize funding
- The WRAPS approach – the WRAPS system – is the approach. Funding is the key. How make it better
- Voluntary may not always be sufficient
- Are practices permanent
- KWA should have oversight on action plans
- KDHE track on the ground practices and could do a report at KWA
- What information is there on plans for detention dams in the watershed?

Sarah requested each member to submit 5 bullet points to Margaret for compilation for discussion at next meeting.

Next Goal

The next goals for development of a plan will be the Harmful blue green algae bloom issue. Background information will be presented.

Next Meeting

January 13 at 9:30 at the Westar professional training Facility.

Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

October 5, 2015, 9:30 am
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Julie Coleman	Lawrence	Ks Dept. of Health and Environment
Tom Stiles	Topeka	Ks Dept. of Health and Environment
David Royer	Holton	Glacial Hills RC&D; Delaware WRAPS
Allyn O. Lockner	Topeka	Self
Galen E Biery	Topeka	Ks River Water Assurance District #1
Thomas Topi	Kansas City	US Army Corps of Engineers
Barbara Donovan	Hanover	Tuttle Creek WRAPS
Margaret Fast	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Tracy Streeter	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Earl Lewis	Topeka	Kansas Water Office

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Committee Expectations:

Earl Lewis went through the expectations of members, which includes the relationship as advisors to the Kansas Water Authority and Kansas Water Office, serving as eyes and ears within the region and as solicitors of public input. The committee will be working on implementation of the goals through the water planning process. Key dates are: Dec 17, 2015 – RAC chairs will share the first priority goal for which an action plan will be developed at the KWA meeting Spring, 2016 – Action plan completed. Fall, 2016 – plan of action for all goals that need one



Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Review of Regional Goals (For your convenience, I have placed the goals at the end of these notes.) Sarah provided an overview of the goals. After significant discussion, it was determined that the committee would begin focus on the goal: **Priority Goal:** Reduce the cumulative sediment rate of federal reservoirs and other water supply lakes by 10 percent in the Kansas region every 10 years through implementation of watershed best management practices.

The committee discussed the development of an **action plan** and the interrelationships between the goals. A rough draft of the start of an action plan was: Develop a comprehensive, watershed-wide, anti-sedimentation program that leverages existing infrastructure including WRAPS and the Kansas Water Office's Comprehensive Streambank Program."

Each committee member was challenged to develop their own action plan for this goal that will be summarized for discussion by the full committee at the next meeting, to be held before the Dec. 17 KWA meeting. Send these ideas to margaret.fast@kwo.ks.gov

The committee members asked for additional **background information** to be able to continue work on the development of the action plan. These will be presented in webinars. (We use a program called GLANCE). The most pressing to address the sedimentation goal is characterized as follows:

What is the current science on preventing sedimentation? What methods are the most effective, and in what way should they applied? What is being done in Kansas today to address sedimentation? What programs are in existence? Are they state, federal, local? How do they work? How effective have they been? What are their impediments to success? Can existing programs do it all? What (if any) additional programs or organization do we need to implement in order to achieve the proposed 10% reduction in sedimentation? This will include an overview of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRAPS) to address sedimentation.

Note: The GLANCE session has been scheduled for October 29, 2015 from 8-9am.

Another session will be planned to address the storage in the federal reservoirs. The committee would like a better understanding of the finances and hear (from more than one source) more about the costs and benefits associated with buying more storage, navigation releases and recreational uses of the conservation pool. This education session will be scheduled as the committee is ready to develop an Action Plan for #1.

Vision Implementation:

David Barfield and Katie Tietsort, KDA, were in attendance to review items that in most cases were raised during the discussion of the "Long-term Vision of r the Future of Water Supply in Kansas." David reviewed Water Conservation Areas. Katie reviewed Rules and Regulations that the agency is developing. Input is being sought until Nov. 15 on the development of the regs. Once the rules and regs are drafted, there will again be opportunity for public input. Those items being addressed are:

- Limiting Movement of Point of Diversion
- Civil Penalties for Exceeding Authorized Quantity
- Civil Fines for Lack of Water Use Report
- Authority to Seal Meters

Information on these items was included with the mailing material.

Regional Implementation Activities:

Membership: Sarah Hill-Nelson, Lawrence, KS; Marlene Bosworth, Sabetha, KS; Brad Bradley, Overland Park, KS; Glenn Brunkow; Dawn Buehler, Eudora, KS; Blake Follis, Topeka, KS; Heath Horyna, Topeka, KS; Daniel Howell, Frankfort, KS; Darci Meese, Lenexa, KS; Katie Miller, Wichita, KS; William Ramsey, Leawood, KS; Sharon Schwartz, Washington, KS; Greg Wilson, Olathe, KS
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Barbara Donovan gave a Tuttle Creek WRAPS Update. The information is attached.

Next Meeting:

All members are encouraged to attend the Governor Conference on Water on November 18-19.

The committee will meet again prior to the KWA meeting on December 17. Sarah Hill-Nelson will attend the KWA meeting. Margaret will send out a Doodle Poll.

NOTE: A Kansas RAC meeting has now been set for Dec 3, 9:30am.

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Tuttle Creek WRAPS Update

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#1 or #2 OUT OF 35 MOST COST EFFECTIVE KANSAS WRAPS

TOP PRIORITY KANSAS WATERSHED

NATIONALLY Recognized 9 Element Plan

STREAMBANK PROJECT UPDATE

- **Construction completed on 6 out of 10 sites funded by KDHE/EPA
 - **1 site for fall/winter 2015, 3 by spring 2016****
- **\$800,000 legislature approved for streambanks--\$400,000 each of two years.**
- **Thanks to team efforts of Republican BAC, KWA, Legislators, KDHE, KWO, DOC & Glacial Hills RC&D**
- **1st \$400,000—4 designs & 3 sites to be constructed spring/summer 2016**
- **2nd \$400,000—4th design to be constructed in fall 2016 with additional designs & construction sites in 2017**