

## Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am, October 2, 2015

City of Salina Water Treatment Plant – Conference Room, 401 S. Fifth Street, Salina, KS

### Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Martha Tasker (Chair)	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Greg Barrett	Marquette, KS	Agriculture 2	2017	Yes
Sandra Beisner	Ellis, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Toby Dougherty	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Paul Froelich	Enterprise, KS	At Large Public 2	2017	No
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
John Peckham	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	No
Allen Roth	Hays, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Robert (Hank) Royer	Abilene, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	Yes
Timothy Scheck	Russell, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	Yes
Alan Scheuerman	Ellis, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Jeff Barnard	Burns & McDonnell
Tracy Streeter	KWO
Earl Lewis	KWO
Stacie Minson	KSU
Brian Meier	Burns & McDonnell
Ron Graber	KSU
Kelly Stewart	KDA-DWR
Susan Metzger	KDA
Matt Unruh	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Martha Tasker welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions
2. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** Hank Royer made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Brad Shogren. Motion carried.
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](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: Martha Tasker provided an overview of all regional goals developed by the Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Goal Leadership Team in conjunction with the development of the Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas. Goals developed for the Smoky Hill-Saline 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](http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS_RAC_August2015.pdf).

Topics of committee discussion regarding the included the desire to see RACs included within the educational outreach efforts as well as recognition that there are a number of organizations that are already in place to help with these outreach efforts across Kansas.

After continued discussion on the regional goals, the Committee determined that the following goal (Goal #3) would be the first goal the RAC would work to develop an action plan on:

*Reduce sediment and total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations within the lakes and streams within the Smoky Hill – Saline Planning Region. Method of attaining goal can include the continued support of best management practice (BMP) implementation for practices which reduce sediment runoff. Focus BMP implementation within priority areas identified in Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Timeframe of implementation: Complete by 2040 - Final year of 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan is 2034. Result of efforts: 26% reduction of TSS concentrations on the Smoky Hill River at Ellsworth as noted within the 9 Element Watershed Protection Plan. Remove sediment-impaired waters from the KDHE TMDL list.*

Hank Royer made the motion to formally submit this goal as the first goal an action plan would be developed for by the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC, seconded by Toby Dougherty. Motion carried.

The RAC also discussed that it would be helpful for KWO to provide some sort of template which could be utilized to help ensure that all necessary criteria would be covered within the action plan similar to the SMART criteria utilized by the Regional Goal Leadership Teams to develop the Vision regional goals.

- b. Regional Implementation: Martha Tasker and Brad Shogren provided an over on the background of the development of the Lower Smoky Hill Irrigation District and how formation of the Irrigation District plays into development of a Lower Smoky Hill Water Supply Access District.
- c. Review and Public Comment on Regulations - Kansas Department of Agriculture: Susan Metzger (KDA) and Kelly Stewart (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:** It was discussed that a WRAPS-related webinar or in-person meeting would be helpful in getting information regarding to the first goal an action plan would be developed for.
  - b. **Messages to the Kansas Water Authority:** While no formal messages were passed along, it was noted that the KWA should be notified of the first goal which an action plan would be developed for.
  - c. **Future Meetings:**
    - i. Governor's Conference November: 18 and 19, 2015, in Manhattan, KS
    - ii. KWA December 17, 2015, in Ellsworth, KS
    - iii. Smoky Hill-Saline RAC: TBD
6. Meeting Adjourned: Allen Roth moved to adjourn the meeting, Hank Royer provided the second. Motion was unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm.