

<i>Time/Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
January 20, 2016 Time 12:00	KWA & RAC Chairs Legislative Pre-Meeting	Via GLANCE Session/KWO
January 27, 2016	KWA & RAC Chairs Meetings with Legislators	State Capitol
January 27, 2016 Time 5:00 - 6:30	KWA & RAC Legislative De-Brief	Ramada Inn Downtown Topeka Concierge Suite 1042
January 28, 2016 8:30 am	KWA Meeting	Ramada Inn Downton Topeka Grand Ballroom

**Kansas Water Authority Meeting
Ramada Inn Downtown
Topeka, Kansas
January 28, 2016**

Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>KWA Advice</i>	<i>KWA Decision</i>
8:30 a.m.	Call to Order/Introductions	--	--
8:35 a.m.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	--	--
	December 17, 2015 Regular Meeting		X
8:40 a.m.	RAC Chairs Reports	--	--
	Kansas	X	
	Marais des Cygnes	X	
	Neosho	X	
	Verdigris	X	
	Solomon-Republican	X	
10:00 a.m.	Water-Energy Proposal Presentation	--	--
10:45 a.m.	City of Wichita Public Water Supply Presentation	--	--
11:45 p.m.	LUNCH- On your own		
1:00 p.m.	Legislation & Budget Overview	X	
	Update on Impairment Policy Discussion	X	
1:30 p.m.	Vision Update	X	
2:00 p.m.	Update on RCPP Projects	X	
2:30 p.m.	Director's Report	X	
3:00 p.m.	New Business	--	--
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn	--	--
	Upcoming Meetings: May 18 & 19, KWA Meeting, Oakley, KS; August 24 & 25, KWA Meeting, Emporia, KS;		

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY Ellsworth, Kansas

December 17, 2015

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gary Harshberger called the **December 17, 2015** Kansas Water Authority meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the JH Robbins Memorial Library, in Ellsworth, Kansas.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Harshberger, Chairman; Mike Armstrong; John Bailey; David Barfield; Rex Buchanan; Dan Devlin; Mark Fischer; Greg Graff; Randy Hayzlett; Robin Jennison; Brad Loveless; Edward Martinko; Karma Mason; Don Paxson; Sue Schlapp; Dennis F. Schwartz; Tracy Streeter; and Lynn Wobker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shari Feist Albrecht; Gary Mason; Jackie McClaskey;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion No. 12-17-29 It was moved by **Karma Mason** and seconded by **Mark Fischer** that the **August 20, 2015** Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority be approved as presented. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

KWA/KWO OPERATIONS:

NIDIS Grant Contract: **Earl Lewis** presented the NIDIS Grant Contract for approval.

Motion No. 12-17-30 It was moved by **Brad Loveless** and seconded by **John Bailey** to give approval to the Kansas Water Office Director to continue to develop the scope for accepting this award of \$150,000 from the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) through University Corporation of Atmospheric Research, (UCAR) to conduct a drought tournament. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

Weather Modification: Earl Lewis presented the Weather Modification Permit to Operate for approval.

Motion No. 12-17-31 It was moved by **Don Paxson** and seconded by **Lynn Wobker** to grant a weather modification permit to operate to Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1 for the period of April 16, 2015 through September 15, 2016, contingent on receipt of proof of liability that covers the entire operational period. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

KWA RAC COMMITTEE:

RAC Membership: **Greg Graff** presented the KWA RAC Committee report and asked for approval of three new RAC members: Tyson McGreer, Upper Republican; Mike Arent, Cimarron and Bob Seiler, Equus-Walnut.

Motion No. 12-17-32 It was moved by **Greg Graff** and seconded by **Dennis Schwartz** to approve the three nominees as presented. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

KWA PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE

WRRDA Sec. 1046(d)

Report, Future Use Storage: **Dennis Schwartz** presented WRRDA Sec. 1046(d) Report, Future Use Storage for approval and submission to the Corps of Engineers.

Motion No. 12-17-33 It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Brad Loveless** to approve the Future Use Storage Plan for submission to the Corps of engineers by January 1, 2016. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

Surplus Water Report: **Dennis Schwartz** presented the Surplus Water Report for approval.

Motion No. 12-17-34 It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Mike Armstrong** to approve the Surplus Water Available in Water Marketing Program Lakes, Calendar Year 2016 report and authorize the KWO Director to enter into surplus contracts for water defined to be surplus by the report. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

VISION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Vision Implementation: **Tracy Streeter** provided an update on Vision implementation activities.

Regional Goal Updates: Regional Advisory Committee chairpersons or their designees provided an update on each regions first priority goal they will be working on.

UPDATE ON KDA REGULATIONS

KDA Regulations: **David Barfield**, KDA-DWR provided an update on the Kansas Department of Agriculture regulations.

LEGISLATURET UPDATE:

CREP: **Tracy Streeter** presented the Draft CREP legislation.

Motion No. 12-17-35 It was moved by **Don Paxson** and seconded by **Dennis Schwartz** to support legislation enabling the implementation of the conservation Reserve Enhance Program in Kansas. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

HB 2245: **Tracy Streeter** presented an update on HB 2245.

Motion No. 12-17-36 It was moved by **Mark Fischer** and seconded by **Brad Loveless** to create a subcommittee (KWO, KWA & KDA) to review the bill and/or help with alternative language. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

KWA 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

2016 KWA Annual Report: **Earl Lewis** presented the KWA 2016 Annual Report for approval

Motion No. 12-17-37 It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Brad Loveless** to give the Kansas Water Office approval to complete the 2016 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature using the decisions made at today's meeting and to prepare it for printing and distribution. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: **Tracy Streeter** provided the Director's Report.

Adjournment The KWA adjourned at **3:30 pm.**

Gary Harshberger, Chairman

Tracy Streeter, Secretary