

NEOSHO AND VERDIGRIS JOINT RAC MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2023- PARSONS PUBLIC LIBRARY,
PARSONS



AGENDA DETAILS

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll call – Neosho and Verdigris Chairs
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Review of July 2023 RAC Meeting Notes
- V. Updates – KWO
 - a. KWA Meetings – August and October, 2023
 - b. Coffeyville PAS update
 - c. Education and Outreach update
- VI. Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members
- VII. Educational Events in the Region
- VIII. KWA Messages
- IX. Agency Input
- X. Public Input
- XI. Adjournment

Future Meetings

- a. Governor's Water Conference – November 15-16 – Manhattan, KS
- b. KWA Meeting – December 13, 2023 – Time and location TBD
- c. Winter RAC meeting – TBD – Around January

Viewing of the Clean, Drain, Dry Trailer at Lake Parsons

12:00-12:40pm

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KWA UPDATES

- **August**
- Public Water Supply committee actions:
 - City of Independence negotiation authorization
 - City of Marion contract approval
 - Cottonwood and Neosho River Basin Water Assurance District #3 contract renegotiation for additional storage space
- RAC Operations Committee
 - Membership drive approval (see handout for vacancies)
 - New members on the Verdigris include Derek Haines (WRAPS) and John West (At Large Public)
 - New members on the Neosho include Barry Mayhew (At Large Public) and Tim Peoples (Industry/Commerce)
- Budget Committee
 - Approval of FY 2025 budget recommendations put together by KWO with all 14 RACs input in consideration (see handout)
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
 - KWA would like the opportunity to be a commenting agency in the matter

KWA UPDATES

- **October**
- Public Water Supply Committee
 - Water Purchase contract for City of Emporia, City of Coffeyville, and City of Independence
- RAC Operations Committee
 - KWA would like RACs to nearby RAC chairs to present at KWA meetings updates on progress in goals and action plans
- Annual Report in progress by KWO
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
- Updates
 - Kansas Biological Survey
 - Kansas Association of Watershed Districts
- Tour of University of Kansas Field Station

COFFEYVILLE LOW-HEAD DAM PAS UPDATE

November 8th 2022 – Kick off meeting to start PAS process

January 11th 2023 – Draft letter of support sent to USACE

March 1st 2023 – Draft sent back from USACE

May 11th 2023 – Letter of support received from CVR

May 11th 2023 – Letter of interest sent from KWO to USACE

June 9th 2023 - USACE greenlight to draft an agreement for PAS

October 18th 2023 – KWO receives draft scope and agreement from USACE

Now KWO is reviewing the draft agreement and scope to send back to USACE.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Kansas Water Plan Partnership Initiative



The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is making **Kansas Water Plan Partnership Initiative** (KWPPi) funding available to promote progress on priority actions noted within Guiding Principle sections of the 2022 [Kansas Water Plan](#) and associated Regional Goal Action Plans.

The Kansas Water Office will select applications for projects and activities that have the best opportunity to support implementation progress of the Kansas Water Plan (KWP).

Important details required during the application process:

- **The grants require a minimum of 50% match**
- **A succinct project proposal** that addresses the chosen problem statement
- **A proposed budget (one page)**, the budget should note if your match is cash or in-kind and the source of the match
- **A timetable/project schedule**



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