Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY
Topeka, Kansas

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dawn Buehler called the April 26, 2021, Kansas Water Authority conference call to order at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Buehler, Mike Armstrong, John Bailey, Lynn Goossen, Randy Hayzlett, Jeremiah Hobbs, Alan King, Chris Ladwig, Allen Roth, Allan Soetaert, David Stroberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn McGinn, Jean Steiner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Duffy, Earl Lewis, Susan Metzger, Brad Loveless, Sara Baer, Leo Henning, Mike Beam, Andrew Lyon, Kayla Savage, Cara Hendricks

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Rolfe Mandel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion No. 04-21-01 It was moved by Randy Hayzlett and seconded by Allan Soetaert to approve the December 1, 2020, December 11, 2020 and December 17, 2020 Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority as presented. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Information found in meeting materials.

Legislative Budget Update:
FY 2022 SWPF Budget Status

Cara Hendricks gave an update.

Legislative Budget Update:
RAC Informational Budget Webinar Preview

Cara Hendricks gave an update.

Legislative Budget Update:
House Water Committee Update

Matt Unruh gave an update.

KWA RAC Operations Committee:
RAC Message

Motion No. 04-21-02 It was moved by Jeremiah Hobbs and seconded by Allen Roth to approve the KWA working with the KWO and House Water Committee to support an interim session. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Information found in meeting materials.
KWA RAC Operations Committee:
RAC Membership

Motion No. 04-21-03
It was moved by Jeremiah Hobbs and seconded by Allen Roth to approve the applications for membership on the Marais des Cygnes RAC and the Upper Republican RAC as presented. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Information found in meeting materials.

KWA PWS Committee Update:
Douglas Co. RWD # 3 Application and Request to Negotiate

Motion No. 04-21-04
It was moved by Lynn Goossen and seconded by Alan King to approve the Director’s request to begin contract negotiations with Douglas County RWD No. 3 for use of water from Clinton Lake. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Information found in meeting materials.

Vision/Kansas Water Plan Update:
KWP Update Timeline/Schedule & Status

Kirk Tjelmeland presented.

Vision/Kansas Water Plan Update:
Regional Background Sections Overview

Kirk Tjelmeland presented.
Keith Miller presented for Great Bend Prairie RAC
Carl Johnson presented for Missouri RAC

Vision/Kansas Water Plan Update:
Review and Approval of RAC Goals/Action Plans

Motion No. 04-21-05
It was moved by Allan Soetaert and seconded by John Bailey to approve the RAC Goals and Action Plans as written. Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Information found in meeting materials.

Federal Cooperative Agreements:
Overview of USGS Cooperative Funding Agreements

Josh Olson presented

KWA Annual Calendar for 2021:

Dawn Buehler presented
Director’s Report:  

Matt Unruh gave a drought update.

New Business:

Susan Duffy gave an update for the Kansas Corporation Commission  
Brad Loveless gave an update for the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism  
Kayla Savage gave an update for Kansas Department of Commerce  
Earl Lewis gave an update for Division of Water Resources  
Andrew Lyon gave an update for Division of Conservation

ADJOURNMENT  

The KWA adjourned at 11:38 am.

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Dawn Buehler – Chair            Connie Owen, Secretary