

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY Virtual Meeting

March 3, 2023

Topeka, KS

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dawn Buehler called the **March 3, 2023**, Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting to order at **02:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Buehler, Michael Armstrong, Randy Hayzlett, Jeremiah Hobbs, Allen Roth, Jean Steiner, David Stroberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bailey, Lynn Goossen, Alan King, Pete Loecke, Carolyn McGinn, Allan Soetaert

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

PRESENT: Susan Duffy, Earl Lewis, Scott Ishman, Susan Metzger, Steve Adams, Ted Harris, Leo Henning, Andrew Lyon, Connie Owen

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Beam, Kayla Savage

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

Dawn Buehler introduced Victoria Potts to give a legislative update. Victoria went over a description of House Bills 2279 & 2302 and where the bills currently are in the process, as well as, what the next steps are.

Dawn Buehler opened the floor for questions and comments.

Items that were discussed:

- Why the Water Pollution Control Fund was included in bill 2302 and if there were other funding opportunities besides it
- How this bill will affect the monies for the State Water Plan Fund projects.
- Monies that are set to go into the State Water Plan Fund in years 4 & 5 of this bill
- How any new tax bill may affect the fee structure
- The Post Legislative Audit on the Ground Water Management Districts
- How funding may be used for Ground Water Management Districts
- How funding from State could be used as Leverage funding
- Whether or not Dawn Buehler should testify in front of the Senate on behalf of the KWA in support of these bills

Dawn Buehler testifying in front of the Senate

Motion No. 03-03-01

It was moved by Allen Roth and seconded by David Stroberg to approve Dawn Buehler to testify on behalf of the KWA to show support for HB 2302 with testimony being shared with the KWA members 24 hours in advance. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

Dawn Buehler opened the floor for new business.

Matt Unruh spoke about the Milford Lake RCPP project 5-year renewal. He spoke about the Kansas Water Office's application being approved by NRCS for a new 5-year term. This provides 2.88 million dollars in technical assistance. Dawn Buehler opened the floor for questions and comments.

Milford RCPP project 5-Year renewal

Motion No. 03-03-02

It was moved by **Michael Armstrong** and seconded by **Jean Steiner** to approve the directors request to begin contract negotiations with the NRCS in regards to a 5-year renewal contract for Milford RCPP. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dawn Buehler adjourned the meeting at **02:50 p.m.**



Dawn Buehler, Chair



Connie Owen, Secretary