



# Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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2:00 pm August 11, 2017

Liberal, Kansas

**Water Technology Farm Field Day 2 pm- Hatcher farm US Hwy 83**

### Business Meeting 4 pm Members Attendance:

| <i>Name</i>    | <i>City</i>                 | <i>Proposed Category</i>      | <i>Present</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Nick Hatcher   | Liberal, KS                 | Industry/Commerce (cc)        | Y              |
| Trista Brown   | Satanta, KS                 | At Large Public               | Y              |
| Michael Bryant | SW, HS, GR, ME, ST Counties | Agriculture 2                 | Y              |
| Calvin Burke   | Liberal, KS                 | Public Water Supply (cc)      | Y              |
| Kirk Heger     | Hugoton, KS                 | Irrigation                    | N              |
| Brian Hemman   | Hugoton, KS                 | Agricultural Industry         | Y              |
| Matt Higgins   | Elkhart, KS                 | Public Water Supply 2         | Y              |
| Danny Law      | Ulysses, KS                 | Conservation/Environment (cc) | N              |
| Bret Rooney    | Satanta, KS                 | Groundwater Management        | N              |
| Jim Sipes      | Stanton County, KS          | Agriculture (cc)              | Y              |
| Ellen Verell   | Meade, KS                   | At Large Public (cc)          | N              |
| Vacant         |                             | At Large Public               |                |

### Others in attendance:

Gary Boldt, Greg Graff (KWA), Mark Rude (GMD3), Jason Norquest (GMD3), Mike Meyer (KDA-DWR), Richard Rockel (KWO), Diane Knowles (KWO)

**Welcome and Introductions:** Nick Hatcher welcomed everyone to the RAC meeting and thanked the RAC for attending the Hatcher WTF field day and associated educational opportunity. Self-introductions were made.

**Approval of Agenda:** The draft agenda was accepted as presented.

**Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes from February 2017 were approved as presented.

### Regional Activities:

KWA/RAC update: Greg Graff, representing KWA, added to the discussion of the RAC role on implementation of action plans. Nick Hatcher discussed the role of RAC members as including getting information spread. The main discussion under this item was how to get information out and people to meetings. Trista volunteered to be RAC communications officer. Diane will pass along the need to KWO that more is needed. The example discussed was the Field Day earlier today. Many RAC members only heard about the event due to Diane’s efforts and not through social media, news outlets or newsletters.

KDA, Division of Conservation County Allocations FY2018- no report

Water Conservation Programs (WCA, LEMAS or other updates) – Mike Meyer reported there are nine approved Water Conservation Areas (WCA) including Nicks. DWR has talked with many more parties interested in WCAs. The Kearny

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Finney LEMA is still under development. With all the interest in these programs the DWR field office in Garden City is very busy. The field office has an additional person hired to help with these programs.

Discussion continued with Mark Rude discussing GMD3 view on the WCA process and flexibility for neighbors, the Kansas Oklahoma compact in the Arkansas Basin, and the proposed request for GMD assessment limits to be raised (GMD2), Colorado Water Congress interest in meeting with Kansas and water transportation.

### **Other Business:**

Agency Reports

KDA, DWR- Mike Meyer noted the Multi Year Flex Account application deadline is October 1.

GMD3 – Mark Rude suggested that discussion with Oklahoma water users is needed as Ogallala water pumping is handled very differently than in Kansas. Developing common goals might lead to policies closer to those of Kansas. Mark also noted that GMD3 is submitting a management plan for the District to the Chief Engineer.

Public Comments- none

Messages to Kansas Water Authority – A motion was made by Jim Sipes and seconded by Matt Higgins to set up a joint meeting between Kansas and Oklahoma on how to extend the life of the Ogallala aquifer in the two states through conservation. The motion carried.

Next Meeting of Cimarron RAC - Diane announced that Richard Rockel will be the planner for the Cimarron Region. The RAC consensus was to hold the next RAC meeting after harvest.

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