



# Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

12:00 PM (CDT), Monday February 22, 2021

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### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Calvin Burke (Chair)	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Trista Brown (Vice-Chair)	Satanta, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	No
Gary Boldt	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	Yes
Michael Bryant	Copeland, KS	Agriculture 2	2023	No
Matt Higgins	Elkhart, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	Yes
Luke Grubbs	Hugoton, KS	Irrigation	2021	Yes
Alan Olson	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Jason Norquest	Garden City, KS	At Large Public 3	2023	Yes
Bret Rooney	Satanta, KS	Groundwater Management	2021	Yes
Jim Sipes	Manter, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
Jose Rosales	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2023	Yes
Harrison Krey	Rolla, KS	Agricultural Industry	2023	Yes
VACANT	VACANT	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	N/A

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO
Sara Maguire	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Kevin Salter	KDA-DWR

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by RAC Chair Calvin Burke. All present provided self-introductions.
- II. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- III. **Review of November 2020 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members.
- IV. **Updates**
  - a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of recent updates that had occurred to the KWA.
  - b. **Kansas Water Officer (KWO):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave an update on personnel and agency changes that had occurred since the last RAC meeting.

**Membership:** Calvin Burke (Chair), Liberal, KS; Trista Brown (Vice-Chair), Satanta, KS; Gary Boldt, Ulysses, KS; Michael Bryant, Copeland, KS; Matt Higgins, Elkhart, KS; Luke Grubbs, Hugoton, KS; Alan Olson, Ulysses, KS; Jason Norquest, Garden City, KS; Bret Rooney, Satanta, KS; Jim Sipes, Manter, KS; Jose Rosales, Liberal, KS; Harrison Krey, Rolla, KS.

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- c. **Legislative:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave an overview on the House Committee on Water. She also provided an update on what has been occurring with the State Water Plan Budget.

### V. Regional Activities

- a. **Kansas Water Plan Update:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) shared with the RAC the progress that there had been on the Kansas Water Plan update. The group was shown where they could find the draft sections of the Water Plan that had been presented to the KWA and other pertinent information on the KWO web page.
- b. **Goals & Actions Plan Discussion:** RAC members discussed ways to start carrying out their Goals and Actions Plan and initial steps that can be taken. They also talked about information that would be helpful to have presented to the committee at future meetings. It was requested to have more information on certified irrigator programs and to have Shannon Kenyon, Manager of GMD 4, present on GMD 4's work in creating one. Members also requested to have Brownie Wilson (KGS) provide an update on the depletion of the aquifer within the Cimarron Region. The committee discussed ways to help educate the region's communities by working with local educators to develop curriculums on water issues and the importance of having a continuing education for all age groups.
- c. **Membership & Future Meetings:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of members whose terms are up for renewal this year and that they will be receiving further information in the coming months on this. It was requested to try and have the next meeting in April and see if Shannon Kenyon would be available to present.

### VI. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:**
  - i. Mike Meyer, KDA-DWR – Mike reported that March 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to submit annual water reports. Reminded those they have not done so, to get their reports in soon. Also reported that they are still appointment only.
  - ii. Jason Norquest, GMD3 – Mark reminded everyone of the GMD3 Annual meeting that will be taking place on March 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be having board member elections during the meeting and discussing regional activities, budget, and looking over the management plan.
- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** It was requested that the next meeting be in early April
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
  - i. Ogallala Aquifer Summit: February 24-25
  - ii. GMD3 Annual Meeting: March 10, Ulysses, KS
  - iii. Governor's Water Conference: November 16-18

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.