

## Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 AM (CDT), Tuesday July 27, 2021

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### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Calvin Burke (Chair)	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Trista Brown (Vice-Chair)	Satanta, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	Yes
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	No
VACANT	VACANT	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	N/A

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Debra Jones	KWO
Steve Frost	KDA-DOC
Kristin Kloft	KDA-DOC
Jaide Allenbrand	KDHE

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 PM by RAC Planner Keadron Pearson (KWO) due to the chair not being able to participate. All present provided self-introductions.
- II. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- III. **Review of February 2021 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members.
- IV. **Updates**
  - a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Matt Unruh (KWO) informed the RAC of recent updates that had occurred at the KWA 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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- b. **Kansas Water Officer (KWO):** Kirk Tjelmeland (KWO) gave an update on the recent membership drive and other agency changes that had occurred since the last RAC meeting.

### V. Regional Activities

- a. **Budget Discussion & Recommendations:** A presentation was given by Matt Unruh (KWO) over the State Water Plan Fund that included budget information specific to the region. The presentation was followed by discussion from RAC members on areas of interest that they wish to pass on as budget recommendations to the KWA budget committee for consideration. A motion was made by Bret Rooney and seconded by Matt Higgins to send the following Budget Recommendation Message to the KWA Budget Committee:

*“The Cimarron RAC requests the Kansas Water Authority to seek to provide funding to programs and projects benefiting the region consistent with the revenue derived from the Cimarron Region. The following four items would be the first priority to receive additional funding for the region.*

- a) *Funds utilized for additional efforts towards conserving and extending the High Plains Aquifer, specifically by increasing funding expenditures within the Cimarron planning region.*
- b) *Increased resources to implement water conservation educational programs and efforts within the Cimarron planning region.*
- c) *Additional funding towards KDA-DOC water conservation technology efforts.*
- d) *Promote collaboration with Cimarron RAC and other stakeholders on similar water resource issues impacting the region.”*

There was no discussion and unanimous approval was given.

### VI. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:**
  - i. Steve Frost, KDA-DOC – reported on recent events and updates occurring within the region.
  - ii. Jason Norquest, GMD3 – reported on GMD3 updates and on reminded members of upcoming events.
  - iii. Jaide Allenbrand, KDHE – reported on recent KDHE updates.
- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** None
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
  - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: August 11
  - ii. Kansas Water Authority Meeting: August 17
  - iii. Governor’s Water Conference: November 16-18

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.**