



Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m., January 8, 2018
Harvey County Health Department
Newton, KS

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Steve Hieger (Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas, City, KS	Watershed Protection	2019	No
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2017	No
Dan Haines	Leon, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	Yes
Bob Seiler	Valley Center, KS	Groundwater Management	2019	Yes
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2017	Yes
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Brian Meier	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2017	Yes
Denise Middleton	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Joseph Pajor	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Lewjene Schneider	Maize, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2019	Yes
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Sam Claassen	
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. Conservation District/El Dorado WRAPS
Carol Brockmeier	
David Bollenback	KCC
Keith Pollet	
Tim Boese	GMD2
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR
Ron Graber	KSU
Matt Unruh	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
- Approval of Agenda:** Don Koci made the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented, second provided by Brian Meier. Motion carried.
- Approval of September 2017 Meeting Notes:** Russ Tomevi made the motion to approve the September 2017 meeting notes, second provided by Byron Warta. Motion carried.

Membership: Steve Hieger, Chair, Wichita, KS; Roger Black, Arkansas City, KS; Kurt Bookout, El Dorado, KS; Dan Haines, Leon, KS; Don Koci, Hutchinson, KS; Jesse McCurry, Colwich, KS; Denise Middleton, Burden, KS; Joe Pajor, Wichita, KS; Lewjene Schneider, Maize, KS; Bob Seiler, Valley Center, KS; Russell Tomevi, Winfield, KS; Byron Warta, Newton, KS;
KWO Planner: Matt Unruh, 785-296-3185; matt.unruh@kwo.ks.gov



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4. Kansas Water Authority & Budget/Legislative Update

- a. Matt Unruh provided a KWA & Budget/Legislative Update. The majority of the conversation focused on the KWA \$8 million SGF/EDIF budget enhancement request for SFY 2018 and 2019. Information within the table below was shared with the RAC:

State Water Plan Fund SGF/EDIF Transfer – FY2019		
Water Conservation	FY2018	FY2019
Vision Strategic Education Plan	\$0	\$500,000
Watershed Conservation Practice Implementation – BMP Team	\$0	\$1,800,000
Milford Lake Watershed RCPP Project	\$200,000	\$200,000
Streambank Stabilization	\$0	\$1,000,000
Water Management		
Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot	\$400,000	\$500,000
Contamination Remediation	\$0	\$400,000
Interstate Water Compact Compliance	\$0	\$100,000
Water Structures Inspections	\$0	\$200,000
Technology and Crop Varieties		
Irrigation Technology	\$0	\$1,000,000
Water Technology Farms	\$0	\$250,000
Vision Implementation Research – Research Coordination Group	\$0	\$500,000
Telemetry	\$0	\$850,000
Additional Sources of Supply		
Waters Leaving the State Evaluation	\$0	\$200,000
Equus Beds Chloride Plume Project	\$0	\$500,000
FY2018 & FY2019 Enhancement Request Total	\$600,000	\$8,000,000

5. Regional Activities

- a. State of the Resource Report and Outreach: Matt Unruh provided an overview of the most recent draft of the Equus-Walnut Region State of the Resource Report.
- b. KDHE Technical, Financial and Managerial (TFM) Survey Discussion: Planning efforts were discussed regarding information to share with the RAC from the recently completed KDHE TFM Survey. It was agreed upon by the RAC that a special topic webinar in February would be appropriate.

6. Other Business

- a. Agency Reports: None provided
- b. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: None provided
- c. Public Comments: None Provided
- d. Future Meetings: Target March

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Brian Meier, seconded by Don Koci. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.