

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m., March 26, 2018
City Hall – Commission Chambers
El Dorado, 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	Yes
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	Yes
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	2021	No
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	Yes
Brian Meier	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2021	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)	2021	Yes
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2019	No
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Calvin Kissick	GMD2/KWA
Sandy Koontz	Butler Co. Conservation District/El Dorado WRAPS
Allison Herring	KDHE
Tom Kneil	Sierra Club
Tim Boese	GMD2
David Barfield	KDA-DWR
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR
Ron Graber	KSU
Alexandra Davis	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Steve Hieger welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was approved as present.
3. **Approval of January 2018 Meeting Notes:** Byron Warta made the motion to approve the January 2018 meeting notes, second provided by Roger Black. Motion carried.

4. **Kansas Water Authority & Budget/Legislative Update:** Chair Steve Hieger and Byron Warta provided an update on the January KWA meeting and legislative visits. Discussion also took place regarding FY 2019 Senate Ways and Means (\$3,000,000) and House Appropriations (\$4,000,000) committees' budget recommendations.

5. Regional Activities

- a. State of the Resource Report and Outreach: Matt Unruh provided RAC members a copy of the most recent draft of the Equus-Walnut Region State of the Resource Report as well as discussed potential means of outreach for information included within the report. The RAC discussed ways to utilize print, TV/radio, and social media
- b. Vision Regional Goal Action Plan Implementation:
 - i. KDHE Technical, Financial and Managerial (TFM) Survey: Matt Unruh discussed a webinar coordinated for the RAC to provide additional information on the KDHE TFM Survey completed in 2017. Following the webinar it was discussed that the RAC could provide a letter to go along with future surveys to encourage participation by public water supplies statewide within the Equus-Walnut Region.
 - ii. Equus Beds Water Technology Farm Update: Matt Unruh provided a brief update on planning efforts underway to develop water technology farms within the Equus Beds for the 2018 growing season. The primary objective of these two farms would be to evaluate the effectiveness of decreased water usage to help decrease application of water high in salinity which could be impacting yields.
 - iii. Wichita State University – South Central Kansas Water Summit: Matt provided an update on the upcoming Summit, where a breakout session is being planned to discuss water use efficiency of municipal, commercial and industrial water users as well as incentives which could be utilized to improve efficiency.
- c. Wichita ASR Proposed Permit Modification Request: David Barfield provided a presentation on the proposed permit modification request including an overview of the process ahead. This presentation is available in slide and video on the DWR website.

Presentation Slides: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/docs/default-source/dwr-water-appropriation-documents/wichita-asr-proposal-update-for-ew-rac-march-2018-final.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Presentation Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL_2UrHgVT8&feature=youtu.be

DWR – Wichita ASR webpage: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr/managing-kansas-water-resources/aquifer-storage-and-recovery/wichita-asr>

- d. Drought Update: Matt Unruh provided an update on drought conditions within the regions as well as statewide. An overview of drought conditions present at the time of the meeting can be found at http://www.kwo.ks.gov/docs/default-source/drought/rpt_04_endmarch2018_drought_032018_dk.pdf?sfvrsn=0

6. Other Business

- a. Agency Reports:
 - i. Ron Graber provided an update on WRAPS project activities within the Little Arkansas WRAPS Project Area

- ii. Tim Boese discussed HB 2691 – Modifying notification requirements for DWR regarding multi-year flex accounts (MYFA) and water right applications as well as SB 194 – Amending GMD water user charges.
- iii. David Barfield provided an update on GMD4 LEMA efforts as well as the City of Hays/R9 Ranch water right change application and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge Impairment Complaint.
- b. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: None provided
- c. Public Comments: None Provided
- d. Future Meetings: Target May

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Jesse McCurry, seconded by Kurt Bookout. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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