

Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
1:00 pm August 3, 2021
Remote

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Denise Noonan Middleton (Chair)	Burden, KS	Agriculture 2	2023	No
Brian Meier (Vice Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2021	Yes
Kurt Bookout	El Dorado, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	No
Libby Albers	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2023	No
David Bogner	Mt. Hope, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	No
Don Koci	Hutchinson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2021	No
Jesse McCurry	Colwich, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
Chad Milligan	Derby, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	No
Roger Black	Arkansas City, KS	Watershed Protection	2023	No
Don Henry	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Steve Hieger	Wichita, KS	Industry/ Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Russell Tomevi	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2023	No
Byron Warta	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
David Bollenback	Kansas Corporation Commission
Steve Frost	KDA
Ted Saranchuk	
Scott Satterthwaite	KDHE
Ronald Graber	Kansas State University
Allison Herring	KDHE
Vanessa Salazar	KDWP
Jeff Lanterman	KDA
Richard Basore	
Sara Maguire	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO

Welcome and Roll Call: Brian Meier called the meeting to order at 1:02pm as the Chair was unable to participate.

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda: The RAC member present approved the agenda as written.

Kansas Water Office Updates

a. Budget Update

- i. Budget presentation from KWO:** Matt Unruh of KWO gave an abridged virtual presentation on budget information, summarizing fiscal year (FY) 2021, discussing FY 2022, and looking ahead to FY 2023. Matt answered questions from the group and encouraged representatives from the state agencies present to highlight the budget items they felt were important.

- ii. **Budget input from RAC members:** The RAC member present decided to prioritize the same budget items as the Equus-Walnut RAC had highlighted last year. These items are promoting sustainable water resource management, Equus Beds contamination remediation, Water Technology Farms, and improving watershed practices.
- b. **Statewide Updates**
 - i. **Legislature:** Sara Maguire of KWO provided information on the House Water Committee. The House Water Committee will be holding a meeting in Garden City, KS on August 18, 2021.
 - ii. **Kansas Water Plan:** Sara discussed plans to complete the Water Plan by the August KWA meeting. Following the August KWA meeting, there will be a 30-day window for public comments, after which time a final version of the Water Plan can be produced and distributed. Water Plan updates can be found on [this page](#).
 - iii. **Kansas Water Authority Meeting:** Sara summarized the previous three Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meetings, held on May 18, June 9, and June 23, 2021.
- c. **Regional Updates**
 - i. **RAC Membership:** Sara explained KWO has received a handful of applications for the RAC and those chosen by the KWA during their August meeting will be notified.
 - ii. **Open discussion from members:** Sara opened the floor for open discussion from members, but no comments were made.

Other Business

- a. **Public comments:** None.
- a. **Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members:** None.
- b. **Meetings**
 - i. **Equus-Walnut RAC:** The next RAC meeting will be scheduled around October 2021.
 - ii. **Kansas Water Congress:** The next Water Congress meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2021 in Garden City, Kansas.
 - iii. **Kansas Water Authority:** The next KWA meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2021 in Garden City, Kansas.
 - iv. **House Water Committee:** The next Water Committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021 in Garden City, Kansas.

Adjourn: Brian adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.