

## Great Bend Prairie Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 PM (CDT), Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

GoToMeeting Conference Call

### Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Keith Miller (Chair)	Barton Co., KS	Agriculture 3	2023	Yes
Jeff Holste (Vice-Chair)	Burdett, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	Yes
Berry Bortz	Preston, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	Yes
Kendal Francis	Great Bend, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Orrin Feril	Stafford, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	Yes
Tom Turner	St. John, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Jay Dill	Kinsley, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	No
Craig Crossette	Sterling, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2023	Yes
Daniel Filbert	Macksville, KS	Agriculture 2	2021	No
Mark Fincham	Pratt, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	2023	No
Stephanie Royer	La Crosse, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	No
Isaac Aberson	Jetmore, KS	Watershed Protection	2023	No
Cammie Vaupel	St. John, KS	Commerce/Industry 2	2021	No

### Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Armando Zarco	KWO
Earl Lewis	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR

1. **Welcome and Roll Call:** Meeting was initiated by RAC Chair at 1:00 PM. Roll call was taken by Armando.
2. **Review of Agenda:** No comments for changes
3. **Review of August 2020 Meeting Notes:** No comments for changes
4. **Regional Activities**
  - a. **RAC Goals & Action Plans Update Recommendations:** There was good discussion had regarding revising the five current goals. A revised draft Action Plan containing only edited goals was completed during the meeting and a motion was made to forward on to KWA for review. It was the consensus of the members to revise the action steps at a later time.
    - i. The motion was as follows: Berry Bortz made the motion to accept revised action plan as edited to forward on to KWA for review of updated goals only. To include requesting making goals #2, #3, & #4 a statewide goal as well. Orrin Feril seconded the motion. *\*A copy of revised goals at end of notes.*
      1. In favor- Berry Bortz, Orrin Feril, Keith Miller, Jeff Holste, Tom Turner, Craig Crossette
      2. Opposed- None
      3. *Motion Passed- 6 in favor, 0 opposed*

**Membership:** Keith Miller, Chair, Great Bend, KS; Jeff Holste, Vice Chair, Burdett, KS; Isaac Aberson, Jetmore, KS; Berry Bortz, Preston, KS; Craig Crossette, Sterling, KS; Jay Dill, Kinsley, KS; Orrin Feril, Stafford, KS; Daniel Filbert, Macksville, KS; Mark Fincham, Pratt, KS; Kendal Francis, Great Bend; Stephanie Royer, La Crosse, KS; Tom Turner, St. John, KS; Cammie Vaupel, St. John, KS.

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## 5. Other Business

### a. Agency Reports

- i. KWO- Earl Lewis mentioned the KWA meeting approaching on the 26th of October and that the KS Governor's water Conference is being held virtually this year and to register if possible. Armando also stated that KWO is still working most remotely but can go into office as needed.
- ii. KDA-DWR: Jeff Lanterman stated that they are currently conducting some well measurements and they are still working remotely for the most part but are fully operational.

### b. Public Comments: No public comments provided.

### c. Future Agenda Items from RAC Members: No comments.

### d. RAC Messages to the KWA: No messages to submit to KWA at this time.

### e. Future Meetings:

- i. GMD5 Board Meeting: Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Regularly every second Thur of the month at 7pm)
- ii. KWA Meeting: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via GoToMeeting
- iii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020 (Virtual)
- iv. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: Garden City- February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

**The meeting ended at 2:24 PM.**

### ***Great Bend Prairie RAC- Draft Revised Action Plan Goals (10/21/20)***

**Goal #1:** Achieve water use sustainability within the Great Bend Prairie Regional Planning Area that includes a reasonable raising or lowering of the water table based on average weather conditions.

**Goal #2:** Developed for Municipalities and Rural Water Districts- Maintain annual training funds of 15% from Clean Water Drinking Fee and increase technical training support to Public Water Supply (PWS) systems to enhance new technology and increase water efficiently and effectively, thus reducing water loss. Utilize available municipal/residential/commercial "LAWN" irrigation training programs provided by the Irrigation Association.

**Goal #3:** Enhance the monitoring of poor quality water to stop and reverse further contamination of fresh water sources. Areas of concern include regions which have salt water disposal lines, disposal wells, high nitrate levels, and areas with high salt sources to ensure that contamination of fresh water sources does not continue to occur.

**Goal #4:** Initiate research and development of alternative feed sources and less water-intensive crops within the Great Bend Prairie Planning Region. Technology transfer from this research would have benefits in areas of Kansas where water is not available for production. Multiple research programs such as plant breeding and livestock feeding should be pursued.

**Goal #5:** Work towards sustainability of watersheds so that flood control capacity is maintained while maintaining streamflow to meet downstream water needs. Progress towards sustainability would be to have 50% of the drainage area within watershed districts controlled by watershed structures by 2065. Best available information/data will be evaluated every 10 years to track progress towards meeting this goal.