

12:30 pm, Friday, February 18, 2022

Everyday Professional Development Building, 801 NE Hwy 24, Topeka, Kansas 66618 & GoTo Meeting

**Members Attendance:**

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Marlene Bosworth, Chair	Sabetha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	Yes
Darci Meese, V-Chair	Lenexa, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Adam Bauer	Milford, KS	WRAPs	2023	Yes
Rick Bean	Topeka, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	Yes
Bill Heatherman	Manhattan, KS	Public Utility	2025	Yes
Brad Bradley	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2025	Yes
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2025	Yes
Sarah Hill-Nelson	Lawrence, KS	Industry/Commerce	2023	Yes
Leslie Holthaus	Beattie, KS	Conservation/Environment	2023	Yes
Daniel Howell	Frankfort, KS	Agriculture	2025	Yes
Sylvia Davis	Topeka, KS	Water Assurance District	2025	Yes
Melissa Michels	Maple Hill, KS	Industry/Commerce	2025	Yes
Ian Fannin-Hughes	Overland Park, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2025	Yes

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Amelia Nill	KWO	John Reinke	KDA
Angela Anderson	KWO	Allyn Lockner	Public
Matt Unruh	KWO	Aaron Deeters	KAWS
Laura Totten	USACE	Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Travis Sieve	KDHE	Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR

- I) **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by RAC Chair, Marlene Bosworth (Conservation/Environment). Marlene called on each attendee to provide a brief introduction before beginning the meeting.
- II) **Review of December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting notes:** The meeting notes from the December meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections and the notes were approved as written.
- III) **RAC Business:**
  - a. **KRRFSS Update:**
    - i. Laura Totten (USACE) presented on the Kansas Rivers Reservoirs Flood and Sediment Study (KRRFSS) to the RAC. She gave an overview of the Study schedule, highlighting

that they are currently applying measures on a site-specific basis. She also discussed the “future without project” points, touching on flood risk management, sediment management, water supply and quality, etc. Laura stated that one intent of the study is to help identify “spin-off” projects and that a full study report will be produced by January 2024. Dan Howell (Agriculture) asked the question of whether or not nutrient-rich siltation could be used as agricultural fertilizer. Laura mentioned a project in Iowa that attempts to look at the potential beneficial uses of sediment in that way.

**b. Kansas River Basin WRAPS Presentation:**

- i. Travis Sieve (KDHE) gave an overview of WRAPS programs within the Kansas River Basin. He stated that WRAPS intends to work with local stakeholders in determining water quality concerns and developing the 9 Elements Watershed Plans. Travis detailed that WRAPS is funded through grants and State Water Plan funds. Rick Bean (At Large Public) asked what determines which watersheds get funding. Travis answered that there is a scoring matrix that is taken into consideration as well as WRAPS coordinators looking at state priority funding and where potential partnership could work. Brad Bradley (Fish & Wildlife) asked if there is ever the issue of trying to work with uncooperative land owners. Travis stated that they are trying to increase education about programs when working with landowners. Laura Totten (USACE) chimed in, stating that the Silver Jackets program through USACE works to follow the state lead in developing strategies and pursuing actions of interagency flood risk management and can provide technical services to communities at no cost.

- c. Goal #1 Subcommittee Update:** Darci Meese (Public Water Supply), Chair of the subcommittee, provided an update of Goal #1 Subcommittee activities. She stated that the subcommittee recently held their first meeting and the consensus of the group was that more education is needed, especially about the topic of unfunded liability, before the group is able to proceed with any further action.

- d. Goal #3 Subcommittee Update:** Adam Bauer (WRAPS), Chair of this subcommittee, informed the group of the recent activities of Goal #3 Subcommittee. He stated that the subcommittee also met recently and having had a discussion of the RAC Goal, decided that it is first necessary to compile a list of lakes and reservoirs and their sediment management plans within the Kansas Basin. In addition, Adam presented the BMP Resource Document to the group, mentioning the recent updates. He requested for RAC members to take an additional look at this document and provide any comments or suggestions for edits.

- e. Legislative Update:** The main point of discussion in this portion of the meeting was about House Bill 2686/ Marlene Bosworth (Conservation/Environment) began this discussion by going through a list of items that the Kansas RAC has valued and supported in the past. She opened up the discussion by asking how do the values align with what is being presented in HB 2686. A discussion then ensued between RAC members on whether or not they personally agree with all that is put forth by House Bill 2686. It was determined that the original list presented of the Kansas RAC values needs to further evaluated and adjusted and that the RAC members would like to stay up-to-date on the activities of this bill. This will continue to be a topic of discussion at future RAC meetings.

**f. Additional KWO Updates:**

- i. Amelia (KWO) provided the RAC with updates regarding recent events of the Kansas Water Office. She mentioned that the KWO continues to work on finalizing the Kansas Water Plan update and that they are currently working to incorporate the public comments that were received. In addition, she stated that the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting will take place virtually on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**IV) Agency or Public Comments:**

- a. Allyn Lockner (Public) provided some comments and questions to the RAC. First, he stated that he is supportive of the idea to utilize sediment on agricultural lands. Second, he emphasized the urgency at which the state should be solving reservoir problems. And finally, he stated that he is a proponent of House Bill 2686 and its intentions.

**V) Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Kansas Water Authority meeting (March 23<sup>rd</sup> Zoom Meeting)
- b. Next Kansas RAC meeting (April/May – Doodle Poll)

**VI) Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 2:55 pm.