

12:00 pm, Friday, May 13, 2022

Trails Cafe, 601 Arizona Ave, Holton, KS 66436 & 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	No
Adam Bauer	Milford, KS	WRAPs	2023	Yes
Rick Bean	Topeka, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	No
Bill Heatherman	Manhattan, KS	Public Utility	2025	Yes
Brad Bradley	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2025	No
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2025	No
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	No
Melissa Michels	Maple Hill, KS	Industry/Commerce	2025	No
Ian Fannin-Hughes	Overland Park, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2025	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Amelia Nill	KWO	Travis Sieve	KDHE
Nate Westrup	KWO	Salefu Tuvalu Solia	NRCS
Matt Unruh	KWO	Jack Fitzgerald	NRCS
Andy Lyon	KDA-DOC		

- I) **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 12:15 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 February 18th meeting notes:** The meeting notes from the February meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections and the notes were approved as written.
- III) **RAC Business:**
 - a. **Debrief from streambank stabilization site tour:** RAC members expressed their gratitude for the streambank stabilization site tour, stating that it is important and necessary to be able to get out to visualize the practices that are discussed in RAC meetings. There was also expressed interest to conduct another site tour later in the summer of the Perry Reservoir management area

to see and better understand their progress of BMP implementation. Andy Lyon (KDA-DOC) also added that the Department of Conservation Stream Team is currently led by Kristin Kloft. The Stream Team has streambank stabilization projects completed above Tuttle Creek Reservoir as well as on the Cottonwood with 2 more contracts awarded for the Cottonwood as well.

- b. Goal #1 Subcommittee Update:** Amelia Nill (KWO) gave an update on behalf of subcommittee Chair, Darci Meese (Public Water Supply). She mentioned that Nate Westrup (KWO) has attended the last couple subcommittee meetings in order to provide more context about the topic of the unfunded liability with the federal reservoirs as it pertains to the subcommittee's goal.
- c. Goal #3 Subcommittee Update:** Adam Bauer (WRAPS), Chair of this subcommittee, informed the RAC of the subcommittee's recent activities. He mentioned that the subcommittee is working to gather information to understand the progress made on the action steps for RAC Goal #3. In addition to this information gathering, the subcommittee has recently finalized the BMP Resource document and it is now posted to the KWO website. It was also noted that the subcommittee needs information from NRCS on projects and corresponding load reduction numbers. Travis Sieve (KDHE) said that KDHE would be able to provide information on the load reduction numbers by region.
- d. Legislative Review & Discussion:** Matt Unruh (KWO) gave a recap of the recent legislative session activities. He stated that the legislature has recommended that the full \$8 million SGF and EDIF demand transfer be received. This will be the first time to receive the full amount since FY08. Additionally, Matt mentioned that \$80 million SGF has been allocated for the KWO to pay off debts at Big Hill, Clinton, and Hillsdale Reservoirs. Sarah Hill Nelson (Industry/Commerce) asked if the House Water Committee had helped with this effort at all. Nate Westrup (KWO) responded by saying that they helped to spread awareness of the current water policy issues. Andy Lyon (KDA-DOC) added that the Department of Conservation (DOC) programs received an enhancement that will be used as aid to Conservation Districts. He stated that this will be a 1 to 1 match for the water resource cost share program and soil health initiative/support.
- e. Additional KWO Updates:** Amelia (KWO) provided the RAC with an update regarding the date and location of the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting. This will be held June 22nd in Pittsburg, Kansas. Nate Westrup (KWO) also added that there is officially state and federal funding for the Water Injection Dredging (WID) project and that the kickoff meeting for this project was held recently. Dan Howell (Agriculture) asked if there is any opportunity for the silt that is dredged out of the reservoirs to be applied to agricultural fields for fertilizer. Nate responded to this question by saying that everything is on the table, so potentially yes.

IV) Agency or Public Comments: No agency or public comments were provided.

V) Upcoming Meetings:

- a.** Kansas Water Authority meeting (June 22, Pittsburg, Kansas & Zoom Meeting)
- b.** Next Kansas RAC meeting (July/August – Doodle Poll)

VI) Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 1:40 pm.

Membership: Marlene Bosworth (Chair), Sabetha, KS; Darci Meese (Vice Chair), Lenexa, KS; Adam Bauer, Milford, KS; Rick Bean, Topeka, KS; Brad Bradley, Overland Park, KS; Glenn Brunkow, Westmoreland, KS; Sarah Hill-Nelson, Lawrence, KS; Leslie Holthaus, Beattie, KS; Daniel Howell, Frankfort, KS; Melissa Michels, Maple Hill, KS; Ian Fannin-Hughes, Overland Park, KS; Sylvia Davis, Topeka, KS; Bill Heatherman, Manhattan, KS; **KWO Planner:** Amelia Nill, 785-296-0878: amelia.nill@kwo.ks.gov