

11:00 am, Wednesday, December 15, 2021
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	No
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	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Amelia Nill	KWO	Angela Puls	KDHE
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO	Allyn Lockner	Public
Dawn Buehler	KWA		

- I) Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am by RAC Chair, Marlene Bosworth (Conservation/Environment). Marlene (Conservation /Environment) introduced herself to the RAC as the new Chairperson and Darci Meese (Public Water Supply) introduced herself as the new Vice Chairperson. Marlene then described what her vision for the RAC is moving forward, mentioning that a refocus of RAC efforts is needed. The new RAC members, Melissa Michels (Industry/Commerce), Sylvia Davis (Water Assurance District), Bill Heatherman (Public Utility), and Ian Fannin-Hughes (Planning, Restoration and Protection) were given time to introduce themselves. Ian was not present, so Amelia Nill (KWO) gave a message to the RAC on his behalf.
- II) Review of July 27th meeting notes:** The meeting notes from the July meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections and the notes were approved as written.
- III) RAC Business:**

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

a. RAC Goals/Subcommittee Discussion:

- i. Marlene (Conservation/Environment) began this discussion by stating that it is her goal as Chair to re-energize the approach to move the RAC's agenda forward, focusing on the goals created by the RAC. She then described that this new approach will require an adjustment of current RAC subcommittees to better fit their goals. Darci (Public Water Supply) added that this is to help break up the goals into increments in order to help the RAC see more progress. Marlene then gave examples of how the restructuring might look. Dan Howell (Agriculture) raised the concern of needing more information on some of the action items of the goals. Marlene answered by saying that that is exactly the kind of task the new subcommittees would be doing. There was then a discussion of which goals to focus the RAC's efforts on. A poll was conducted via the webinar chat function in order to gauge RAC member's interest in the goals. It was decided to utilize RAC goal number 1 and number 3 to form subcommittees around. In the interest of time, it was decided to send out a Doodle Poll in order to finalize the two subcommittee's membership.

b. Recent Success in Kansas Water Presentation by Dawn Buehler:

- i. Dawn Buehler, Chair of the Kansas Water Authority (KWA), presented to the RAC the recent successes seen in Kansas Water. She discussed several different projects from Water Injection Dredging, Streambank Stabilization, Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative to many others that have seen successes in funding, project implementation, ecosystem protections and other valuable ways. Dawn (KWA) also touched on the important role that partnerships have played in achieving these successes. She encouraged the RAC members to continue advocating and educating within their area in order to continue to see successes in Kansas Water.

c. Kansas Water Plan Update:

- i. Amelia Nill (KWO) stated that the Kansas Water Office is currently in the process of incorporating the feedback received from the public comment period. The KWO had initially planned to present the new draft, with the public comment feedback included, at the December 1st Kansas Water Authority meeting, but the KWO had received many more comments than originally anticipated. The KWO is taking adequate time to address each comment appropriately. The KWO is working now to finalize a new draft to present at the January KWA meeting.

d. Additional KWO Updates:

- i. Amelia (KWO) provided the RAC with updates regarding recent events of the Kansas Water Office. She mentioned that the Governor's Water conference had recently occurred in mid-November and that the recordings for the conference are available on the KWO's website. Next year's Water Conference is scheduled to be held on November 16th & 17th, 2022 in Manhattan Kansas. Amelia (KWO) also mentioned the recently held RAC training webinar. She stated that the power point and the recording from that webinar are also available on the KWO website. Another event Amelia (KWO) discussed is the Water Tech Expo that is scheduled to take place on February 3rd in Garden City. Finally, Amelia

(KWO) told the RAC to be on the lookout for more information regarding the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting and the adjoining Legislative visits. Both of these events are to take place on January 26th and 27th in Topeka. She encouraged all to attend the KWA meeting and participate in the Legislative visits.

IV) Agency or Public Comments:

- a. Allyn Lockner (Public) stated that the Kansas RAC has done good work and he hopes that we will be able to continue to fund good work.
- b. Angela Puls (KDHE) followed up by seconding Allyn's (Public) comment.

V) Upcoming Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority meeting (January 26th & 27th – Topeka and GoTo Meeting)
- b. Next Kansas RAC meeting (February – Doodle Poll)

VI) Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 12:53 pm.