



Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

January 18, 2018
Westar Professional Development Center, 801 NE Hwy 24,
Topeka, Kansas 66608

Members Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Present</i>
Brad Bradley, Chair	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2021	Yes
Katie Miller, Vice-Chair	Junction City, KS	Conservation/Environment	2019	No
Marlene Bosworth	Sabetha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2019	Yes
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	Yes
Dawn Buehler	Eudora, KS	Recreation	2019	Yes
Blake Follis	Topeka, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2019	Yes
Sarah Hill-Nelson	Lawrence, KS	Industry/Commerce	2019	Yes
Heath Horyna	Topeka, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	Yes
Daniel Howell	Frankfort, KS	Agriculture	2021	No
Darci Meese	Lenexa, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	No
William Ramsey	Leawood, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2021	No
Sharon Schwartz	Washington, KS	WRAPs	2019	Yes
Greg Wilson	Olathe, KS	Water Assurance District	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Representing</i>
Bruce Wells	Salina	NRCS
Jim Butler	Lawrence	Kansas Geological Survey
Amanda Reed	Topeka	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Heidi Mehl	Lawrence	The Nature Conservancy
Rob Reschke	Manhattan	KS Dept. of Ag, Division of Conservation
Judy Boltman	Topeka	Shawnee Co Conservation District
Katie Tietsort	Topeka	Kansas Dept. of Ag – Division of Water Resources
John Wunder	Oskaloosa	Conservation District Commissioners
Matt Unruh	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Ginger Harper	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Kirk Tjelmeland	Topeka	Kansas Water Office

- I) **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting started a few minutes after 9 am, called to order by Chair Brad Bradley. Brad had everyone around the room give self-introductions.

- II) **RAC Business**
 - a. Review of October 19th meeting notes: It was moved by Heath that the October 19th notes be approved as written, Sarah seconded the motion, motion carried.
 - b. It was discussed if the RAC should meet 3 or 4 times a year. It was decided to meet a minimum of 4 times/year with the next meeting being in April.
 - c. Subcommittee reports:
 - 1. Finance and Governance-Sarah led this discussion through a series of points: support by all RACs of the Blue-Ribbon Funding Task Force’s (BRFTF) 2017 recommendation for sales tax funding. There was a considerable amount of discussion related to the presentation of a program by RAC members to

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at least one group and everyone present agreed to provide one program with a common message. Sarah will be developing the power point.

2. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Kansas Basin Watershed Management system (KBWM)- Marlene led this discussion relaying the information they had received from a meeting with David Hoover (USACE) and Dustin Mengarelli (KDWPT) related to Ag practices on property surrounding the federal reservoirs. Marlene mentioned the largest hotspot on the Delaware River that drains into Perry in on the Perry Wildlife Area. A meeting is in the works to pull together agencies and talk about collaboration on a watershed scale.
3. Education-Heath apologized for not having put together a report like the other two subcommittees. They have had problems in getting the group together to meet. Their main goals will be to discover what our resources are and then use the correct outlet or outlets to deliver a common message. There was some discussion on the firm hired by the state, Walz Tetrick, and how much this was costing and what we'll be getting. There is a "Vision" Education meeting with the firm the first full week of February and more information will become available.
- d. Top 3 water conservation measures for the region is part of the Education piece of the "Vision". Brad suggested that WaterOne has a list of conservation measures and that this should be sent out and voted on by the RAC.

- III) **Update on programs in the Region that affect water quality/quantity** – Rob Reschke (KDA-DOC) had a power point presentation which can be found [here](#), about areas in the watersheds that have specific targets they are trying to meet related to the 9-element plans. DOC sometimes struggles with getting producer to do the practices since these are voluntary so they must make sure to keep their Conservation District (CD) employees up to date on all the current information. Rob also brought up a new ranking system that would send funds to particular HUCs.
- IV) **Legislative and Budget Update**-Ginger Harper (KWO), gave an update on the requested \$8 million transfer-Economic Development Initiatives Fund. (EDIF) and transfer from State General Fund (SGF). The legislators did include \$1.2 million at the end of last session for streambank projects, bathymetric surveys and the Kansas Alluvium study. There needs to be a continued effort to educate legislators and the public on the needs for funding water issues. To that end there have been more than 50 visits scheduled with legislators for January 23rd.
- V) **Update on the Milford Lake Watershed RCPP** – Matt Unruh (KWO), said he had been notified in late December that the application was successful however the original ask had been reduced to \$2.88 million. There are over 20 partners that have committed in-kind or direct cash to this 5-year project. February 7th a meeting will be held in Salina to start the negotiation process with the state NRCS. By summer there will be an application/ranking process in place for projects within the watershed to limit nutrients and/or sediment.
- VI) **Update on the Kansas River Alluvium Project** – Jim Butler (KGS) had a power point presentation that is available [here](#). Jim explained this was the \$100,000 project the legislators put back in the budget that Ginger talked about earlier. Brad asked since the alluvium and the river are interconnected isn't the river a good gage of the alluvium? Jim stated that these wells will give a better picture how the alluvium reacts to pumping and how it reacts over time. Katie Tietsort asked about a couple other wells that they had a considerable amount of data on, these will be added to the system.
- VII) **State of the Resource (SOTR) document** – Tj (KWO), commented that the document continues to evolve and the latest version is on the screens and would send it out after the meeting. Greg wanted to make sure information about the individual reservoirs was in the document.
- VIII) **Agency or Public Comments** – There were none.
- IX) **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - a. KWA meeting January 23-24th Legislative visits (23rd) Ramada ((24th) Topeka, KS



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- b. Next Kansas RAC meeting (Doodle pool-afternoon meeting at this location in April)
- X) Meeting Adjourned:** With no further business Brad adjourned the meeting.