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DATE: January 7, 2022
TO: Marais des Cygnes RAC Members
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CC: Marais des Cygnes RAC Advisors
RE: January 20, 2022 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022. The meeting will be held as GoTo Meeting.**

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The main agenda item for the RAC is discussion of the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting and the upcoming year in preview.

Enclosed are materials for the January 20, 2022 meeting:

- Agenda
- August 2021 Meeting Notes
- Press Release

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**MARAIS DES CYGNES
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

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TIME: 9:00 a.m.
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AGENDA DETAILS

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll call – Lyle Wobker (Chair & Agriculture 2) (5 mins)
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Review of August 2021 RAC Meeting Notes (5 mins)
- V. Governor’s Conference Review/Discussion (10 mins) – Angela Anderson
- VI. January KWA Meeting and Legislative Visit Day Overview (15 mins) – Angela Anderson
- VII. Update on Kansas Water Plan process (5 minutes) – Angela Anderson (KWO)
- VIII. RAC Membership update (5 mins)
 - a. Vice-Chair interest
 - b. Industry/Commerce (cc) – 2023 position vacant
- IX. Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members (10 mins)
- X. Agency Input (10 mins)
- XI. Public Input (10 mins)
- XII. Adjournment

Future Meetings

- a. KWA – Thursday, January 27, 2022, 9am-1pm, TBD



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
 10:00am
 Tuesday, August 3, 2021
 GoTo Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Keri Harris (Chair)	Ottawa, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	YES
Lyle Wobker (Vice-Chair)	Paola, KS	Agriculture 2	2023	YES
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2021	YES
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	NO
Lori Kuykendall	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2023	YES
Jared Morrison	Topeka, KS	Water Assurance District	2023	YES
Mike Mabrey	Edgerton, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	NO
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	NO
Don Stottlemire	Rantoul, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	YES
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2021	NO
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2021	YES
VACANT		Public Water Supply 2	2023	
VACANT		Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Angela Anderson	KWO
Don George	KDWP
Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO
Doug Cole	KDHE – Bureau Environmental Field Services
Andrew Rutter	KDHE
Matt Unruh	KWO
Chris Steffen	KDWP
Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Chairperson, Keri Harris (At-Large Public). Keri took roll call.
- II. **Agenda:** Vice-Chair, Lyle Wobker (Agriculture 2) moved to accept the agenda. Lori Kuykendall (WRAPS) seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Keri Harris, Chair, Ottawa, KS; Lyle Wobker, Vice-Chair, Paola, KS; Gary Armentrout, Centerville, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Lori Kuykendall, Lyndon, KS; Jared Morrison, Topeka, KS; Mike Mabrey, Edgerton, KS; Gayla Speer, Wellsville, KS; Don Stottlemire, Rantoul, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
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- III. **Review of May 4, 2021 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the May meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections.
- IV. **June KWA Meetings Review/Discussion:** Assistant Director, Cara Hendricks highlighted the two KWA meeting that took place on June 9 and June 23, 2021. For those who were unable to attend, the meeting materials may be found on the Kansas Water Office website, kwo.ks.gov. Topics that were highlighted by Cara Hendricks included: Water marketing rate setting discussion, City of Independence water marketing application and renewal water marketing application for the City of Hillsboro overview, and Neosho River sediment monitoring cooperative agreements with USGS.
- V. **State Water Plan Fund Budget Discussion & RAC Recommendation:** Assistant Director, Cara Hendricks provided a presentation on the proposed fiscal year 2023 State Water Plan Fund budget. Neosho RAC members were offered the opportunity to ask agency representatives questions pertaining to specific programs. Matt Unruh, KWO Chief of Policy & Communications, provided connections between the RAC's Goals & Action Plans and Budget line items.

The RAC members discussed various budget topics, including:

- Comparison of water quantity vs quality funding amounts
- Various agency programs; agency personnel were supplied the opportunity to talk about their programs
- Dave Jones, Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Conservation (KDA-DOC), provided information on DOC's new Soil Health Initiative.
- In April 2007, per State Statute 2-1907c under Article 19, *for the purpose of providing state financial assistance to conservation districts, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation in the regular budget request, as a line item for the forthcoming fiscal year, shall submit a special request for an amount equal to the sum of the allocations of each county to each conservation district, but in no event to exceed the sum of \$25,000 per district. The Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation as soon as practicable after July 1 of the following year shall disburse such moneys as may be appropriated by the state for this purpose to each conservation district to match funds allocated by the commissioners of each county.*
It was brought to the attention of the group that for those counties qualifying to receive the full \$25,000, it was only supplied in full in 2008. It was also mentioned that a lot of the RAC goals are being accomplished in part due to conservation districts.
- Aquatic nuisance species are progressively getting worse and is an on-going battle.

The following action was taken by the RAC to formalize their budget input recommendations to deliver to the KWA Budget Committee:

A motion was made by Lyle Wobker (Agriculture 2) and seconded by Gary Armentrout (Public Water Supply 3) to a send the following Budget Recommendation Message to the KWA:

“The Marais des Cygnes RAC strongly recommends fully funding the state water plan fund. Extreme flooding events that continue to affect the region and the results of those floods warrant funding the goals and action plans of the MDC RAC. Funding the following budget items would address the priority goals and action items developed by our RAC:

- *Aid to Conservation Districts (KDA) – full funding as directed by Kansas statute*

- *Non-point Source Pollution (KDA)*
- *Non-point Source Program (KDHE)*
- *Soil Health (KDA)*
- *TMDL Initiatives (KDHE)*
- *Water Resources Cost Share (KDA)*
- *WRAPS Program (KDHE)*
- *Aquatic Nuisance Species (KDWP)*”

There was no discussion and unanimous approval was given.

- VI. Update on Kansas Water Plan Process:** Assistant Director Cara Hendricks informed the Neosho RAC that the Kansas Water Plan update was in the process of compiling the final full draft for the August 17, 2021 Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting. At that meeting, KWA members may vote to approve the draft for entering the public comment period.
- VII. RAC Membership update:** Angela Anderson, Kansas Water Office stated RAC applications were received for the new application period. The applications will be reviewed by the RAC Operations Committee, which will provide a formal recommendations list to the KWA. The KWA will have the opportunity to review and vote on prospective applicants at their August 17th meeting. Angela thanked the RAC members for all they do.
- VIII. Questions and Future Issues from Members:** The Marais des Cygnes RAC was updated to the fact that member, Larry Walrod, retired on June 30, 2021 and Kenneth Cook was hired in his place. Don George and Keri Harris expressed their appreciation for Mr. Walrod in regards to his 30 years of service. Angela Anderson stated she would make sure a letter of appreciation was sent.
- IX. Agency Input:** There was no agency input.
- X. Public Input:** There was no public input.
- XI. Adjournment:** Chairperson, Keri Harris (At-Large Public) declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.
- XII. Future Meetings:**
- a. KWA – October 6, 2021 - Virtual
 - b. Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas – November 17-18th
 - c. KWA – December 1, 2021 – TBD
 - d. KWA – January 26-27, 2022 – Topeka, KS

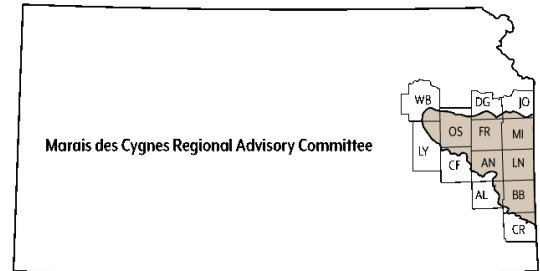


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Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting *January 20, 9 a.m. by webinar*

The Kansas Water Office's Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will have a meeting to discuss current water issues affecting the region as well as the state.

The virtual meeting will be Thursday, January 20 at 9 a.m. The main agenda item is the upcoming Kansas Water Authority meeting and 2022 year preview.

The agenda, webinar information and meeting materials will be available at www.kwo.ks.gov or you may request copies by calling (785) 296-3185 or toll-free at (888) KAN-WATER (526-9283).

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