



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00am

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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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	No
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Shane Gibbs	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	No
Lori Kuykendall	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2023	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2023	Yes
Michael Mix	Fort Scott, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	No
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	No
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2021	No
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Terry Medley	KDA-DWR
Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Katie Basiotis	KDHE
Lauren Koons	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Keri Harris. Keri took roll call. Keri thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reviewed virtual meeting etiquette. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) announced she will be stepping down as the MdC RAC planner and introduced Angela Anderson as the new planner for the RAC.
- Agenda:** A motion was made by Paul Ling (WAD) and seconded by Lori Kuykendall (WRAPS) to amend the MdC RAC agenda to add in the [KRPI](#) as a discussion item. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Review of January Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the January meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.

Membership: Keri Harris, Chair, Ottawa, KS; Lyle Wobker, Vice-Chair, Paola, KS; Gary Armentrout, Centerville, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Shane Gibbs, Ottawa, KS; Lori Kuykendall, Lyndon, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Michael Mix, Fort Scott, KS; Mike Mabrey, Edgerton, KS; Gayla Speer, Wellsville, KS; Don Stottlemire, Rantoul, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
KWO Planner: Angela Anderson, 785-296-3185; angela.anderson@kwo.ks.gov

4. **RAC Membership: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported that Shane Gibbs no longer works for the City of Ottawa and therefore can no longer fill the PWS 2 category. This membership issue will be brought before the KWA RAC Operations Committee to discuss removal of Shane Gibbs from the MdC RAC. If anyone has a candidate that would be eligible to fill this category please ask them to apply or contact Bobbi or Angela. They can find the [RAC application](#) on the [RAC page](#) of the KWO website.
5. **Budget Update: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported that with the COVID-19 issue the FY2021 budget recommendations are being reviewed and may change from the original recommendations, possibly resulting in less funding than expected. There will be a KWA Budget Committee meeting in June before the June KWA meeting. After that, RACs will have their meeting to discuss FY2022 budget and make recommendations. These meetings would be best to be held in July. Bobbi also reviewed the budget and goal information sent out previously to RAC members. She then reported there may be a budget webinar towards the end of June if information is available.
6. **Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative (KRPI):** Keri Harris (Chair & At Large Public) discussed the meeting that was held on May 18th concerning the KRPI. Keri reported that meeting was held to decide, if there was funding available, and the MdC region was included as an additional region within the program, which federal reservoir, Hillsdale or Pomona would be best suited for the KRPI. The RAC discussed possible reasons why each reservoir could be involved in the program, including WAD storage, upland development, contracted Water Marketing storage, etc. Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) reported that additional discussion with the RAC, KDHE, KDA-DOC, and KWO will occur in reference to the MdC region and the KRPI.
7. **RAC Goals and Action Plan Discussion:** The RAC discussed the Goals and Action Plans for the Region. The RAC revised the Goals and Action Plans. These revisions will be sent out to the RAC members, via email, to review. Additional discussion and possible adoption will occur at the June meeting. The RAC also discussed a suggested new goal from Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment 2) referencing the plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells within the Region. The RAC decided not to include the suggestion in this revision, but will discuss the issue further at future RAC meetings.
A motion was made by Lori Kuykendall (WRAPS) and seconded by Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) to table the discussion concerning the revision of the Goals and Action Plans until the RACs next meeting in order for the current revisions to be sent out to the RAC members, via email, so all have time to review. The revisions will be brought forth and discussed at the next RAC meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.
8. **Questions and Future Issues from Members: None at this time**
9. **Agency and Public Input:**
Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR) reported that the KDA-DWR had been on administrative leave for 2 weeks previously due to the COVID-19 issue and that most staff were now currently teleworking. Katie noted that the Field Offices were being staffed by the Water Commissioners. She also reported that they are not doing any in-person meetings or inspections. Katie then reported that the KRWA is assisting them by picking up scanned water right files and delivering them to the appropriate municipality. She also mentioned that the Topeka Field Office's move was interrupted when they had to go on administrative leave, but the new location will be up and running once restrictions are lifted.

Katie Basiotis (KDHE) reported that the KDHE had been on administrative leave for 2 weeks previously due to the COVID-19 issue and that most staff were now currently teleworking. Katie noted that the WRAPS program is continuing even though it has been difficult without the ability to meet with landowners in-person.

Angela Anderson (KWO) introduced herself to the RAC as their new Planner.

10. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority Meeting: May 20, 2020 1:00pm (GoTo Meeting and Conference Call)
- b. MdC RAC: Date: June 2020. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine the best day and time to meet. The June meeting will be virtual.
- c. MdC RAC: Date: July, 2020 A Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine the best day and time to meet. Most likely this will be a virtual meeting, but if not the RAC will meet at Johnson County Water District No. 7 in Gardner.