



# Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 a.m., October 3, 2017

Whistle Stop Café

901 6th Street

Osawatomie, Kansas 66064

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2019	Yes
Keri Harris (Vice-Chair)	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2021	Yes
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply	2021	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Paul Ling & Stewart Kasper	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Dan Riney	Ottawa, KS		2019	No
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	2021	Yes
Allan Soetaert & Jerry Bennett	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2021	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2021	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Kara Niemeir	Marmaton WRAPS
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Don George	KDWP&T
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
George Pretz	City of Osawatomie
Lynn Wobker	KWA
Polly Shteamer	Public
Mandy Shoemaker	Pomona CD
Lesley Rigney	Hillsdale WRAPS & MiCo CD
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.

2. **Review of June Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the June meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

3&4. **WRAPS and Conservation District (CD) Update:** Travis Sieve (KDHE) gave an update and overview of the WRAPS program.

The following WRAPS Coordinators and Conservation District Managers gave reviews and updates on their WRAPS and CD goals, programs, and projects.

**Membership:** Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speers, Wellsville, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS  
**KWO Planner:** Bobbi Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; [bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov)

- Lesley Rigney (Hillsdale WRAPS & Miami County CD)
- Kara Niemeir (Marmaton WRAPS)
- Lori Kuykendall (RAC Chair, Pomona WRAPS, & Osage Co CD)
- Gayle Speer (Agriculture & JOCO CD)
- Keri Harris (Vice-Chair & Franklin Co CD)
- Mandy Shoemaker (Bourbon Co CD)

Goal alignment and funding between RACs, WRAPS, and CDs were discussed.

Lori Kuykendall (Chair) explained that the WRAPS groups and CDs are being brought together today to discuss how funds can be allocated to put RAC plans into action while accomplishing CD and WRAPS goals. Funding and staff are limited and need to be utilized efficiently to reduce sedimentation and secure water supply. It was mentioned that KDWP&T needs to be coordinated with as well to properly manage lands and to leverage staff. Lori stated that at the last KWA meeting it was mentioned that WRAPS, CD, and RAC do work together to efficiently accomplish projects, to reduce redundancy and not reinventing processes.

As part of this discussion the RAC decided that creating a unified message would be beneficial. The RAC would like the message to incorporate the work and coordination that is being done, as well as the need to fund the KWP, in order to accomplish the region's goals and implement the RACs plans.

Allan Soetaert (PWS) made a motion to have the KWO draft a position statement to be presented to elected officials, and others that would benefit from this, that states the unified message from the RAC, WRAPS, and CDs. The motion was seconded by Gary Armentrout (PWS). There was no discussion.

- 5. RAC Drought Workshop:** Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) reported that the Joint RAC Drought Workshop was held on September 1, 2017 at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center. Bobbi reported that HydroLogics and KWO hosted the Workshop with sponsorship from Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant and KRWA. Bobbi stated that the MEKRO model was used to run drought scenarios to show how the model can be used for water planning and to reach RAC goals. RAC members participated by region to look at region specific scenarios and options to test model capabilities. The workshop had 32 individuals attend, 3 states, and 3 RACs were represented. Those in attendance from the RACs gave a report and feedback on the Workshop.
- 6. Legislative, Funding, and Water Resource Updates:** Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) reported that the Water Interim Committee will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am and November 12<sup>th</sup>. The KWO and others have been asked to testify. This Committee is chaired by Rep. Tom Sloan. Others on the Committee are Rep. Doug Blex, Rep. Victors, Rep. Rahjes, Senator Kerschen, Senator Francisco, Senator Estes. There were no additional updates for Funding or Vision.
- 7. RAC Membership:** Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) reported that the KWA approved all new nominations and term extensions to 2021.
- 8. State of the Resource:** Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) discussed the SOTR document drafted by the KWO. Bobbi asked for feedback on what the RAC would like to see in the document and what would be useful to have in order for the RAC to talk to others in the public. It was stated that information on drought and T&E species should be included in the document. Bobbi then stated that the RAC would be hosting a SOTR meeting. It was up to the RAC to determine how they would like to put on this meeting. The RAC determined to host the following event:

State of the Resource Meeting to be held on December 6, 2017 at 11am. The event will be held at the Paola Town Square. The day will begin with presentations from RAC members and state and/or federal agency staff on various water supply and quality issues, including drought, WRAPS, CDs, and RAC coordination, and PWS use. Lunch will be served after the presentations. There will be socialization time after the event. Local and state elected officials will be invited, along with others interested in water resource issues within the Mdc Region. The event will be sponsored by the Hillsdale Area Water Cooperative (HAWC).

9. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** None at this time.

10. **Agency and Public Input:**

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): reported that the KCC continues to plug wells in the region. During plugging of wells in Garnett they discovered wells that were once capped, but not plugged. These wells had to be plugged because the wells can still contaminate water supplies.

Don George (KDWP&T): reported that the KDWP&T is working on populating fresh water mussels that are threatened or endangered in order to reintroduce them into the waterways. This is not widely done and is a trial project. This project is funded by KDWP&T.

11. **Future Meetings:**

- a. Kansas Water Authority: October 10<sup>th</sup> in McPherson, KS (Conference Call)
- b. Governor's Conference: November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan, KS
- c. State of the Resource Meeting: December 6, 2017
- d. Mdc RAC: Spring Meeting TBD