



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00pm

January 7, 2020

Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes

1 South Main St

Board Room

Fort Scott, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Keri Harris (Chair)	Ottawa, KS	At Large Public	2021	Yes
Lyle Wobker (Vice-Chair)	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2023	Yes
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply	2021	No
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Shane Gibbs	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	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	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	2021	Yes
Don Stottlemire	Rantoul, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2021	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Don George	KDWPT
Lynn Wobker	Pottawatomie Creek Watershed District
James Cubit	Pottawatomie Creek Watershed District
Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Terry Medley	KDA-DWR
Taylor Herman	KCC
Polly Schteamer	Public
Dave Murphy	Public
Katie Basiotis	KDHE
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Keri Harris. All present provided self-introductions. Keri thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Michael Mix and the City of Fort Scott for hosting the RAC at the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes. Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) announced later in the year she will be stepping down as the MdC RAC planner and a new planner will take over.
- Review of June Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the June 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; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speer, Wellsville, KS; Don Stottlemire, Rantoul, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
KWO Planner: Bobbi Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov

3. **KWA December Meeting Report: Keri Harris (Chair & At Large Public)** reported on the December KWA Meeting held in Salina. Keri reported on the items that were discussed at the meeting including Equus Bed Chloride Plume Project, the Performance-Based Budget Task Force, and the RAC Messages and Membership.
4. **Conservation District Annual Meeting Update: Keri Harris (Chair & At Large Public)** reported that the Excel Spreadsheet that was sent out to RAC members gave the list of the dates and locations of all Conservation District Annual Meetings that were being held in 2020. Keri stated that if anyone could attend the meetings it would be beneficial for both the Conservation Districts and the RACs. If anyone attends or present at the meetings please let Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) know so she can record the meetings attended and pass that information onto KDA-DOC.
5. **RAC Goals and Action Plan Discussion: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** discussed the plan for the upcoming year as it pertained to the KWP. Bobbi reported that the KWO would be updating the KWP this year and revision of goals and actions would be incorporated into this revision. The spring RAC meeting will include discussion of goal and action plan changes.
6. **Review of Budget Process for 2020: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported on what was discussed at the KWA meeting in reference to the Performance-Based Budget Task Force. Bobbi noted the purpose and goals of the task force. She then went over how the budget process and recommendations would be managed through the RAC process. Bobbi stated that at the spring RAC meeting a review of the budget, including revenue, expenditures, and definition of line items would be conducted. She then reported that the June RAC meeting would be the time for RAC budget recommendations.
7. **Legislative Visits Overview: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported that on January 28th the KWO will be conducting Legislative visits at the Capitol. KWA members and RAC Chairs will be invited to participate in the visits, along with additional RAC members if needed. On January 22nd at 2pm there will be a webinar to discuss the Legislative Visits logistics.
8. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**

Scott Yeargin (Conservation/Environment): reported on the issues with abandoned wells in Franklin and Miami Counties and the possibility of a bill introduction to address these. The bill would propose a new definition of abandoned wells. Scott will be talking to legislators on January 10th to discuss this issue. He also mentioned a hearing that will be conducting in Wichita in February.

9. **Agency and Public Input:**

Don George (KDWPT): gave a presentation on [ANS](#).

Terry Medley (KDA DWR): reported that the Topeka Field Office is relocating to Winding Road behind Sports Academy in Topeka. They are currently at Forbes Field in Topeka. The move should be completed by March 16th. He also reported that Chief Engineer, David Barfield is retiring in March and that the Dam Safety Conference is March 11th at Washburn University in Topeka.

Terry also noted that the 2019 WUR have gone out and are due on March 1st. Reports can be done online for free or by paper for a \$20 fee.

Dave Jones (KDA-DOC): reported that the DOC has been working with KDHE and the WRAPS programs to distribute funds to assist producers.

10. Future Meetings:

Legislative Visits Webinar: January 22nd at 2pm

Kansas Water Authority: January 28th (Legislative Visits) and 29th (KWA Meeting) Topeka, KS

MdC RAC: The next meeting will be held in late March or early April. A doodle poll will be sent out to pick the best date.