



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Johnson County

Water District No. 7 Office

534 W. Main

Gardner, Kansas 66030

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2019	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	No
Vacant		Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Gayla Speers	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	No
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	No
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA-DWR
Katie Burke	KDA-DOC
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Herschel George	KSU
Cara Hendricks	KWO
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. Gayla Speers was welcomed as the newest appointee to the MdC RAC.
2. **Review of October Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the October meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
3. **Regional Advisory Committee**
 - a. Past
 - i. **Goal Drafting Process:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) opened up the discussion to receive feedback on how the RAC thought the goal and plan drafting process was conducted. Bobbi asked for feedback from the RAC about the effectiveness of the plan creation process the RAC went through and what could have been done differently.

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; 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

During the discussion, the RAC mentioned that other RAC Plans are very specific, while the MdC RAC is more general. It was also noted that the MdC RAC plan included funding language. The RAC discussed their concern about funding not being secured at this time to fund Plan implementation. They noted that funds need to be dedicated and that current funds need to be kept/maintained as they are now.

The need to know the load reductions for the Region was mentioned as it relates to the 10% reduction mentioned in the RAC's goals. Travis Sieve (KDHE) and Katie Burke (KDA-DOC) discussed this was information they could provide by looking at WRAPS Plans and the new load reduction mapping project that was beginning in 2017. This information may be available by the next RAC meeting in in the spring.

Implementation of the RAC's plans were discussed. In looking ahead (at the Plan) the RAC will work with WRAPS groups, the Conservation Districts, Sierra Club, HAWC, etc. The RAC will be proactive and engage these groups. To do this, a talking points information sheet will be created to show these groups what the RAC is doing now, planning to do in the future, and how those groups can help support the RAC's effort.

b. Present

- i. Update of items requested: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed information needed to be provided on the PWS systems within the Region. Items discussed were location, storage amount, sediment load reduction, and possible water shortages by location.

c. Future

- i. RAC Plans: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed implementation of RAC plans and that prioritization will be needed. Bobbi also noted that the Plans will be incorporated into State Water Plan.
 - ii. Membership: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided information on upcoming RAC membership issues, including membership expiration dates, chair changes, and the need for vice-chairs. The RAC then discussed that Gayla Speer would fill George Pretz's position, as he wishes to step down from the RAC.
Also noted by the RAC, is that there is still a vacant position on the RAC to be filled. Attempts have been made to recruit members, but with no success. Additional recruitment will continue.
 - iii. Spring Meeting: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) discussed that the RAC would most likely need to have a meeting in March or April to discuss the state of the Region, plan implementation, and vision updates. At the Spring meeting the drought simulation model and load reduction mapping may be presented if completed by this time.
4. **Vision Video: Discussion:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that Jim Whitt (video's creator) discussed the idea of showing the video that was presented at the Governor's Conference about the Vision to the RACs. She noted that some edits needed to be completed before it was ready to be shown. Bobbi asked for the RAC's feedback on this. The RAC would like to be notified when the video was edited and they would discuss then, when, where, and how they would like to view the video.
5. **Vision Update:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update on the Vision process and what was to be expected in the near future. Bobbi reported that the Phase II Action items are 50% underway and the KWO will be holding public hearings in early 2017 to complete the process and incorporate the Vision and Education supplement into the State Water Plan. She also reported that the BRTF is in the process of finalizing their report to be delivered to

the Governor. If it is approved by all, then the KWO will be presenting it to the KWA at their December 15, 2017 meeting in Wichita. Bobbi noted that at this time it is unclear whether the KWA will take any formal action on it, however, it is not necessary for them to do so as it will go to the Governor, from the BRTF, regardless. Once the report has been signed and delivered to the Governor, the KWO will post it on their website.

6. Drought Tournament and Model: Keri Harris (At-Large Public) and Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) provided an overview of the Drought Tournament that was conducted on December 1st in Emporia. Cara Hendricks (KWO) discussed the ability to conduct model runs to provide information for plan implementation and as a way to prioritize goals and plans. Cara stated she will create a write-up of the options, etc. that could be simulated and listed in the RACs plans. She will then take feedback and possible option inputs from the RACs. Cara also noted that it would be best to incorporate input from other entities involved in water supply planning.

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

8. Agency and Public Input:

Katie Tietsort (KDA): reported that the 2016 WURs were printed on December 13th and will be going out to water right holders after January 1st. Katie then reported that it is very important to note that if a water right holder does not file their WUR by March 1st then a \$250 fee will be assessed. If the WUR is not filed by June 1st then a \$1,000 fee will be assessed.

Katie Burke: (KDA-DOC): reported that the KDA and KWO are working on a mapping project for load reduction by HUC 12. Sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus can be mapped along with associated cost to show efficiency. The timeframe of the data used for the mapping project is 2004-2015.

Herschel George (KSU): reported that he is working with the Hillsdale WRAPS to initiate and complete projects. Marmaton is completing a number of very good projects, mostly dealing with livestock. Three are schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

9. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: December 15, 2016: iSi Environmental, 215 S. Laura Street, Wichita, KS
- b. Kansas Water Authority (and legislative visits): January 24-25, 2017: Topeka, KS
- c. MdC RAC: TBD after January KWA Meeting (Spring)