



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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February 19, 2019
 Fort Scott Community College
 Ellis Family Fine Arts Center
 2108 Horton St.
 Fort Scott, KS 66701
 10:00am

Members in Attendance:

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

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Lesley Rigney	MICoCD/Hillsdale WRAPS
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Mandy Shoemaker	BBCoCD
Dustin Sneed	DOC Tech BBCo
Chris Shultz	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Vice-Chairperson, Keri Harris. All present provided self-introductions. Keri thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Ronnie Brown for securing the meeting location.
- Review of October Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the October meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Agenda Amendments:** A motion was made by Gary Armentrout to amend the agenda to include a presentation by Chris Shultz (KWO) and move the presentation by Travis Sieve (KDHE) to No. 3 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lyle Wobker. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Keri Harris, Vice-Chair, Ottawa, KS; Gary Armentrout, Centerville, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Dan Riney, Ottawa, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, KS; Gayla Speer, Wellsville, KS; Larry Walrod, La Cygne, KS; Lyle Wobker, Paola, KS; Scott Yeargain, Ottawa, KS
KWO Planner: Bobbi Lutjohann, 785-296-3185; bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov

- 4. WRAPS Program Changes: Travis Sieve (KDHE):** reported that the WRAPS Program has undergone changes. Travis gave a history of the WRAPS Program and how EPA is involved, and how changes within the EPA have affected the WRAPS Program. Due to funding, all WRAPS projects could not be funded through the current program to promote adequate delistings. Therefore, the 34 total WRAPS projects were divided into two programs. Fifteen of these will be under the Active Implementation Program and will be funded through grants from KDHE and EPA. The remaining 19 will be placed in the Partnership Program. The Partnership Program will be managed by a sponsoring organization. KACD will be the sponsor of the grants for the partnership program. KACD will receive funds and the CDs will implement funds on the ground for projects. Applications will go through the CSIMS program that the CDs are currently using. KDHE continues to build strategic plans to compliment the already completed 9 Element plans for the Active Implementation Program to implement practices to promote delistings. Hillsdale WRAPS will remain in the Active Implementation Program. Melvern, Pomona, Middle MdC, and Marmaton WRAPS will be sponsored through KACD.
The Active Implementation Program will be based on the efficiency of practices to remove phosphorus. The program will still focus on target areas and the grants will be awarded on an annual basis.
More information on the WRAPS Program and contact information can be found here:
<http://www.kdheks.gov/nps/wraps/>
- 5. Lake Levels Animation: Chris Shultz (KWO)** gave a presentation on the Lake Level Animation Program that he has built. The program shows how a reservoir's storage is reduced during the historical drought of record, as well as other years that can be programmed in. Chris presented 2018 data to show how the storage changed and then compared those animations to 2012, which was a drier year, and to the historical drought of record. The animations will be on the KWO website in the future. Chris asked for the feedback from the RAC. The RAC suggested that showing a breakdown of the different pools within the reservoirs would be helpful. The RAC also discussed the demand increases used in the program, as well as storage lost due to sedimentation.
- 6. KWA December Meeting Report: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that at the December KWA meeting in Wichita several items were discussed including RAC membership and training, Kansas Reservoir Protection Initiative, Water Technology Farms, Water Injection Dredging (WID), HABs, the Annual Report, and the 2019 Surplus Water Report.
- 7. KWA January Meeting and Legislative Visits Report: Keri Harris* (Vice-Chair & At-Large Public), Dan Riney (PWS), and Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that on January 30th 27 KWA and RAC members conducted 69 legislative visits at the Capitol. The following day the KWA had their meeting in Topeka, at which Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers spoke at the meeting. Other topics covered were sorghum research, PWS Committee and Bathymetry Program updates and an update from KDWP&T.
*Keri read a report provided by Lori Kuykendall (Chair & WRAPS).
- 8. WRAPS, Conservation Districts, and RAC Field Day: Keri Harris (Vice-Chair & At-Large Public)** gave an update of the Soil Health Field Day the RAC is planning. Keri stated that the Field Day will be held on March 20th and will focus on soil health. The exact location is still being determined. Speakers for that day will be Candy Thomas (KS/NE Regional Soil Health Specialist) and Doug Petersen (IA/MO Regional Soil Health Specialist). Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment) offered to talk with the Sierra Club to see if they would fund the meal for the Field Day.
- 9. Legislative Update: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that not much has gone on in this legislative session so far. Bobbi did provide a schedule of the legislative calendar and important dates. Bobbi reported that HB 2185

and HB 2188 are under consideration. The KWO does not have much input on these bills at this time. She then reported that SAKW has proposed draft legislation to the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee concerning tax exemptions for donated easements. Bobbi noted information about bills and the Kansas legislators can be found at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Gary Armentrout (PWS): reported on SB 169, which will increase Operator Fees.

Keri Harris (Vice-Chair & At-Large Public): reported on HB 2219, which would require open meetings to be electronically recorded and to have those recordings available to the public within 24 hours.

Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment): reported on the possible closing down of wind farms issue. He reported that hearings have been held.

10. RAC Membership, Chairmanship, and Expiring Terms: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): reported that in 2019 five members of the RAC will have terms expiring. Bobbi provided a list of the members and when their term expires, along with the timeline for the RAC membership drive. Bobbi also discussed the application process. She stated all members wishing to reapply for their position will need to turn in an application no later than May 31, 2019. The application can be found on the KWO website here: https://kwo.ks.gov/docs/default-source/regional-advisory-committees/rac-membership/application_rac_060915.pdf?sfvrsn=56f28414

11. RAC Member Trainings: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): reported that session board leadership training series was offered through the K-State Research and Extension. While most dates have passed, there were still two left in February, one on the 19th and one on the 26th. However, the KWO is planning on doing RAC member training in the fall once new members are appointed. Format for this has not been completely laid out at this time. There will be more to come on the training once time gets closer.

12. Goal Revisions: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) reported that in 2019 the RACs and the KWO will look at the goals and action plans set forth for each Region and determine if these need to be changed. Bobbi asked for the RACs thoughts on this.

13. Future RAC Meetings Planning: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO): reported that as 2019 continues the RAC meetings will be planned to coincide with certain issues. The next meeting is planned to be in June to address budget. If the budget is not completed at that time, a July RAC meeting will be held to give recommendations to the KWA about the budget. The fall RAC meeting will be held once the KWA has appointed new members and approved a budget. This meeting will focus on new member training.

14. Questions and Future Issues from Members:

Keri Harris (Vice-Chair & At-Large Public): reported on the CD Annual Meeting attendance. Keri stated that the RAC and CD connection is extremely important and having RAC members attend the CDs Annual Meetings allows these groups to work more effectively together.

Scott Yeargin (Conservation/Environment): discussed legislation and the continuation of funding for the abandoned well program. He noted that the MdC Region is heavily involved in this program.

15. Agency and Public Input:

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): stated that the KCC is still plugging wells, however the program now only has one person to manage the program, when there used to be three. The KCC is making changes, but the program is still planning to continue. There have been applications still coming in requesting well plugging. Frank stated some



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wells cannot be plugged because it is the operators' responsibility by law since they have a lease on it. It was asked if KCC can go after the bonding for liability.

16. Future Meetings:

Kansas Water Authority: April 18, 2019 Abilene, KS

Tentative Kansas Water Authority Meeting: July 30-31st in Goodland, KS

MdC RAC: The next meeting will be held in June. A doodle poll will be sent out to pick the best date.