



# Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 14, 2016

USDA Service Center

343 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Ottawa, KS

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### 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
Frank Grosshart	Pleasanton, KS	Agriculture	2017	Yes
Keri Harris	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2017	Yes
Paul Ling	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	No
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
George Pretz	Miami County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2017	Yes
Allan Soetaert	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2017	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	Yes

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Julie Coleman	KDHE
Nathan Law	MdC PUA
Fran Bennett	Public
Brett Bunger	KDA/DWR
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Lori thanked Keri Harris (At-Large Public) for supplying the meeting room and hosting the RAC. Lori and Keri noted that the documentary “When the Well Runs Dry” would be shown after the meeting.
- Review of December Meeting Notes:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair) corrected the December meeting notes to reflect that Mike Gilliland was at the December meeting.
- KWA discussion:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reviewed what was discussed at the December KWA meeting in Ellsworth. Lori noted that she explained the regional goals, including their importance and implementation, as well as answered questions from the KWA.

**Membership:** Wes Sherman Cole, Chair, Osawatomie, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, KS; Lori Kuykendall, Lyndon, KS; Paul Ling, Kansas City, KS; Richard Nienstedt, Ottawa, KS; George Pretz, Manhattan, KS; Allan Soetaert, Gardner, 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)

**Priority Goals:** The RAC discussed the MdC Regional Goals (found here [http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS\\_RAC\\_August2015.pdf](http://www.kwo.org/RACs/GOALS_RAC_August2015.pdf)) that had been set previously by the Regional Goal Leadership Teams. As part of the discussion and review of the goals implementation strategies were developed.

- a. Engage RCPP Program (KFS) to build riparian buffers above Pomona and Hillsdale.
- b. Engage WRAPS groups and create an umbrella goal with the 5 WRAPS groups in the MdC. Hold a meeting with the 5 WRAPS groups and include Conservation District, Extension Agents, Municipalities, KDHE, USACE, KACEE, and KSU.
- c. KWO was directed to create model run incorporating a MPSL in or near Miami County.
- d. KWO was directed to create a model run to look at supply and demand in the Region, incorporating calling all available storage into the service.
- e. KWO was directed to look at adaptable lake levels and to create scenarios to adjust plans to increase water supply storage availability.
- f. KWO was directed to provide a flow chart diagram of how constructing a reservoir is accomplished, as well as current mitigation guidelines.
- g. KWO was directed to look at the cost benefit ratio of reduction in sediment through BMPs, streambank stabilization, and dredging possibilities to increase water supply storage.
- h. KWO was directed to begin work USACE to determine the possibility of initiating a PAS study to look at purchasing storage and/or reallocating storage for Melvern and Pomona.
- i. Create awareness of the RAC and their activities, as well as provide education by engaging the following groups:
  1. WRAPS groups
  2. Municipalities
  3. Extension Agents
  4. KACEE
  5. Conservation Districts

## Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

5. **Review and Public Comment on Regulations:** Kansas Department of Agriculture: Katie Tietsort (DWR-KDA) and Brett Bunger (DWR-KDA) gave an update on the regulation changes that were previously proposed by KDA that had been presented at the previous meeting in reference to over-pumping, meter sealing, and water use reporting.
8. **Future Meetings:**
  - a. Kansas Water Authority: January 27th and 28th in Topeka, KS
  - b. Blue Ribbon Task Force Meeting: January 29th in Topeka
  - c. Vision Education and Outreach Coordination Team Meeting: March 10th in Manhattan, KS
  - d. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out). Late April. Neosho County Community College.