



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2016

Santa Fe Depot
504 Market Street
Osage City, 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 | No |
| Keri Harris | Ottawa, KS | At-Large Public | 2017 | No |
| Paul Ling | Kansas City, KS | Water Assurance District | 2019 | Yes |
| Richard Nienstedt | Ottawa, KS | Public Water Supply | 2019 | Yes |
| George Pretz | Miami County, KS | Agriculture (cc) | 2017 | No |
| Allan Soetaert | Gardner, KS | Public Water Supply (cc) | 2019 | 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 |
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| Doug Schemm | KDA/DWR |
| Frank Guilfoyle | KCC |
| Clifford Thornton | NRCS |
| Poly Shteamer | Public |
| Cara Hendricks | KWO |
| Nathan Westrup | KWO |
| Ginger Harper | KWO |
| Bobbi Luttjohann | KWO |

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of May Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- Priority Goals:**
 - May 18th and 19th KWA Meeting: Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reported that she had presented on the RACs goals, plans, and request for additional information to the KWA. Lori noted that the feedback the KWA did not involve a lot of questions. Lori stated she gave the KWA an overview of the WRAPS groups in the MdC. She also mentioned that she noticed all the RACs were at different points in their draft planning, as each RAC and their goals are different.

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Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that the feedback the KWA offered was very positive on the work the RAC had done and the plan they were working towards. The KWA appreciated the fact that the RAC had looked at work that had already been completed and that the RAC was asking for additional information to become better informed to write the most appropriate and useful implementation plan.

b. June Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Meeting Update: Ginger Harper (KWO) reported that the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) meeting was held June 16th in Topeka. The draft proposal for funding was sent to the RAC prior to the meeting. The link can be found here: http://www.kwo.org/Vision/BRTF/tbl_revenue_options_052616_BRFTF_Edits_06162016.pdf

Ginger reported that the points to highlight about the BRTF meeting and the draft proposal are that:

- i. No organization represented on the Task Force has taken action to endorse this proposal.
- ii. The next meeting will be held August 4, 2016, in Manhattan, KS. Time and specific location TBD.
- iii. At the next meeting, more work will be done on the funding ideas put forth in this proposal.
- iv. Please contact the Kansas Water Office if you have any questions about this draft funding proposal.

The RAC discussed the budget presented and how that would be implemented into the Vision.

c. Review Information Requested for Priority Goals:

Nathan Westrup (KWO) and Cara Hendricks (KWO) presented a review of information items to assist the RAC in understanding water supply and demand and sedimentation reduction practices in the MdC Region. Items concerning supply and demand, reservoir operations, BMPs, etc. were discussed. Links to information presented will be sent out to the RAC.

After hearing all information presented drafts plans were discussed for the goals. The RAC decided it would be best to draft plans via email and come back in July to finalize plans and vote to approve them. The RAC thought the best approach was to use the draft plan previously created from the May RAC meeting, as presented to the KWA, as the plan they use with additional wording to encompass their second goal.

4. John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update: Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update of the John Redmond Reservoir Dredging Update.

5. Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies:

Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) noted that there are many complaints about the streambanks and the high water levels. Wes also commented on the funds used to implement Vision Goal Plans need to be new funds so we don't take funding from other programs.

Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment) reported that RCPP grant was granted to help streambank work. Ron then mentioned that when BAC reorganized to the RAC the conservation districts were not fully included. Ron stated that we should emphasize that conservation districts and NRCS will help implement goals. There is a conservation district in every county or are joined with another county, so therefore a delivery system is in place.

Lori Kuykendall (Chair & WRAPS) stated that the conservation districts need to involve themselves in the RACs and take a proactive step to join in the process.

Scott Yeargin (Conservation/Environment) commented that the conservation districts have done a great job with involvement.

6. Agency and Public Input:

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Frank Guilfoyle (KCC) reported that the KCC has finished up 2 projects in Linn County and 3 in Allen County and have begun 1 project in Anderson and Miami Counties. Frank commented that many wells are hard to see and detect. This makes locating them for plugging a difficulty.

7. Future Meetings:

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 31st and September 1st: Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2650 US-50, Emporia, KS
- b. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out) but will occur between July 26th -28th. It was suggested the meeting to be at Melvern Lake. Bobbi will contact Jim Franz for availability.