



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 p.m., June 5, 2018

City Hall

Study Session Room

101 S. Hickory Street

Ottawa, KS

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Lori Kuykendall (Chair)	Lyndon, KS	WRAPS	2019	Yes
Keri Harris (Vice-Chair)	Ottawa, KS	At-Large Public	2021	Yes
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply	2021	No
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
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	Yes
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	2021	Yes
Larry Walrod	La Cygne, KS	Planning and Zoning	2021	Yes
Lyle Wobker	Paola, KS	Agriculture	2019	No
Scott Yeargain	Ottawa, KS	Conservation/Environment	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Marvin Boyer	USACE
Lloyd Hemphill	KDA/DWR
Madelyn Starrett	City of Ottawa Intern
Chuck Finley	JOCO WD #7
David Buehler	City of Ottawa
Richard Rockel	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:05p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions. Lori thanked Dan Riney and the City of Ottawa for hosting the meeting.
- Review of February Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the February meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Melvern Lake Water Quality Overview and Ultrasonic Algae Remediation:** Marvin Boyer (KCD Lake WQ Program Coordinator – USACE) provided an overview of the Ultrasonic Algae Remediation that is ongoing at Melvern Lake. He discussed HABs, nutrient interactions, and the impacts these have on projects, recreation, maintenance, etc. Mr. Boyer also discussed sampling procedures.

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 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

4. **City of Ottawa Education and Outreach:** Dan Riney (PWS) provided an overview of the education and outreach that the City of Ottawa participates in, including the Work in Water 9-week Program that was previously funded by the EPA. Dan introduced the City's latest intern, Madelyn Starrett. She is the high school student that will participate in the Work in Water Internship Program for the summer.
5. **50-Year Vision-Education Update – Walz Tietrick Brand Identity Campaign:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) provided an update on the Education portion of the Vision. Bobbi provided the PowerPoint that was presented at the KWA meeting in Lenexa showcasing the brand management that Walz Tietrick is conducting and will be unveiling soon.
6. **WRAPS, Conservation District, and RAC Field Days:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair & WRAPS) provided an update on planned field days and possible funding sources. Lori discussed when the field days should be held based on what type of audience they want to attend the field day and if they want to show cover crops in the field or not. The RAC discussed what the best possible options would be. The RAC thought it would be best if they didn't hold their own field day, but instead joined in with the Region's WRAPS groups and CDs and help host a field day that is already scheduled. Gayla Speer (Agriculture) stated she will bring this up at the next Hillsdale WRAPS meeting. The RAC would like to create handouts from and about the RAC to handout at the field days. Lori (Chair & WRAPS) and Gayla (Agriculture) stated they will talk to the KDA-DOC about acquiring education funds to help assist in funding this initiative.
7. **Small PWS Lakes Evaluation Update:** Richard Rockel (KWO) provided an update of the work that has been done on the Small PWS Lakes Evaluation, including population projections, sources of PWS, water use, and cross connections. Richard asked the RAC for any input or feedback they had on population data, lakes and sources included, and the assessment process. He stated the assessment should be completed by the end of the year. The RAC asked if the water stored in the PWS lakes meets the 10% referred to in the goals. Richard will evaluate this to see what the percentage is.
8. **Budget Updates:** Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that at the last KWA meeting it was discussed that the RACs will now be a part of the budget review process. Once the KWA Budget Committee has provided its recommendations, the RACs will review these recommendations and provide feedback. This feedback will be discussed at a July RAC meeting via conference call. Follow-up for scheduling the July RAC meeting will be provided as soon as the KWA Budget Committee has met and reviewed the budget. The RAC asked that the budget review include the KWO's operation costs.
9. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** None at this time.
10. **Agency and Public Input:**

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC) was not able to attend the meeting but sent in the following report to be relayed to the RAC: The KCC has wells scheduled to be plugged in the counties of Allen, Anderson, Linn, and Miami.
11. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 22, 2018, Manhattan, KS
 - b. MdC RAC: The next meeting (conference call) will be held in July once the Budget Committee finalizes recommendations. A doodle poll will be sent out to pick the best date.