



Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016
 Neosho County Community College
 900 East Logan Street, Ottawa, KS 66067

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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	No
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Mike Gilliland	Osage City, KS	At-Large Public (cc)	2019	Yes
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	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
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
Travis Sieve	KDHE
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Chris Beightel	KDA/DWR
Helen Holm	KDHE
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Jim Franz	USACE - Melvern
Brad Cox	USACE - Pomona
Scott Rice	USACE - Pomona/Melvern
Keena Privat	Lyon/Osage Env Health
Mary Grosshart	Public
Lynn Wobker	KWA
Kara Niemeir	Marmaton WRAPS
Herschel George	KSU
Gayla Speer	JOCO Conv District
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

Membership: Lori Kuykendall, Chair, Lyndon, KS; Ron Brown, Fort Scott, KS; Wes Cole, Osawatomie, KS; Mike Gilliland, Osage City, KS; Frank Grosshart, Pleasanton, KS; Keri Harris, Ottawa, 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



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1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of January Meeting Notes:** The January meeting notes were reviewed and approved.
3. **Priority Goals:**
 - a. **KWA discussion:** Lori Kuykendall (Chair) reviewed what was discussed at the January KWA meeting in Topeka. Lori noted that she explained the regional goals, including their importance and implementation. The KWA did not have any questions at that time.
 - b. **April Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) Meeting Update:** Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) provided an update of the April 19th BRTF public meeting held in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Capital Building. No recommendations have come from the BRTF at this time. They will most likely provided feedback at their June 16, 2016 meeting.
 - c. **Action Goals for Priority Goals:**
 - i. **Regional Goal Implementation Review and Drat Plan:**

The first goal of the MdC Region is: “Reduce cumulative sediment loads entering public water supply impoundments by 10% in the MdC River Basin every 10 years to extend the life of existing infrastructure.”

To meet this goal the WRAPS program was discussed to see how their sedimentation reduction efforts could help the RAC meet this goal. Travis Sieve (KDHE), Kara Niemeir (Marmaton WRAPS), and Lori Kuykendall (MdC RAC Chair & Pomona WRAPS) presented on the WRAPS program in general and Marmaton and Pomona WRAPS specifically. The MdC RAC discussed how the WRAPS program is best utilized to meet the Region’s sedimentation goal. A draft plan using the WRAPS program to reduce sediment was created. The draft plan will include and be presented by Lori (Chair) to the KWA:

A RAC representative will work with each WRAPS group within the MdC Region to assess their 9 Element Plan and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the MdC Regional goal of sedimentation reduction. A RAC representative will also work with each conservation district within the MdC Region to assess their goals and their willingness to work with the RAC to meet the MdC Regional goal of sedimentation. If the goals of the conservation district and the 9 Element Plan of the WRAPS groups align with the RAC sedimentation goal then funding will be sought to leverage funds to meet Regional Goals. These two groups have a system in place to distribute cost share funds and to identify projects that need to be implemented to decrease sedimentation. They also provide educational opportunities for landowners.

In order to fund these efforts, the first plan of action is to not create a new funding source, but instead to ensure current funding sources are funded; we cannot continue to see funds being diverted away from water quality, water quantity and water conservation efforts within the state budget if we truly want to work to reach the goals of the RAC and the Vision. This would also include working to see that the State Water Plan Fund is funded to maximum levels and funds from the State Water Plan are allocated as they were originally intended; this should include pesticide and fertilizer fees being rerouted back into the water plan fund and therefore assisting with funding goal implementation. If these funds are not adequate, then new sources will need to be sought. These sources could include, but are not limited to applying a 1 cent/1000 fee on water used by all beneficial uses not already paying a usage fee and or a 1 to 3 cent per bottle water tax applied to bottled water sold in Kansas.

RAC members will also encourage local support of goal implementation through conservation districts, WRAPS groups, producers, municipalities, etc. This will be done through education and awareness of the RAC.



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Questions and Future Issues from Members or Agencies: None were noted

5. **Review and Public Comment on Regulations:** Chris Beightel (KDA-DWR): Gave a legislative update, including an update on rules and regulations. Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR) specially mentioned that Water Use Report March 1st deadline filing penalty.
8. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: May 18-19th.; Buffalo Bill Cultural Center, 3083 US Hwy 83, Oakley, KS
 - b. MdC RAC: Date TBD (Doodle Poll will be sent out). Meeting may be in late June at Melvern Lake.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45pm