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DATE: September 19, 2017  
TO: Marais des Cygnes RAC Members  
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CC: Marais des Cygnes RAC Advisors  
RE: October 3, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at the Whistle Stop Café, 901 6th Street, Osawatomie, Kansas 66064.** Lunch will be provided after the meeting courtesy of the City of Osawatomie.

The main items of discussion will be the State of the Resource, a review of the RAC Drought Workshop, RAC membership, WRAPS update, and state funding, legislative, and water resource updates.

Enclosed are materials for the October 3, 2017 meeting:

- Agenda
- June Meeting Notes
- Press Release

If you cannot attend, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at (785) 296-3185 or by e-mail at [bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov).

**Marais des Cygnes**  
**Regional Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**October 3, 2017**  
**Whistle Stop Café**  
**901 6th Street**  
**Osawatomie, Kansas 66064**  
**10:00am**

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1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of June Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. WRAPS Update: KDHE – Travis Sieve and WRAPS Coordinators (20 mins)
4. RAC Drought Workshop held on September 1, 2017- (KDA-DOC) (10 mins)
  - a. Review of Event
  - b. KWA report
  - c. Model
5. Legislative, Funding, and Water Resource Updates – (KWO) (15 mins)
6. RAC Membership (10 mins)
7. State of the Resource: (30 mins)
  - a. Document
  - b. Meeting
8. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
9. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
10. Future Meetings
  - a. Kansas Water Authority: October 10<sup>th</sup> in McPherson, KS
  - b. Governor’s Conference: November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan, KS
  - c. State of the Resource Meeting: Winter, 2017 – 2018
  - d. MdC RAC: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_



# Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Marais des Cygnes Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29, 2017

Overbrook Library  
Community Room  
317 Maple  
Overbrook, Kansas

### 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	2017	Yes
Gary Armentrout	Centerville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2017	Yes
Ron Brown	Fort Scott, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Wes Cole	Osawatomie, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Paul Ling (Stewart Kasper)	Kansas City, KS	Water Assurance District	2019	Yes
Richard Nienstedt	Ottawa, KS	Public Water Supply	2019	No
Allan Soetaert (Jerry Bennett)	Gardner, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Gayla Speer	Wellsville, KS	Agriculture	2017	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
Vacant		At-Large Public (cc)	2019	

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Brett Bunger	KDA/DWR
Dave Jones	KDA-DOC
Scott Rice	USACE
Jim Franz	USACE - Melvern
Brad Cox	USACE - Pomona
Polly Shteamer	Public
Frank Guilfoyle	KCC
Hershel George	KSU
Keena Privat	Lyon/Osage Co. Env. Health
Don George	KDWPT
Erika Stanley	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00a.m. by Chairperson, Lori Kuykendall. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of the April Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the April meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.

**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; Richard Nienstedt, 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 Luttjohann, 785-296-3185; [bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov](mailto:bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov)

3. **FY 18 Allocations for Counties – Dave Jones (KDA-DOC):** presented on the FY2018 Cost Share Allocations funded by the KWP for counties. Dave explained the allocation process, including how applications can be submitted and how they are processed. Dave then noted that they have talked with Conservation Districts about ranking worksheet updates. He also listed and discussed the recommended approved allocations per county for FY2018 and what projects those included.
4. **Small Lakes within the MdC Region – Erika Stanley (KWO):** reported that she is working on looking at the smaller (non-federal) reservoirs that supply municipalities to see if there are supply shortages within the Region. Erika gave information on supply, demand, and yield, and then asked for feedback from the RAC.
5. **Legislative, Funding, and Vision Update – Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO):** gave an update on the budget as discussed at the KWA.  
[http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/Rpt\\_KWA\\_Meeting\\_Materials%2005.17.17.pdf](http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/Rpt_KWA_Meeting_Materials%2005.17.17.pdf)  
Bobbi also reported that legislators approved a FY18-19 budget, and that the KWO will receive \$1.2 million from the State General Fund for the State Water Plan. Streambank Stabilization Projects will receive \$1.0 million, Bathymetric Surveys will receive \$100,000, and \$100,000 will be appropriated for the Kansas River Alluvial Aquifer Observation Well Network. Bobbi noted the \$800,000 reduction that was taken from the TMDL initiatives and Irrigation Technology.  
Bobbi also reported that the 2018 marketing rate had been set at \$0.392 and approved by the KWA. [http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/8b\\_PWSCommitteeUpdate\\_DRAFT\\_C\\_CDP\\_050517.pdf](http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/8b_PWSCommitteeUpdate_DRAFT_C_CDP_050517.pdf)  
Legislative and Vision issues were discussed. More information on this can be found at the KWO website: <http://www.kwo.org/index.html>
6. **RAC Membership – Lori Kuykendall (Chair)** welcomed the new member that was approved at the May KWA meeting, Gary Armentrout. Lori then reported that Mike Gilliland had stepped down from his RAC position and that this left a vacancy on the MdC RAC. She also mentioned that current solicitation and acceptance of new RAC member applications is currently being conducted.  
Bobbi Luttjohann (KWO) reported that KWA approved the chair and vice-chair positions for the MdC RAC at the May KWA meeting in Garden City.
7. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**  
**Ron Brown (Conservation/Environment):** thanked everyone for their condolences and that he appreciated everyone's kind words and cards.  
**Scott Yeargain (Conservation/Environment):** Posed the question: Are water pricing rate structures are used to encourage or discourage population movement and/or growth?  
**Gary Armentrout (Public Water Supply):** stated that some are in the business of selling of water and need this revenue.  
**Jerry Bennett (PWS):** explained growth follows water and it can be a self-limiting process.
8. **Agency and Public Input:**

Frank Guilfoyle (KCC): Reported that the KCC has been working on projects and plugging wells in all the counties in the region. A total of 2,166 wells have been plugged to date at a cost of just over \$6 million. More are still in the work plan to be plugged. Frank stated that if anyone had questions or needed additional information to talk to him after the meeting or to contact him later.

Don George: (KDWPT): supplied the RAC with a packet of KDWPT information. Don then explained the information within the packet and asked if anyone had questions or needed tours to contact him.

### 9. Future Meetings

- a. Kansas Water Authority: August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg, KS
- b. Joint RAC Drought Workshop: September 1, 2017 - Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs Drought Workshop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek
- c. State of the Resource Meeting: Fall, 2017
- d. MdC RAC: Date: October. A Doodle Poll will be sent out to pick the best possible dates and times for the next RAC meeting. Wes Cole (Industry/Commerce) offered to host the next meeting in Osawatomie.