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DATE: September 28, 2017
TO: Red Hills Regional Advisory Committee Members
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RE: October 4, 2017 Meeting

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The meeting of the Red Hills Regional Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday **October 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Barber County Annex Meeting Room, 211 East Kansas in Medicine Lodge, Kansas.**

The meeting will focus on the State of the Resource in the Red Hills Regional and updates related to goal and implementation of their action plans.

Enclosed please find:

- Agenda
- Draft Meeting notes August 2017
- Governors Water Conference brochure

If you have any questions or need additional information prior to the meeting, feel free to contact me at Diane.knowles@kwo.ks.gov or give me a call at 785/296-0864.



MEETING AGENDA

DATE: October 4, 2017

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Medicine Lodge, Kansas

DRAFT AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Agenda

III. Review of Past Meeting Notes

IV. Regional Activities

- a. KWA / RAC business
- b. Lake update
- c. Produced Water Pilot Project Update

V. State of the Resource

- a. Draft Document Review
- b. Presentation of Document/Meeting
- c. Other

VI. Other Business

- a. Agency Reports not already covered
- b. Public Comments
- c. Meeting Reminders
 - i. Kansas Water Authority, October 10, 2017, Kansas Municipal Utilities Training Center, McPherson
 - ii. Governor's Water conference, November 8 & 9, Manhattan, Registration open
 - iii. Next RAC

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

Red Hills Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 am August 24, 2017
Medicine Lodge Kansas

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Present
Suzanne Drouhard (Chair)	Danville, KS	Agriculture (cc)	Yes
Clark Bibb	Coldwater, KS	At Large Public West	Yes
Ken Brunson	Pratt, KS	Fish and Wildlife	Yes
Jim Harden	Clark County, KS	At Large Public (cc)	Yes
Jeff Porter	Medicine Lodge, KS	Local Government	No
Hi Lewis	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	No
Larry Mangan	Wellington, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	No
Gene Albers	Cunningham, KS	Agriculture (cc)	No
Mark Watts	Medicine Lodge, KS	Industry/Commerce	Yes
Phil White	Wellington, KS	At large Public East	No
Jay Zimmerman	South Haven, KS	At Large Public	No

Others Attending: Chris Boyd, Braden Deyce (Dragon-Line), Scott Alberg (KCC), Wyatt Sperry (NRCS), Cameron Conant (KDA-DWR), Richard Rockel (KWO), Diane Knowles (KWO)

Welcome/Introductions: Self introductions were made of RAC members and others in attendance.

Agenda: The draft agenda was approved as presented.

Review of Meeting Notes: Draft meeting notes from the February 16, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Regional Activities

KWA/RAC Business

Advisory Committee Membership: Diane Knowles reviewed the changes in committee membership and actions by KWA to appoint and reappoint committee members. Mark was appointed as vice chair by chairman of KWA, Gary Harshberger. KWA appointed Gene Albers to vacant agriculture position in May. In August KWA made reappointments of Suzanne, Mark, Jim, and Jay; and appointed Jeff Porter to fill local government, vacated by Amber’s resignation.

KWA has held two meetings, May and August since the RAC meet. Mark Watts reported to KWA for the Region in May on local activities. Mark provided a review of the tour associated with the meeting where water technology farms and a new LEMA were some of the highlights. Diane noted the August KWA meeting included an opportunity for RACs representatives to meet. Discussion among the chairs and KWA members involved implementation frustration and achievements.

State of the Resource annual reports were discussed by Diane Knowles. These reports will be developed by staff and discussed by RACs in October. One use of the report on water resources, activities and needs in the region will be for outreach in the region. Suggestions for use of the information included annual meetings of county conservation districts and conservation district newsletters.

FY2018 KDA-DOC County Allocations: No report

Lake Goal update: Mark Watts reviewed the status of the Lake project. The Sunflower H2O work group has identified the need for investors for the project since it is envisioned as a multipurpose lake. To pursue this Tracy Streeter and Mark have meet with Tim Austin to begin creation of a model for development/investment for a lake for recreation, some water supply and flood control. The committee was reminded that the parameters for the lake need to be determined in order to proceed with an engineering study.

Produced Water Pilot Project:

Diane updated the committee on the work to actually receive the grant funds from the Bureau of Reclamation. More work is still needed on the budget and costs for equipment.

Related to produced water, Diane provided a summary of the joint RAC (4 RACs) meeting on low quality water held in July. Ken, Mark and Larry attended from the Red Hills. Both Mark and Ken noted they came away with better understanding of available information and appreciated the networking.

Water Technology Farms 2017: Richard Rockel provided overview of the existing WTFs and described the process to get one established. There was discussion of the general concept as well as specific technologies, comparisons being used and studied, cost-share availability, state assistance and possible ideas for a WTF in the region. Possible study areas included crop rotation, cover crops, soil health, evaporation and cotton.

Irrigation-Dragon Line presentation was made by Braden Deyce covering basics of the new technology. Extended discussion addressed producer questions, benefits of the system and general cost.

Other Business

Agency reports

KDA-DWR- Cameron Conant noted that in regard to the Rattlesnake Creek impairment issue, GMD5 has proposed a LEMA. New documents related to this can be found at <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr> under Quivira.

Public Comment: none

Messages to KWA - none

Future Meetings

KWA meeting next October 10, all are welcome.

Smithsonian waterways exhibit dodge city Sept 30-Nov 12

The next RAC meeting to be in October, Diane will send out a doodle poll.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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November 8-9, 2017



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The annual Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas will be held November 8-9, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas. The conference brings together scientists, water managers, state and federal officials and legislators, city and county administrators, environmental organizations, irrigators and citizens who share an interest in Kansas water resources. Registration is limited and has sold out in previous years.

This is the sixth year for the conference and we are excited to feature new events. To build off the success of last year, there will be a Kick-off Reception Tuesday night, November 7. Day 1 of the conference will be a slightly different format and breakout sessions will be featured.

Following lunch on Day 1 the conference will highlight the following themes:

- ◆ Water and Emergency Response
- ◆ Ag- Municipal Partnerships
- ◆ Changing Climate and Response
- ◆ Water and Farm Policy

Day 1 Speakers this year will focus on federal regulation processes and as well water infrastructure. EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has been invited as the keynote.

The Water Legacy Award recipient will also be honored on Day 1. This individual will be selected based on significant contributions and lasting impacts on the future of water in the state.

“Be the Vision” recipients will also be named These are individuals, cities or industries taking extraordinary measures to conserve, reuse or adopt better practices to help ensure the future of our state's water resources. Nominations for both are due by the end of September.



#KSWATERFUTURE17

KWO is again accepting water photos to be featured at the Conference as part of the photo contest. They need to pertain to water or water use in Kansas. Examples include all bodies of water, irrigation and agriculture, recreation and fun, or other water infrastructure.

Finalists will be selected for display. Attendees at the conference will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo. The winning photo will earn feature photo at the 2018 Governor's Water Conference. It will also, along with second and third place, be displayed in the Kansas State Capitol and the Kansas Water Office during the year.



Registration is limited & sold out last year.

THANK YOU to our sponsors who help keep registration costs very affordable.

Hotel rooms have been blocked at several hotels in the area, please check the conference website for more information.

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Tuesday, November 7, 2017

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Early Registration

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Evening Kick-off Event

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:30 - Registration/Tour Exhibits

8:30 - Opening Session/Welcome

8:40 - Presentation of Colors

8:45 - Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas

9:20 - Governor Sam Brownback/Water Legacy Award

10:00 - Break/Tour Exhibits

10:15 - EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (Invited)

11:00 - Keynote #2

11:45 - Break/Tour Exhibits

12:00 - Lunch

12:45 - Be the Vision

1:00 - Break/Tour Exhibits

1:30 - Breakout Session #1: *Water & Emergency Response; Ag-*

2:45 - Break/Tour Exhibits

3:00 - Breakout Session #2: *Changing Climate & Response; Wa-*

4:15 - Final Wrap Up

5:00 - Evening Social at Flint Hills Discovery Center

Thursday, November 9, 2017

7:15 - Registration/View Posters

8:00 - 1st of 4 Concurrent Sessions

Sessions on: Reservoirs; municipal & industrial water; watersheds; High Plains & other aquifers; irrigation & water conservation; drought; floods & climate change;

12:30 - Lunch - Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office

1:15 - Dan Devlin-Student Poster Awards

1:30 - Closing Speaker –Secretary Robin Jennison, KDWP

2:15 - Closing Words - Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office