



Missouri Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Missouri Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
February 14, 2017, 9:00 am
USD 409 Meeting Room
Atchison, Kansas

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Carl Johnson (Chair)	Leavenworth, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2019	Yes
John Bishop	Atchison, KS	Recreation	2019	Yes
Neil Coufal	Troy, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Stephen Glaser	Atchison, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	Yes
Jeffrey Grossenbacher	Bern, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Carol Hughes	Seneca, KS	WRAPs	2017	Yes
Alan Kelley	White Cloud, KS	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and NB	2019	Yes
Joel Mahnken	Leavenworth, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2017	Yes
Brett Neibling	Highland, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Darcy Nightingale	Hiawatha, KS	Agriculture Industry	2017	Yes
Bill Shroyer	Sabetha, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2019	No
Luke Terry	Robinson, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2017	No
Michelle Wirth	Kansas City, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Town	Representing
Alan Larson	Atchison	Atchison Co Conservation District
Larry Purcell	Atchison	KDA, Division of Water Resources
Chris Griffin	Troy	DP Co Conservation District
Judy Wegener-Stevens	Troy	DP Co Conservation District
Gary Satter		Glacial Hills RC&D and Missouri River WRAPs
Ethel Campbell		Atchison District Conservation Board
Goldie Boldridge-Brown		Atchison County Conservation District
Troy Munsch	Salina	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Margaret Chemas		K-State Extension
Kelli Baker		Atchison Co Conservation District
Brett Bunger	Topeka	KDA-DWR
Kirk Thompson		Ks Dept. of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
Jake Geiger	Robinson	Self
Christina Ostrander	Kansas City	US Army Corp of Engineers
Chuck Vollmer		Agriculture
Ray Scherer	St Jo News	Press
Kirk Tjelmeland	Topeka	Kansas Water Office
Margaret Fast	Topeka	KWO

Welcome and Introductions:

Carl asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

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Review of Sept 22, 2016 Meeting Notes:

The notes were accepted as sent.

Public Comments:

There were none.

Report from November, 2016 Governor's Conference and January Kansas Water Authority meeting:

Carl Johnson mentioned the legislative visits went well with legislators understanding the need to fund the State Water Plan but also knowing the State's current budget situation. Carl also reported on items discussed at the KWA meeting: the Smoky Hill Access District-water from Kanopolis Reservoir; Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and the water impairment it is suffering; John Redmond dredging; Kickapoo water rights and water transfers-Hays.

RAC Operations:

Carl explained the Chair and Vice-Chair positions of the RAC are two-year terms, ending August, 2017. They are appointments by the Chairperson of the KWA. A vice-chair is in the process of being appointed. Carl encouraged individuals to step up if asked to fill the position.

A Missouri River Issues Sub-Committee of the RAC has been established consisting of three members: Michelle Wirth, Alan Kelley and Joel Mahnken.

Presentation on Action Plan Item - Tile outlet terrace systems:

Ted Peltier, University of Kansas, presented a series of slides that showed the constructed wetlands in Douglas County and gave an idea as to what they expected to see from the constructed wetlands at the end of a tile system. The nutrient outcome was slightly different than what they expected for 2014-2015 and what they plan to do different for 2017-2018. An exchange of good questions followed. The presentation is available on the RAC page of KWO.org.

Presentation on Action Plan Item – Progress on KGS report:

Margaret Fast (KWO) stated that KGS has been compiling data and that we are expecting a final report in late May. The scope of work had been included in the progress report with the mailing materials.

Update on Missouri River Bed Degradation Study – KC District COE:

Christy Ostrander gave a series of slides that talked about the study history, movement of the head-cut, destruction of infrastructure and possible alternative actions. Since none of alternatives showed measurable results, a technical paper will be prepared. Several questions followed dealing with the movement and damage of the incising that is taking place. The presentation is available on the RAC page of KWO.org.

Overview of Draft Missouri River Recover Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – KC District COE:

Christy Ostrander presented a couple of slides that laid out the reasoning behind the Draft Missouri River Recovery Management Plan and the EIS. She encouraged the committee to attend the meeting on February 15th in Kansas City and said that the public comment period is open until April 24, 2017. Links to the executive summary and lots of other information are available at: <http://moriverrecovery.usace.army.mil/mrrp/f?p=136:1:0:::>

Plan for 2017 RAC activities – Implementing the Action Plans – Carl lead this lengthy discussion on where the RAC is headed with the Action Plans and which items the Committee should tackle and which should be left to others. Also several ideas were presented on how often the Committee should meet; on that note, quarterly before the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meetings was suggested.

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Next Meeting

RAC Meeting: April 3, 2017- 9:00 am, USD 409 Meeting Room 626 Commercial, Atchison, KS

KWA Meeting: May 17-18, 2017, Garden City, KS

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