



Missouri Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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Monday July 16, 2018, 9:00 am
USD 409 Community Meeting Room, 626 Commercial,
Atchison, Kansas 66002

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)	2021	No
Stephen Glaser	Atchison, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Jeffrey Grossenbacher	Bern, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Chris Griffin	Troy, KS	WRAPs	2021	Yes
Alan Kelley	White Cloud, KS	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and NB	2019	Yes
Joel Mahnken	Leavenworth, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2021	Yes
Brett Neibling (VC)	Highland, KS	Agriculture 2	2019	Yes
Darcy Nightingale	Hiawatha, KS	Agriculture Industry	2021	No
Bill Shroyer	Sabetha, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2019	No
Luke Terry	Robinson, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2021	No
Michelle Wirth	Kansas City, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2021	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Town	Representing
Dave Jones	Manhattan	KDA-DOC
Travis Daneke	Topeka	KDHE-WRAPS
Bruce Wells	Salina	NRCS
Earl Lewis	Topeka	KWO
Kirk Tjelmeland	Topeka	KWO

- I) **Welcome and Introductions:** Carl started the meeting at 9:05 am, noting that everyone knew everyone in the room so no introductions were necessary.
- II) **Public Comments:** There were none.
- III) **Business:**
 - a. The June 21st meeting notes were reviewed, John moved the notes be accepted as written and Jeff seconded the motion, all were in favor.
 - b. The MO River Subcommittee: Alan reported that there will be a 10 year anniversary for Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC) at the Hilton KC Airport. The event will be an Open House with presentations, speakers and USACE will be on hand to answer questions. The Open House will be held sometime during the week of November 26-30 and as soon as Alan has the date it will be passed along to the rest of the RAC.

- c. The Ag subcommittee: Jeff mentioned that they had received some spotty rain across the area, ½”-2”. He also stated that there are some household wells that are going dry around Morrill, these made it through the drought of the 1930’s. In some areas they were already cutting the corn for silage, “some stocks didn’t even make an ear.”

- IV) **Update from The Kansas Water Office (KWO):** Earl Lewis gave a presentation on the new budget process that has been put in place to solicit input from all 14 RACs on the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF). The presentation information can be found [here](#). The recommendations that the RAC develops will be passed onto the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) prior to their August 22nd meeting in Manhattan. The hope is to have the entire \$8 million restored to the SWPF, \$6 million from State General Fund (SGF) and \$2 million from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF) however only \$1.2 million was restored for FY2017 and \$3.25 million was restored for FY2018. Earl had prepared the spreadsheet that is broken down into 4 sections that match up with the Vision: Water Conservation, Water Management, Technology and Crop Varieties and Additional Sources of supply. He went down the spreadsheet highlighting such things as: the Streambank stabilization effectiveness study, Milford RCPP, Vision Education Strategy, Harmful Algal Bloom Research, Water Resource Planner, Irrigation Technology, Drinking Water Protection and Equus Beds Chloride Plume Project. The discussion that followed ranged from: sorghum and hemp research, carry over amounts from FY2017, more money for Conservation Districts and WRAPS, the statewide education program, crop research, demonstration farms, over appropriation of water, a water resource monitoring system, the need to have timely evaluation of projects and that the project list should be narrowed so that we do some things very well and not spread the budget dollars too thin. Tj will draft a message to the KWA and circulate it to the RAC for approval. The final message will be sent to the KWA in a week.
- V) **Other Issues or Agency Comments:** Chris mentioned that we did not receive the Healthy Watershed Grant from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), notified last week. She will continue to search for funding for the Tech Farm in Doniphan County.
- VI) **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - a. **KWA meeting August 22nd, KDA, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS**
 - b. **Next Missouri RAC meeting September 20th 9-noon, USD 409 meeting room**
 - c. **Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am**