



Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Jay Byers (Chair)	Pittsburg, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	YES
Wes Fleming (Vice-Chair)	Burlington, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	YES
Kent Bacon	Council Grove, KS	Ranching/Grazing	2023	YES
Joe Buchanan	Council Grove, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2021	YES
Phillip Cooper	Emporia, KS	Water Assurance District	2023	NO
Kate Grover	Iola, KS	Industry/Commerce	2021	YES
Brian Obermeyer	Cottonwood Falls, KS	Conservation/Environment	2023	NO
Lisa Suderman	Hillsboro, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	NO
James Triplett	Pittsburg, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	NO
VACANT		WRAPS	2023	
VACANT		At Large Public 2	2023	
VACANT		At Large Public 3	2023	
VACANT		Agriculture 2	2021	

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Taylor Herman	KCC

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:05am by Chairperson, Jay Byers (At Large Public). Jay thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Joe Buchanan (Public Water Supply) moved to accept the agenda. Kate Grover (Industry/Commerce) seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Review of June Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the June meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Kate Grover moved to accept the notes as presented. Joe Buchanan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The notes were accepted as presented unanimously.

- Budget Discussion/Recommendations:** Cara Hendricks (KWO Assistant Director) provided a State Water Plan Fund budget presentation. Cara highlighted that for SFY 2021, there was a \$1.247 million enhancement to Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). The Kansas Water Office (KWO) was set to receive a \$1.16 million enhancement. Those enhancements will be reduced for the upcoming state fiscal year. The State Water Plan Fund had been set to receive about \$7 million of the \$8 million required by state statute before COVID-19.

Membership: Jay Byers, Chair, Pittsburg, KS; Wes Fleming, Vice-Chair, Burlington, KS; Kent Bacon, Council Grove, KS; Joe Buchanan, Council Grove, KS; Philip Cooper, Emporia, KS; Kate Grover, Iola, KS; Brian Obermeyer, Cottonwood Falls, KS; Lisa Suderman, Hillsboro, KS; James Triplett, Pittsburg, KS
KWO Planner: Angela Anderson, 785-296-3185; angela.anderson@kwo.ks.gov

The Kansas Water Authority (KWA) developed in writing budget guidelines for the Kansas Water Plan Budget that were approved in January 2020. Agency input was utilized as they developed the guidelines. Cara offered the example of one of the guidelines in that “Statutory obligations shall be met first.”

Cara informed the group, it is the intention for the future, the RACs will receive more regular updates on budget expenditures within each region.

The Neosho RAC developed the following budget recommendation to be sent to the KWA Budget Committee:

“The Neosho RAC supports the proposed budget and would like to highlight the following priorities under the following ranked categories that are important to fund in order to accomplish and carryout the goals and action plans of the Neosho RAC.

1. Sediment/Nutrient Reduction

- *Sediment Management & Reduction Technologies (KWO)
- * Streambank Stabilization (KDA)
- * Non-Point Source Pollution (KDA)
- *BMP Implementation (KWO)
- * WRAPS Program (KDHE)
- * Riparian and Wetland (KDA)

2 Aquatic Nuisance Species Program (KDWPT)

3. Flood Mitigation (KWO)

4. Education

- * Water Vision Education (KWO)
- * PACE Demonstration Farms (KWO)”

A motion was made by Kate Grover (Industry/Commerce) and seconded by Joe Buchanan (Public Water Supply) to send the Budget Recommendation Message to the KWA. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Questions and Future Issues from Members:

Jay Byers asked about progress in regards to the Vacant positions on the RAC. Bobbi stated that she might have a couple of names of potentially interested individuals. Jay Byers and Angela Anderson (KWO) will work together to contact them. Jay asked all of the Neosho RAC members to bring recommendations to the next meeting and for Angela to place the item on the next agenda.

5. Agency and Public Input:

Angela thanked the RAC for their hard work, diligence, and dedication in working through their tasks of setting forth new Goals/Action Plans and putting together a Budget Recommendation.
Cara Hendricks also thanked the RAC for their work.

6. Adjournment: Kent Bacon (Ranching/Grazing) moved to adjourn. Kate Grover seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

7. Future Meetings:

KWA – July 30th – 9am – GoTo Meeting