



Neosho Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
GoTo Meeting

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	No
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	Yes
Kate Grover	Iola, KS	Industry/Commerce	2021	Yes
Brian Obermeyer	Cottonwood Falls, KS	Conservation/Environment	2023	Yes
Lisa Suderman	Hillsboro, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
James Triplett	Pittsburg, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Chris Janssen	KDHE
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Lauren Koons	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00p.m. by Chairperson, Jay Byers. Jay thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reviewed virtual meeting etiquette. Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO) announced she will be stepping down as the Neosho RAC planner and stated Angela Anderson will be the new planner for the RAC. Angela Anderson (KWO) introduced herself to the RAC as their new Planner.
- Review of January Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the January meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.
- RAC Membership: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported that Jeff Cantrell has moved to Hutchison, KS and no longer works for the City of Chanute and therefore can no longer fill the At Large Public 3 category on the Neosho RAC. Bobbi then stated that Angela Anderson now works for the KWO and can no longer be on the RAC and fill the WRAPS category. Bobbi also reported that the RAC has two other vacancies. Currently the At Large Public 2 and Agriculture 2 categories are vacant. If anyone has a candidate that would be eligible to fill these categories please ask them to apply or contact Angela or Bobbi. They can find the [RAC application](#) on the [RAC page](#) of the KWO website.

Membership: Jay Byers, Chair, Pittsburg, KS; Wes Fleming, Vice-Chair, Burlington, KS; Kent Bacon, Council Grove, KS; Joe Buchanan, Council Grove, KS; Phillip 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

4. **Budget Update: Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO)** reported that with the COVID-19 issue the FY2021 budget recommendations are being reviewed and may change from the original recommendations, possibly resulting in less funding than expected. There will be a KWA Budget Committee meeting in June before the June KWA meeting. After that, RACs will have their meeting to discuss FY2022 budget and make recommendations. These meetings would be best to be held in July. Bobbi also reviewed the budget and goal information sent out previously to RAC members. She then reported there may be a budget webinar towards the end of June if information is available.
5. **RAC Goals and Action Plan Discussion:** The RAC discussed the Goals and Action Plans for the Region. The RAC revised the Goals and Action Plans. These revisions will be sent out to the RAC members, via email, to review. Additional discussion and possible adoption will occur at the June meeting.

A motion was made by Phillip Cooper (WAD) and seconded by Kent Bacon (Ranching/Grazing) to table the discussion concerning the revision of the Goals and Action Plans until the RAC's next meeting in order for the current revisions to be sent out to the RAC members, via email, so all have time to review. The revisions will be brought forth and discussed at the next RAC meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.

6. **Questions and Future Issues from Members: None at this time**

7. **Agency and Public Input:**

Caleb Fabrycky (KDA-DWR) reported that the KDA-DWR had been on administrative leave for 2 weeks previously due to the COVID-19 issue and that most staff were now currently teleworking. Caleb noted that the Field Offices were being staffed by the Water Commissioners. He also reported that they are not doing any in-person meetings or inspections. Caleb then reported that the KRWA is assisting them by picking up scanned water right files and delivering them to the appropriate municipality.

8. **Future Meetings:**

- a. **Kansas Water Authority Meeting:** There will be a meeting in June, but it is not set at this time. The meeting will be a GoTo meeting.
- b. **Neosho RAC:** The next meeting will be in June. The meeting will be a GoTo meeting. Angela Anderson (KWO) will send out a Doodle Poll to pick the best day and time.