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MEMO

DATE: October 6, 2022
TO: Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Amelia Nill
RE: October 21, 2022 GoTo Meeting and Conference Call

The Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be having a GoTo Meeting and conference call on **October 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM (CDT)**. Call-in details are below.

Join the meeting from your computer, table, or smartphone:

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The main agenda items will be an update on the Kansas Water Authority budget and Kansas Water Plan, a discussion on the topic of direct potable reuse, and a discussion about membership and recruitment.

Enclosed are the materials for the October 21, 2022 Meeting:

- Agenda
- Meeting notes from the March 4th Meeting
- Press Release

If you cannot participate, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at (620) 765-7489 or by e-mail at amelia.nill@kwo.ks.gov.



**SMOKY HILL - SALINE
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: October 21, 2022
TIME: 10:00 AM (CDT)
LOCATION: Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill, 2704 Vine Street, Hays, KS 67601

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AGENDA DETAILS

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
 - a. Self-Introductions by RAC Members**
 - i. *Name*
 - ii. *Where you are from*
 - iii. *Issues of concern or topics of growing interest in your region*
- II. Review of August 2021 Meeting Notes**
- III. RAC Business**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority (KWA) budget update – Amelia Nill**
 - b. Kansas Water Plan Update – Amelia Nill**
 - c. Direct Potable Reuse Discussion – RAC Chair/Members**
 - d. Membership and Recruitment Discussion – RAC Chair & Members**
 - e. New Issues in Smoky Hill-Saline Region – RAC Chair & Members**
 - f. Other KWO Updates – Amelia Nill**
- IV. Agency or Public Comments**
- V. Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Next Smoky Hill-Saline RAC meeting (January – Doodle Poll)**

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 PM (CST), Friday, March 4, 2022

GoTo Webinar/Conference Call

Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Holly Dickman (Chair)	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2023	Yes
Baron Shively (Vice-Chair)	McPherson, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2023	Yes
Daniel Baffa	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment	2025	No
Tom Lutgen	Salina, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	No
Tom Breit	Utica, KS	Agriculture 2	2025	Yes
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2025	Yes
Martha Tasker	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Rich Krause	Russell, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2023	Yes
Bevin Law	Longford, KS	Conservation	2025	Yes
VACANT	VACANT	At Large Public (cc)	2025	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	At Large Public 2	2023	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	Industry/Commerce 2	2025	N/A

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Amelia Nill	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Tom Stiles	KDHE
Jeff Crispin	City of Hays
Vanessa Salazar	KDWP
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE
David Bollenback	KCC
Susan Metzger	K-State Extension
James Hamilton	N/A

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M. (CST) by Chair, Holly Dickman. All present provided self-introductions. Each RAC member present took time to provide feedback on what some of the ongoing issues of concern within their areas. Some of the items mentioned by members were concerns with water quality and availability, conservation, streambank stabilization, and water reuse.
- Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. There were no adjustments or additions needed.
- Review of April 2021 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the previous meeting were discussed. It was mentioned that the date at the top of the previous meeting notes was incorrect. It was agreed that the KWO Planner, Keadron Pearson, would make this correction. No other adjustments were needed.
- Updates:**

- a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Angela Anderson (KWO) informed the RAC of recent updates that had occurred at the KWA meeting.
- b. **Kansas Water Officer (KWO):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave an update on the recent agency changes that had occurred since the last RAC meeting.

5. Regional Activities:

- a. **Streambank Stabilization Presentation by Kristin Kloft, KDA:** A presentation was given by Kristin Kloft (KDA) over Streambank Stabilization. She mentioned that KDA is still in the pilot phase and that even if they are able to adopt these templates that not all streams will qualify due to various geomorphological conditions. The presentation was followed by questions and discussion from RAC members.
- b. **Direct Potable Reuse Discussion with Tom Stiles, KDHE:** Tom Stiles (KDHE) spoke to the RAC about Direct Potable Reuse and explained what is currently being done with related projects and studies in it. He explained that this is still a new topic area that is in the conceptual and observation stage for them. They are watching closely on current studies being done and seeing what happens with those outcomes. He described that the implementation of a large-scale direct potable reuse project would be very costly and the energy needed would be great. He also mentioned about the need to have the social adoption of it and the education associated with that type of adoption. He encouraged the RAC not to give up on this issue and keep putting it out there and consider receiving annual updates on the topic from KDHE. The explanation was followed by questions and discussion by RAC members.
- c. **Membership and Recruitment Discussion:** The Chair shared with that there are currently three vacancies on the RAC and asked for input on ways to recruit new members to fill those categories. It was mentioned to perhaps try and target individuals from areas that are not currently represented on the committee. It was the consensus of RAC members to think of possible candidates going forward and reach out to anyone that would be a good fit or pass this information onto the Chair or Planner.

6. Other Business:

- a. **Agency Reports –**
Jennifer Nichols (KDHE): gave an update on current programs that KDHE is working on, including cover crops and the drinking water protection program.
- b. **Public Comments –** None
- c. **Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members –** It was requested to have the next meeting in person if possible and to have it in late July or early August.
- d. **Messages to the KWA –** None
- e. **Future Meeting –**
 - i. Kansas Water Authority: March 23

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M. (CST).