

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

October 17, 2017, 2 PM
Salina Water Treatment Plant
401 5th Street, Salina KS

Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Martha Tasker (Chair)	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Tim Sanders	Chapman, KS	Agriculture 2	2021	No
Sandra Beisner	Ellis, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Toby Dougherty	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Dan Mount	Ellsworth, KS	At Large Public 2	2021	Yes
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Baron Shively	McPherson, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2019	Yes
Allen Roth	Hays, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No
Bevin Law	Longford, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Timothy Scheck	Russell, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2021	Yes
Alan Scheuerman	Ellis, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2019	Yes
Brad Shogren	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2021	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Janet Meyer	Lower Lower Smoky WRAPs
Ron Graber	KSU Research & Extension, Upper Lower Smoky WRAPs
Dan Meyerhoff	KACD
Joan Marie Ratzlaff	citizen
Diane Knowles	KWO

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Martha Tasker welcomed those in attendance to the meeting. Everyone present provided introductions of themselves.
- II. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** The meeting agenda as approved as presented.
- III. **Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of February 2017 Meeting Notes:** Toby Dougherty made the motion to approve the May 2017 meeting notes. The motion was seconded by Tim Scheck. Motion carried.
- IV. **Kansas Water Authority Report**

KWA Meeting: Chair Martha Tasker and Diane Knowles provided an update on the August KWA meeting and September and October conference calls. Discussion occurred on the increased concern for funding by some RACs, while the focus of the old BAC and the RACs is ideas and issues communication between citizenry and KWA.

V. Regional Activities

- a. Low Quality Water Summit – A brief summary of the joint August meeting for 4 RACs was provided by Diane and Tim Scheck. The informational meeting provided general status and location of natural and induced low quality waters around the state, with a focus on central Kansas.
- b. Conservation Field Day – the first annual Smoky Hill region water conservation field day was held October 13 in Hays. Approximately 37 were in attendance from public water supplies, agencies, organizations, RACs and the public. Attendees heard success stories and lessons learned from leaders of the community and staff and toured the city to see examples of water saving practices. Attendees provided positive feedback on the day.
- c. State of the Resource Report and Meeting – Lengthy discussion was held on the draft regional state of the resource document. Comments and ideas will be incorporated into a revised document as work continues to summarize the water resource, issues, activities and needs for the region. Members may continue to provide comment throughout the development.
- d. Action Plans Updates – was discussed in the State of the Resource discussion and other regional activities.
- e. Questions and Issues from Members – none

VI. Other Business

a. Agency reports

Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) – Dan Meyerhoff reported that he became executive director of KACD August 2, 2-017.

Upper Lower Smoky WRAPs – Ron Graber reported four streambank stabilization projects were installed in December and January. Some of these were successful others not as good due to species of trees used and beaver’s preferences.

b. Public Comments - none

c. Upcoming Meetings of interest:

- i. Kansas Water Authority- December 12, 2017, McPherson
- ii. Governors Water Conference – November 8-9, 2017, Manhattan, KS

VII. RAC Actions (if any)

- a. Messages to the Kansas Water Authority: No formal messages by the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC.

Meeting Adjourned