

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 PM (CST), Thursday July 29, 2021

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Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Kyle Nelson (Chair)	Holcomb, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	Yes
Joe Jury (Vice-Chair)	Ingalls, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	No
Kyle Averhoff	Garden City, KS	Dairy	2021	Yes
Hugh Brownlee	Syracuse, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Roy Dixon	Garden City, KS	Agriculture Industry	2021	Yes
Titus Jaeger	Lakin, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	2023	No
Fred Jones	Garden City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2021	Yes
Monte Morgan	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 3	2021	Yes
Bill Simshauser	Lakin, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Hal Scheuerman	Deerfield, KS	Surface Water Irrigation	2021	No
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	Yes
Brant Peterson	Johnson, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	No
Jason Shamburg	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO
Connie Owen	KWO
Cara Hendricks	KWO
Steve Frost	KDA-DOC
Logan Smith	KDHE

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by RAC Chair Kyle Nelson. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
3. **Review of April 2021 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members.
4. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Matt Unruh (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 membership drive and other agency changes that had occurred since the last RAC meeting.

Membership: Kyle Nelson (Chair), Holcomb, KS; Joe Jury (Vice-Chair), Ingalls, KS; Kyle Averhoff, Garden City, KS; Hugh Brownlee, Syracuse, KS; Roy Dixon, Garden City, KS; Titus Jaeger, Lakin, KS; Fred Jones, Garden City, KS; Monte Morgan, Deerfield, KS; Bill Simshauser, Lakin, KS; Hal Scheuerman, Deerfield, KS; Ray Slattery, Dodge City, KS; Brant Peterson, Johnson, KS; Jason Shamburg, Deerfield, KS

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5. Regional Activities

- a. **Budget Discussion & Recommendations:** A presentation was given by Matt Unruh (KWO) over the State Water Plan Fund that included budget information specific to the region. The presentation was followed by discussion from RAC members on areas of interest that they wish to pass on as budget recommendations to the KWA budget committee for consideration. A motion was made by Roy Dixon and seconded by Bill Simshauser to send the following Budget Recommendation Message to the KWA Budget Committee:

“The Upper Arkansas RAC requests the KWA to seek to provide funding to programs and projects benefiting the region consistent with the revenue derived from the Upper Arkansas Region. The following programs would be the first priority to receive additional funding for the region.

- a) *Supporting CREP funding as indicated by SWPF FY23 Budget Request and reallocation of acreage from counties that are close to their limit.*
- b) *Continue supporting KDA-DOC funding increase as indicated by SWPF FY23 Budget Request to fully fund aid to conservation districts.*
- c) *Fund the monitoring of the Colorado Multi-User Account Pilot Project in John Martin Reservoir Proposal by KDA within the interstate water issues.*
- d) *Increased funding to KDHE to put towards water reclamation efforts specifically within the Upper Arkansas Region.”*

There was no discussion and unanimous approval was given.

6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:** None
- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** None
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: August 11
 - ii. KWA Meeting: August 17
 - iii. Governor’s Water Conference: November 16-18

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.