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MEMO

DATE: February 03 2021
TO: Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Keadron Pearson
RE: February 09, 2021 GoTo Meeting and Conference Call

The Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be having a GoTo Meeting and conference call on **February 09, 2021 at 9:00 AM (CST)**. Call-in details are below.

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/676059085>

Join by phone:

Dial: 1-312-757-3121

Access Code: 676-059-085

The meeting will consist of discussion on Kanas Water Plan regional section and Goals and Actions plan, and an update on the Wichita County LEMA.

Enclosed are the materials for the February 09, 2021 Meeting:

- Agenda
- Meeting notes from the August 11, 2020 Meeting
- Memo of Legislative Update
- Upper Smoky Hill RAC Member Table

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 Keadron.Pearson@kwo.ks.gov.



UPPER SMOKY HILL
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA

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AGENDA DETAILS

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – RAC Chair
- II. **Review of Agenda** – RAC Chair/Members
- III. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA)** – KWO Planner
 - b. **Kansas Water Office (KWO)** – KWO Planner
 - c. **Legislative** – KWO Planner
 - i. *House Committee on Water*
 - ii. *Budget Updates*
- IV. **Regional Activities**
 - a. **Kansas Water Plan Update** – RAC Chair/Members & KWO Planner
 - b. **Wichita County LEMA Update**
 - c. **Goals & Actions Plan Discussion** – RAC Chair/Member
 - i. *Initial steps to take*
 - ii. *Information needed*
 - iii. *Outreach*
 - d. **Membership Status** – RAC Chair/Member
- V. **Other Business** – RAC Chair
 - a. **Agency Reports**
 - b. **Public comments**
 - c. **Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members**
 - d. **Messages to the KWA**
 - e. **Future Meetings**
 - i. **GMD1 Board Meeting: February 17**
 - Regular monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month at 8 am (CST)
 - ii. **Water in Kansas Webinar Series; FEWtures Project: Economic Feasibility of Ammonia Production and Water Treatment Using Locally Produced Wind Energy; February 11th @ 2:00 pm (information about webinar is available on the KWO website)**
 - iii. **Governor's Water Conference: November 16 – 18**

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC



Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

7:00 AM (CST), Tuesday, August 11, 2020

GoTo Webinar/Conference Call

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Frank Mercurio (Chair)	Scott City, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	Yes
Farrin Watt (Vice-Chair)	Leoti, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	Yes
Kyle Spencer	Scott City, KS	Groundwater Management	2021	Yes
Alicia Allen	Tribune, KS	Irrigation	2023	Yes
Perry Nowak	Scott City, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	Yes
Louis "Bo" Parkinson	Scott City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Stephen Mangan	Tribune, KS	Agriculture Industry	2023	Yes
VACANT	VACANT	Financial	2021	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	At Large Public (cc)	2021	N/A

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Matt Unruch	KWO
Armando Zarco	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Landon Frank	N/A

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 A.M. (CST) by Chairman, Frank Mercurio. All present provided self-introductions.
- 2. Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. There were no adjustments or additions needed.
- 3. Updates**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority (KWA) July Meeting:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of updates and information presented during the meeting.
- 4. Regional Activities**
 - a. Wichita County LEMA Discussion & Approval of Letter of Support:** Members reviewed and had discussion on a Letter of support for the Wichita County LEMA draft by Frank Mercurio, Chair, to be represent during the upcoming public hearing from the RAC. A motion was made by Farrin Watt to accept the draft letter of support from the RAC. The motion was seconded by Perry Nowak. There was no discussion. The motion passed.
- 5. Other Business**
 - a. Agency Reports:**

Membership: Frank Mercurio (Chair), Scott City, KS; Farrin Watt (Vice-Chair), Leoti, KS; Kyle Spencer, Scott City, KS; Alicia Allen, Tribune, KS; Perry Nowak, Scott City, KS; Louis "Bo" Parkinson, Scott City, KS

KWO Planner: Keadron Pearson, 620-765-7489, keadron.pearson@kwo.ks.gov

Mike Meyer (KDA-DWA Garden City Field Office): Reminded the RAC of the Wichita County LEMA hearing on Friday of that week.

Kyle Spencer (GMD1): Informed the RAC of preparations being made for the upcoming LEMA hearing in Leoti, KS.

Matt Unruch (KWO): Informed the RAC of the next KWA meeting in August with budget actions being one of the main topics.

b. Public Comments: None

c. Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members: None

d. Messages to the KWA: None

e. Future Meetings:

i. GMD1 Board Meeting: August 19

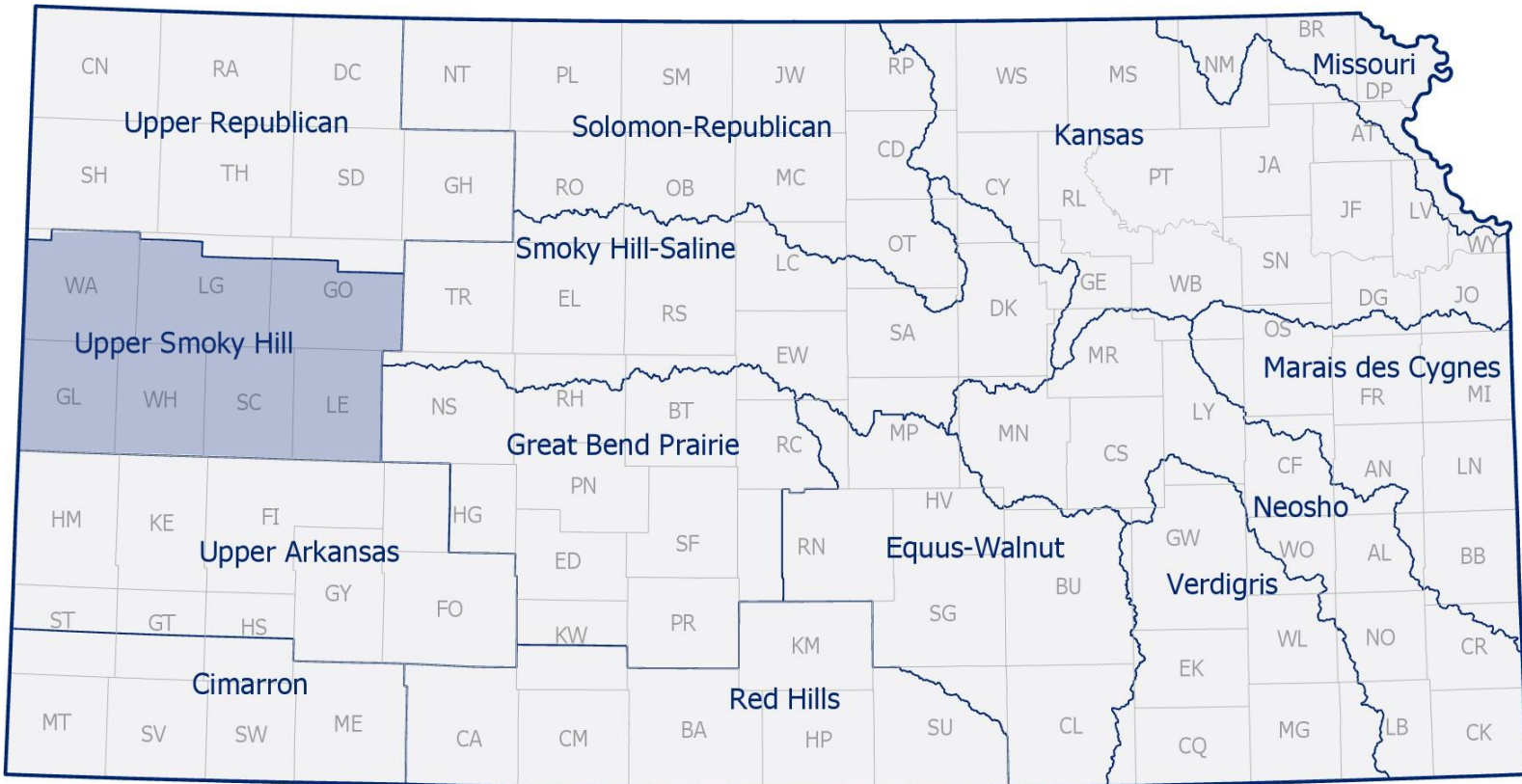
- Regular monthly meetings held the third Wednesday of each month at 8 am (CST)

ii. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: February 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 A.M (CST).



Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee



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(cc) – Core Category



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MEMO

DATE: January 29, 2021
TO: Kansas Water Authority
& Regional Advisory Committees
FROM: Connie Owen
RE: Legislative Update

House Committee on Water

For the 2021 Kansas Legislative Session, a new Committee has been established to evaluate water issues impacting Kansas and the state and federal agencies involved with water resources in the state. In addition to action on bills introduced or referred, Chair Rep. Ron Highland and Committee members have started to invite state agency representatives to present on issues pertinent to their respective agencies. The Kansas Water Office provided an initial presentation on January 21, with information presented accessible on the Kansas Water Office webpage at <https://kwo.ks.gov/news-events/legislative-news> under the KWO Committee Testimony section.

Video of the Kansas Water Office presentation from January 21 can also be accessed on the Kansas Legislature YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXQwG1PCZD0>.

For those interested in more information on the House Committee on Water, including members, agendas for past and upcoming meetings, testimony, and access to audio streams for following, please visit the Committee's page at http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/committees/ctte_h_water_1/.

SGF/EDIF Transfer & SWPF Budget Enhancement Request Update

The Kansas Water Office submitted the KWA budget recommendations for projects which would be funded by the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) in FY 2022 as part of the budget submittal process. This year's KWA SWPF budget development included a Base funding scenario, as well as recommendations for full restoration of the demand transfers from the State General Fund (SGF) and the Economic Development Initiatives Fund (EDIF). The table below indicates the recommended enhancement funding for the indicated program for FY 2022 based on the KWA's recommendations.

Kansas Water Authority SGF/EDIF & SWPF Budget Enhancement Request FY2022

	Agency	FY2022
Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)	KDHE	\$ 269,116
Drinking Water Protection Program	KDHE	\$ 150,000
Watershed Dam Construction	KDA	\$ 450,000
Water Transition Assistance Program/CREP	KDA	\$ 225,000
Streambank Stabilization	KDA	\$ 250,000
Assessment and Evaluation	KWO	\$ 200,000
Water Technology Farms	KWO	\$ 100,000
Watershed Conservation Practice Imp	KWO	\$ 500,000
Water Injection Dredging (WID)	KWO	\$ 1,375,000
Arbuckle Study	KWO	\$ 150,000
FY2022 Enhancement Request Total		\$ 3,669,116

The table attached indicates the SWPF FY 2021 appropriated expenditures and the FY 2022 budget recommendations of the KWA and the Governor. As noted, the Governor's revised SWPF budget recommendations for FY 2021 includes a total reduction of \$2,407,699 from the SGF and EDIF demand transfers, which reflects the July 2020 Governor's allotments.

The table indicates the SGF & EDIF demand transfers to the SWPF totaling \$4,505,632 as appropriated in FY 2021 with the allotment. The Governor's FY2022 SWPF budget recommendations include \$4,505,632 of the KWA-recommended \$8,000,000 in demand transfers from SGF & EDIF.

Over the coming weeks, the appropriations process for the SWPF will continue to advance as the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Committee will start to hear from agencies as they consider the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF) budget. Following these agency presentations, which are scheduled to begin the first week of February, recommendations will be made to the full House Appropriations Committee.

A similar appropriations process takes place on the Senate side, with the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee slated to begin SWPF discussions with agencies in the coming weeks. Following these budget presentations and deliberation/action by the Committee, recommendations will then be reported to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Additional information regarding the SWPF appropriation process will be shared as the appropriations process continues to advance.

State Water Plan Fund

EXPENDITURES	FY 2021 Agency Rev Req*	FY 2021 GOV Recs	FY2022 KWA Base Budget Recs	FY2022 KWA Budget Recs Full Restoration	FY2022 GOV Recs
Department of Health and Environment					
Contamination Remediation	\$ 1,090,340	\$ 1,090,340	\$ 1,088,301	\$ 1,088,301	\$ 1,088,301
Nonpoint Source Program	\$ 406,157	\$ 406,157	\$ 303,208	\$ 303,208	\$ 303,208
TMDL Initiatives	\$ 340,068	\$ 340,068	\$ 280,738	\$ 280,738	\$ 280,738
Harmful Algae Bloom Pilot	\$ 1,148,761	\$ 1,148,761	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000
Watershed Restoration/Protection (WRAPS)	\$ 752,128	\$ 752,128	\$ 730,884	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 730,884
Drinking Water Protection Program	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 350,000
SUBTOTAL--KDHE	\$ 4,087,454	\$ 4,087,454	\$ 3,203,131	\$ 3,622,247	\$ 3,203,131
Department of Agriculture					
Interstate Water Issues	\$ 701,783	\$ 685,138	\$ 490,007	\$ 490,007	\$ 473,184
Subbasin Water Resources Management	\$ 865,493	\$ 838,906	\$ 608,949	\$ 608,949	\$ 584,023
Water Use	\$ 136,839	\$ 136,839	\$ 72,600	\$ 72,600	\$ 72,600
Water Resources Cost Share	\$ 2,631,243	\$ 2,631,243	\$ 2,248,289	\$ 2,248,289	\$ 2,248,289
Nonpoint Source Pollution Asst.	\$ 2,131,892	\$ 2,127,289	\$ 1,857,836	\$ 1,857,836	\$ 1,853,185
Aid to Conservation Districts	\$ 2,192,637	\$ 2,192,637	\$ 1,973,373	\$ 1,973,373	\$ 1,973,373
Watershed Dam Construction	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 550,000
Water Quality Buffer Initiative	\$ 529,454	\$ 529,454	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Riparian and Wetland Program	\$ 582,295	\$ 582,295	\$ 54,024	\$ 54,024	\$ 54,024
Water Transition Assistance Program/CREP	\$ 460,334	\$ 454,936	\$ 402,046	\$ 627,046	\$ 396,593
Irrigation Technology	\$ 151,224	\$ 151,224	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Crop and Livestock Research	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Transfer for KRPI* (Water Supply/Lake Rest.)	\$ 820,177	\$ 820,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Streambank Stabilization	\$ 1,320,700	\$ 1,320,700	\$ 794,264	\$ 1,044,264	\$ 794,264
SUBTOTAL--KDA	\$ 13,424,071	\$ 13,370,838	\$ 9,601,388	\$ 10,526,388	\$ 9,549,535
Kansas Water Office					
Assessment and Evaluation	\$ 599,177	\$ 599,177	\$ 658,919	\$ 858,919	\$ 858,919
MOU - Storage Operations & Maintenance	\$ 586,452	\$ 586,452	\$ 526,081	\$ 526,081	\$ 526,081
Stream Gaging	\$ 413,580	\$ 413,580	\$ 423,130	\$ 423,130	\$ 423,130
Technical Assistance to Water Users	\$ 341,391	\$ 341,391	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
Vision Education Strategy	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Reservoir and Water Quality Research	\$ 402,304	\$ 402,304	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Water Tech Farms	\$ 79,125	\$ 79,125	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Watershed Conservation Practice Imp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 860,000
Equus Beds Chloride Plume Project	\$ 9,141	\$ 9,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Milford Lake Watershed RCPP	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Water Injection Dredging (WID)	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 125,000
Flood Response Study	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Arbuckle Study	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ -
SUBTOTAL--KWO	\$ 3,249,170	\$ 3,249,170	\$ 3,333,130	\$ 5,658,130	\$ 3,993,130
Kansas Dept. of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism					
Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
University of Kansas--Geological Survey					
	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841	\$ 26,841
KPERS Reamortization					
					\$ (36,260)
Governor's COLA					
					\$ 36,014
Total State Water Plan Expenditures	\$ 20,787,536	\$ 20,734,303	\$ 16,214,490	\$ 19,883,606	\$ 16,772,391
SGF & EDIF Demand Transfers**					
State General Fund Transfer	\$ 4,005,632	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,005,632	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,005,632
Economic Development Fund Transfer	\$ 500,000	\$ 913,325	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 500,000
FY 2021 Governor's Allotment**	\$ -	\$ (2,407,699)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total SGF & EDIF Demand Transfers	\$ 4,505,632	\$ 4,505,626	\$ 4,505,632	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 4,505,632

*The "FY 2021 Agency Rev Req" reflects the agencies' revised FY 2021 budget requests, which take into account FY 2021 appropriations (per SB66), FY 2020 Carry Forward (where applicable), and Governor's allotments.

**Reflects the July 2020 Governor's allotments