



Upper Smoky Hill Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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7:00 AM (CST), Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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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	No
Perry Nowak	Scott City, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	Yes
VACANT	VACANT	Financial	2021	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	At Large Public (cc)	2021	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	Agriculture Industry	2023	N/A

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWA
Monty Breneman	USDA-NRCS
Greg Graff	GMD 1
David Barfield	Kansas Water Resources Consulting, LLC

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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. Review of May 2020 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.
- 4. Kansas Water Authority (KWO)**
 - a. May KWA Meeting:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave updates and feedback on the KWA webinar meeting held in May.
- 5. Regional Activities**
 - a. RAC Goals & Actions Plans Update Recommendations:** Members reviewed revisions to Goal 1 made at the previous meeting. Additional changes were made to the drafted goal and actions. The committee also reviewed the remaining four additional goals and actions. It was the consensus of the group to remove Goal

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2 and revise Goals 3, 4, and 5. The actions were also updated for each of the goals. A member had to leave the meeting early. Due to this, the committee no longer had a quorum. It was agreed by RAC members to postpone the voting of approval of the updated goals and actions till the next meeting.

- b. Membership Status and Participation:** The Chair informed members of four vacancies on the committee for “At Large Public (cc)”, “Public Water Supply (cc)”, “Agriculture Industry”, and “Financial”. It was asked of the committee to consider individuals for those vacancies and to reach out to potential applicants.

6. Other Business

a. Agency Reports:

Mike Meyer (KDA-DWA Garden City Field Office): Notified RAC committee of the Garden City Field Office working conditions. It was mentioned that they are only allowing two staff members in the office at a time and that the remaining staff are still working from home. Office doors are still closed to the public at this time. They are also doing field work in the region.

Kyle Spencer (GMD1): Provided an overview and update to the RAC of current programs and services being offered. It was mentioned that they are giving technical assistant to landowners when needed.

b. Public Comments:

David Barfield (Kansas Water Recourses Consulting, LLC): Provided an update to the RAC on part-time consulting services that his is offering.

- c. Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of the need to have a July RAC meeting to discuss any budget recommendations the group might have to be sent to the KWA for consideration in the State Water Plan Fund. It was the consensus of the committee to have a doodle poll sent out to members to schedule a meeting for mid/late July.

d. Messages to the KWA: None

e. Future Meetings:

- i. GMD1 Board Meeting: June 17
 - Regular monthly meetings held the third Wednesday of each month at 8 am (CST)
- ii. Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; Wichita

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 A.M (CST).