

Verdigris
Regional Advisory Committee
October 19, 2017
City of Independence
Veterans Room
410 N Penn
Room 106 & 108
Independence, KS 67301
10:00am

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
2. Review of June Meeting Notes (5 min)
3. Toronto WRAPS Presentation (15 mins) – Bob Culbertson (Toronto Lake WRAPS)
4. Division of Water Resources: Water Right Workshops – Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR) (10 mins)
5. RAC Drought Workshop held on September 1, 2017- (KDA-DOC) (15 mins)
 - a. Review of Event
 - b. KWA report
 - c. Model
6. Legislative, Funding, and Water Resource Updates – (KWO) (15 mins)
7. RAC Membership (10 mins)
8. State of the Resource: (30 mins)
 - a. Document
 - b. Meeting
9. Questions and Future Issues from Members (15 min)
10. Agency and Public Input (5 min)
11. Future Meetings
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: October 10th in McPherson, KS
 - b. Governor’s Conference: November 8th – 9th in Manhattan, KS
 - c. State of the Resource Meeting: Winter, 2017 – 2018
 - d. Verdigris RAC: Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

MEMO



DATE: October 5, 2017
TO: Verdigris RAC Members
FROM: Bobbi Luttjohann, Kansas Water Office
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RE: October 12, 2017 RAC Meeting

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The meeting of the Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be held **at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the City of Independence, Veterans Room, 410 N Penn, Room 106 & 108, Independence, KS 67301.**

The main items of discussion will be the State of the Resource, a review of the RAC Drought Workshop, RAC membership, WRAPS update, Water Right Workshops update, and state funding, legislative, and water resource updates.

Enclosed are materials for the October 19, 2017 meeting:

- Agenda
- June Meeting Notes
- Press Release

If you cannot attend, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at (785) 296-3185 or by e-mail at bobbi.luttjohann@kwo.ks.gov.



Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00pm, Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Madison High School Library Meeting Room
1500 SW Blvd
Madison, Kansas

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
John Black (Chair)	Howard, KS	Agriculture	2019	Yes
Ken McNickle (Vice-Chair)	Mound Valley, KS	Public Water Supply	2017	No
Vacant		At Large Public (cc)	2017	No
Doug Blex	Independence, KS	WRAPs	2019	No
John Ditmore	Coffeyville, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2019	No
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2019	Yes
Gary Kelley	Sedan, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2017	Yes
Chuck Shively	Coffeyville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2019	Yes
Debbie Smith	Neodesha, KS	Conservation/Environment	2017	No
Ron Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2017	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Katie Tietsort	KDA/DWR
Terry Medley	KDA/DWR
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Wes Moots	KDA-DWR (Intern)
Pamela Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Dave Jones	KDA/DOC
Jeff Davidson	KSU
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson, John Black. All present provided self-introductions. John thanked Harold Engle (Agriculture) for helping reserve and setting up the meeting room and for providing drinks and cookies.
- Review of the April Meeting Notes:** The minutes from the April meeting were discussed. There were no corrections or additions.
- FY 18 Allocations for Counties – Dave Jones (KDA-DOC):** presented on the FY2018 Cost Share Allocations funded by the KWP for counties. Dave explained the allocation process, including how applications can be submitted and how they are processed. Dave then noted that they have talked with Conservation Districts about ranking worksheet updates. He also listed and discussed the recommended approved allocations per county for FY2018 and what projects those included.

*Membership: John Black, Howard, KS: Chair; Ken McNickle, Mound Valley: Vice-Chair, KS; Doug Blex, Independence, KS; John Ditmore, Coffeyville, KS; Harold Engle, Madison, KS; Gary Kelley, Sedan, KS; Charles Shively, Coffeyville, KS; Ronald Smith, Fredonia, KS; Debbie Smith, Neodesha, KS
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4. **Division of Water Resources: Training and Customer Service Opportunities – Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR-TFO) & Caleb Fabrycky (KDA-DWR-Parsons):** presented on the DWR program that is designed to address areas where water supply sources may have issues in order for users to maintain compliance. Katie reported that Caleb will be working with this program to educate users about their water rights, including source, quantity, rate, reporting, back up supply, connections, etc. Katie mentioned there may be user group workshops held to educate water right holders on these issues. Also, particular entities and users may need personalized education. Katie noted this will help users properly perfect their water rights and avoid penalties. Katie then asked the RAC if they had suggestions or know of needs in the Region. The RAC stated that water right education on vested, senior, and junior rights and water marketing and assurance district operations would be beneficial. Different user groups such as municipalities and agriculture producers were noted as those that may benefit from education.
5. **Legislative, Funding, and Vision Update – Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** gave an update on the budget as discussed at the KWA.
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/Rpt_KWA_Meeting_Materials%2005.17.17.pdf
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/9a_Legislative%20Attachments%20KWA%2005.10.17.pdf
Bobbi also reported that the 2018 marketing rate had been set at \$0.392 and approved by the KWA.
http://www.kwo.org/KWA/MeetingMaterials/2017/May%202017/8b_PWSCCommitteeUpdate_DRAFT_CCDDP_050517.pdf
Legislative and Vision issues were discussed. More information on this can be found at the KWO website:
<http://www.kwo.org/index.html>
6. **Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship- Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported that KWA approved the chair and vice-chair positions for the Verdigris RAC at the May KWA meeting in Garden City. Bobbi also mentioned that current solicitation and acceptance of new RAC member applications is currently being conducted.
7. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:**
John Black (Chair & Agriculture): stated that the City of Howard has put in application to connect with PWWSD No. 23.
8. **Agency and Public Input:**
Katie Tietsort (KDA-DWR): gave an update on Elk City and also PWWSD No. 23. Katie also explained the PWS agency committee group that looks at issues such as this. Bobbi noted there will be a meeting for this group in June.

Terry Medley (KDA-DWR): reported that DWR is close to finalizing the Montgomery Flood Rate Map. The next step will be to hold an open house, then allow for an appeal period. After those items are complete the map will be finalized. Terry then reported that DWR will be doing baseline engineering in Labette County next year to map out the floodplain in order to set flood insurance rates.
9. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. Kansas Water Authority: August 16th – 17th in Pittsburg, KS
 - b. State of the Resource: September or October
 - c. Joint RAC Workshop: August 25, 2017 at 9am - Neosho, MdC, and Verdigris RACs Drought Workshop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Learning Center at Wolf Creek