

Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 am

Friday June 19, 2020

Remote Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Chuck Shively (Chair)	Coffeyville, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
John Ditmore (Vice Chair)	Coffeyville, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Doug Blex	Independence, KS	WRAPS	2023	Yes
Ken McNickle	Mound Valley, KS	Public Water Supply	2021	No
Harold Engle	Madison, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	Yes
Brian Graff	Neodesha, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Gary Kelley	Sedan, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No
John Black	Howard, KS	Agriculture	2023	Yes
Bob Culbertson	New Strawn, KS	Conservation/Environment	2023	Yes
Ron Smith	Fredonia, KS	Industry/Commerce	2021	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Connie Owen	KWA
Angela Anderson	KWO
Gary Koons	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Pam Walker	Wilson Co. Conservation District
Chris Janssen	KDHE

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Gary Koons thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Chuck Shively took roll.
- Review of the February Meeting Notes:** There were no corrections to the meeting notes.
- Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Connie Owen, Chair of the Kansas Water Authority, addressed the committee and thanked them for their hard work. She stated that the work done by the RACs was extremely important and is committed to being an active part of the process.
- Kansas Water Office Staff Update:** Angela Anderson was introduced as the new planner for the Verdigris Planning Region. Angela brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the roll that will undoubtedly serve the region well. Gary Koons will remain as lead for efforts at the CVR facility intake on the Verdigris.
- Goals and Action Steps Revisions: Gary Koons (KWO):** opened the meeting up to discuss the region's goals and action plans. Nate Westrup (KWO) shared his perspective on goal progress as they relate to reservoir operations and efficiencies in the Verdigris reservoir system. Guidance was given on the wording of goals and action plans based Nate's familiarity with the system and experience working with partner agencies.

The intent of goal #3 was briefly discussed and was determined that watershed structure deterioration was the concern. An update of this goal will be provided to the group for review.

Finally, it was decided that the education goal, being an ongoing effort, would remain in the document.

6. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** There were no additional issues from members.
7. **Agency and Public Input:** Pam Walker (Wilson County Conservation District) had questions regarding water quality impacts downstream of a proposed pilot to pass sediment through a reservoir. Gary Koons shared that others including KWO wanted to be certain this was a safe lake management practice for users downstream. Core samples of the reservoir floor and instream water quality monitoring have been made key components of the pilot's design.
8. **Future Meetings:**
 - Verdigris RAC to vote on goals. **July, TBD**