

# Verdigris Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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9:00 am

Friday February 14, 2020

Walter Johnson Park

Coffeyville, KS 67337

### 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	Yes
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	Yes
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
Caleb Fabrycky	KDA-DWR (Parsons)
Bobbi Lutjohann	KWO
Gary Koons	KWO

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Gary Koons thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked New RAC member, Bob Culbertson for joining the group. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of the June Meeting Notes:** There were no corrections to the June meeting notes.
3. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA) and Legislative Visit Update: Gary Koons (KWO):** reported on issues being discussed at recent KWA meetings. These include studying the Arbuckle formation and concerns related to deep disposal from class I and class II wells. The lower Verdigris basin was on the list of potential study sites listed in a Kansas Geologic Survey (KGS) proposal. KWO, under direction of the Governor, is coordinating meetings between interested parties to scope an Arbuckle study. Chairperson Chuck Shively shared his experience meeting with legislators. He felt most legislators were very receptive to discussing water issues.
4. **Regional Activity:**
  - a. Gary Koons (KWO): reported that the KWO has been engaged with state and federal agencies to develop a likely permitting road map to increase the CVR dam height. An evaluation of the existing structure will need to take place and potentially some hydrologic modeling to show the regional impact of a planned structure.

- b. Gary Koons (KWO): reported on the 2019 flooding and an emerging partnership with NASA and European Space agency (ESA). Two water detection satellites collected flood inundation data over Kansas this spring/summer. These agencies have been providing data to KWO, free of charge, and are interested in how it is being utilized. KWO sees potential to use this data to better understand the economic impact of this event and highlight areas where mitigation investment would net the highest return.
5. **Goals and Action Steps Revisions: Gary Koons and Bobbi Lutjohann (KWO):** reported on the process to update RAC goals and action plans, then incorporate these into the State Water Plan. Currently, the Verdigris RAC has 3 goals. One of these is housed in the Educational Supplement document. Gary and Bobbi presented the performance-based budget information being put together. This collection of data explains the revenue and expenditures within the water plan and how they are geographically distributed. Mr. Blex suggested improving communication with our federal partners to improve movement on goals. Vice chairperson, John Ditmore recommended Gary Koons develop a draft of the proposed edits to their goals and action steps. The RAC will plan to review and discuss this draft at a May 2020 meeting.
6. **Questions and Future Issues from Members:** Gary Kelly brought up a concern raised by the twin canyon watershed district regarding the deterioration of stream bank and accumulation of sediment around a bridge north of highway 166.
7. **Agency and Public Input:** Caleb Fabrycky of DWR gave an announcement on water use reports. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for water right holders. Caleb mentioned to contact him if anyone needed assistance with the process.
8. **Future Meetings:**
- Kansas Water Authority **April 14<sup>th</sup>** Hutchinson, Kansas
  - Verdigris RAC **May, TBD**
  - Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas **November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** Wichita, Kansas