

GBP RAC Meeting 10/21/2020

A motion was made as follows: Berry Bortz made the motion to accept revised action plan as edited to forward on to KWA for review of updated goals only. To include requesting making goals #2, #3, & #4 a statewide goal as well. Orrin Feril seconded the motion. *Note- It was the consensus of the RAC members to revise the action steps at a later time.*

In favor- Berry Bortz, Orrin Feril, Keith Miller, Jeff Holste, Tom Turner, Craig Crossette
Opposed- None

Motion Passed- 6 in favor, 0 opposed

Great Bend Prairie RAC- Draft Revised Action Plan Goals (10/21/20)

Goal #1: Achieve water use sustainability within the Great Bend Prairie Regional Planning Area that includes a reasonable raising or lowering of the water table based on average weather conditions.

Goal #2: Developed for Municipalities and Rural Water Districts- Maintain annual training funds of 15% from Clean Water Drinking Fee and increase technical training support to Public Water Supply (PWS) systems to enhance new technology and increase water efficiently and effectively, thus reducing water loss. Utilize available municipal/residential/commercial "LAWN" irrigation training programs provided by the Irrigation Association.

Goal #3: Enhance the monitoring of poor quality water to stop and reverse further contamination of fresh water sources. Areas of concern include regions which have salt water disposal lines, disposal wells, high nitrate levels, and areas with high salt sources to ensure that contamination of fresh water sources does not continue to occur.

Goal #4: Initiate research and development of alternative feed sources and less water-intensive crops within the Great Bend Prairie Planning Region. Technology transfer from this research would have benefits in areas of Kansas where water is not available for production. Multiple research programs such as plant breeding and livestock feeding should be pursued.

Goal #5: Work towards sustainability of watersheds so that flood control capacity is maintained while maintaining streamflow to meet downstream water needs. Progress towards sustainability would be to have 50% of the drainage area within watershed districts controlled by watershed structures by 2065. Best available information/data will be evaluated every 10 years to track progress towards meeting this goal.