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MEMO

DATE: May 29, 2024
TO: Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Riley Vande Ven
RE: February 14, 2024 Meeting

The Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be having meeting on **June 06, 2024 at 12:30 PM (CDT) at** 401 South 5th Salina, Kansas 67401 and by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81354497933?pwd=i1HPkC1JldDVb8alVEYkwahvTaKLMR.1>

Meeting ID: 813 5449 7933

Passcode: 037616

The main agenda item is a discussion of upcoming strategic planning process and resource guide document.

Enclosed are the materials for the June 6th, 2024 Meeting:

- Agenda
- Meeting notes from the February 14th Meeting
- Press Release

If you cannot participate, or have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please contact me by telephone at 785-296-0867 or by e-mail at riley.vandeven@kwo.ks.gov.



**SMOKY HILL - SALINE
REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, June 6th, 2024

TIME: 12:30PM (CDT)

LOCATION: 401 South 5th St
Salina, KS 67401

AGENDA DETAILS

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Review of February 2024 Meeting Notes

III. RAC Business

- a. Resource Guide Presentation– Katie Goff (KWO)
- b. Strategic Plan Update– Riley Vande Ven (KWO)
- c. KWO/KWA Updates
- d. RAC Member Updates & Regional Event Sharing

IV. Agency Comments

V. Public Comments

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Smoky Hill-Saline RAC meeting: Late July
- b. Kansas Water Authority: June 11th, 2024 – Manhattan Kansas

Note: underlined items are action items for RAC

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
 10:00am, Wednesday, February 14th, 2024
 Abilene Community Center, 1020 NW 8th St. Abilene, KS 67410

Member Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Brad Shogren (Chair)	Lindsborg, KS	Irrigation	2025	Yes
Rich Krause (Vice Chair)	Russell, KS	Small Public Water Supply	2027	Yes
Holly Dickman	Hays, KS	Large Public Water Supply	2027	Yes
Baron Shively	McPherson, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2027	Yes
Daniel Baffa	Salina, KS	Conservation/Environment	2025	Yes
Herbert Graves Jr.	Chapman, KS	Conservation/Environment 3	2027	Yes
Chris Meyer	Sylvan Grove, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2027	No
Martha Tasker	Salina, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2027	No
Bevin Law	Longford, KS	Conservation	2025	No
Lon Schrader	Abilene, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2025	Yes
Jay Leusman	Abilene, KS	Agriculture 3	2027	Yes
VACANT	VACANT	Agriculture 2	2025	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2025	N/A

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Name	Affiliation
Amelia Nill	KWO	Diana Harden	Saline County CD
Don Whittemore	KGS	Dustin Durr	DOC/NRCS
Jennifer Nichols	KDHE		

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order by RAC Chair, Brad Shogren (Irrigation) at 10:00am. He then allowed each meeting attendee to provide a brief introduction.
2. **Review of October 2023 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Holly Dickman (Large Public Water Supply) made a motion to approve the notes. Dan Baffa (Conservation/Environment) seconded the motion. The meeting notes were approved with no further additions or changes.
3. **RAC Business:**
 - a. **RAC Member Orientation:** Amelia Lane (KWO) gave the RAC orientation presentation to the Committee. This included information on what the roles and responsibilities are of the Kansas Water Authority, Kansas Water Office and the Regional Advisory Committees. The presentation also highlighted information specific to the Smoky Hill-Saline RAC.
 - b. **Bromide & River Water Quality:** Don Whittemore (KGS) discussed the water quality issues seen in the Smoky Hill-Saline Region, specifically highlighted bromide. He described the data collected

in the Smoky Hill and Saline Rivers regarding bromide and chloride levels and discussed potential sources and mitigation tactics for the water quality issues.

- c. **RAC Goal Implementation Discussion:** Amelia and Brad led the RAC members through a discussion regarding the RAC's goals and action steps. The RAC identified a priority level, timeline, and information needed for each action step under goal #2.
- d. **KWO/KWA Updates:** Amelia recapped the January KWA meeting, highlighting the visit from the Governor. Amelia also mentioned that RAC and KWA members were able to participate in the Legislative Visits in January. Rich Krause (Small Public Water Supply) shared his experience from participating in the Legislative Visits. Another item that Amelia shared were the fast facts from the grant programs through the KWO.
- e. **RAC Member Updates & Regional Event Sharing:** Each RAC member was given the opportunity to share recent updates and items to note regarding the category they represent on the RAC.
- f. **Review of RAC Topics from 2023:** Amelia briefly highlighted the meeting topics that were covered in 2023. The RAC members will use this information to plan topics for 2024 meetings.

4. Agency or Public Comments:

- a. Jennifer Nichols (KDHE) highlighted some of the legislative initiatives that KDHE has in this session.
- b. Diana Harding (Saline County Conservation District) mentioned some of the education and outreach events the Saline County Conservation District has coming up.

5. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. The next Smoky Hill-Saline RAC meeting will be scheduled via Doodle Poll. This will likely take place in April/May 2024.
- b. The next KWA meeting is scheduled to take place on April 17th, 2024 in Southwest, KS.

The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 12:20 pm.