

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

1:00 PM (CDT), Thursday August 6th, 2020
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Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Kyle Nelson (Chair)	Holcomb, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	Yes
Joe Jury (Vice-Chair)	Ingalls, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	Yes
Kyle Averhoff	Garden City, KS	Dairy	2021	Yes
Hugh Brownlee	Syracuse, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Roy Dixon	Garden City, KS	Agriculture Industry	2021	Yes
Titus Jaeger	Lakin, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	2023	Yes
Fred Jones	Garden City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2021	No
Monte Morgan	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 3	2021	No
Bill Simshauser	Lakin, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Hal Scheuerman	Deerfield, KS	Surface Water Irrigation	2021	No
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	No
Brant Peterson	Johnson, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	No
Jason Shamburg	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Armando Zarco	KWO
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Earl Lewis	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Rachel Duran	KDA-DWR
Mark Rude	GMD3
Jason Norquest	GMD3

1. **Welcome and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by RAC Chair Kyle Nelson. Roll call was taken for RAC Members by Chair. Non-RAC member attendance was taken by Armando.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
3. **Review of June 2020 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
4. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority:** RAC Chair debriefed on highlights from recent KWA meeting. Armando elaborated more on the proposed GMD#1 LEMA and Certified Irrigator Program development in GMD#4.

- b. **State Budget Update Presentation:** Earl Lewis, KWO Director, provided an update on the recent changes to the SWP FY22 budget requests as well as summary of the past funding utilized in the Upper Arkansas region

5. Regional Activities

- a. **Budget Discussion & Recommendations:** A memo was drafted indicating that the Upper Arkansas RAC recommends funding priority towards supporting CREP funding as indicated by SWPF FY22 Budget Request, support a recent FY22 budget request from GMD3 to KWA, and to continue supporting KDA-DOC funding as indicated by SWPF FY22 Budget Request. A motion was made by Titus Jaeger and seconded by Roy Dixon to forward this memo on to the KWA. There was unanimous approval by all RAC Members present.
- b. **RAC Goals & Action Plans Update Recommendations:** No official changes were made at this time as the RAC members felt they needed more time to reevaluate their goal revisions. It was requested that Kyle Nelson, Joe Jury, and Bill Simshauser further consider revising a goal on water conservation and that Titus Jaeger, Roy Dixon, and Kyle Averhoff further consider revising a goal on alternate sources of supply for Southwest Kansas. It was also recommended to evaluate the sustainability versus feasibility of water resources for producers in the region.

6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports-** Due to time, agency reports were not provided.
- b. **Public Comments-** Due to time, no public comments were not provided
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** It was requested by RAC members to hold another meeting in middle September to further discuss revising RAC Goals.
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** No messages to submit to KWA at this time but it was suggested to provide a message at a later time regarding rural Kansas development.
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: August 12th, 2020 (Regularly every second Wed of the month at 9am)
 - ii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; virtual
 - iii. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: February 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.