

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
 11:00 AM (CDT), Tuesday September 15th, 2020
 GoToMeeting Conference Call

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	Yes
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	Yes
Monte Morgan	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 3	2021	Yes
Bill Simshauser	Lakin, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	Yes
Hal Scheuerman	Deerfield, KS	Surface Water Irrigation	2021	Yes
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	Yes
Brant Peterson	Johnson, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	Yes
Jason Shamburg	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Armando Zarco	KWO
Earl Lewis	KWO
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Kevin Salter	KDA-DWR
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Wade Kleven	KDHE
Jason Norquest	GMD3
Mark Rude	GMD3

1. **Welcome and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM 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 August 2020 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
4. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority Mtg 8/24/20:** Armando debriefed on the agenda items from recent KWA meeting. Presentations and materials can be found on KWO's KWA webpage.

5. Regional Activities

- a. **RAC Goals & Action Plans Update Recommendations:** At this time the committee members would like to refocus their regional goals to incorporate water conservation and bringing in an alternate source of supply. Much discussion was had on a goal entailing conservation of the Ogallala Aquifer and another goal focusing on an alternate source. There was also the thought of margining both draft goals into one to incorporate both goals.
 - i. **Conservation Goal Comments:** Should focus on usable supply of water for quality as well as yield, economy, and conservation. Consider terminology along the lines of either sustainable, stabilize, extending, or something that is all encompassing and not extending the problem. As well, it should be noted that water right priority should be mentioned in the goal and that this goal should be realistically achievable by supporting current programs that help conserve today.
 - ii. **Alternate Source of Supply Goal Comments:** It was mentioned that it may be best to merge a conservation goal with this goal as an overall action plan for the UA RAC. It was also mentioned that such as project would be great for the region but the time it may take for water to be available may take tens of years and considerations must be made now to utilize the current resource. The goal is a lofty goal but at this time needs to focus on what can be done by the RAC members now to initiate such a project across the state; or even across multiple states.

6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports-**
 - i. **KDHE-** Wade Kleven did not have anything to report at this time.
 - ii. **KWO-** Armando noted that the surveys for a possible virtual Governor's Water Conference were still being accepted, the scheduled September KWA meeting has been cancelled, and KWO is still mostly teleworking but operational day to day.
 - iii. **KDA-DWR-** Reported that the Garden City DWR office is still closed to the public but still operational with employees most teleworking.
 - iv. **GMD3-** Nothing to report at this time.
- b. **Public Comments-** 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 October to further discuss revising RAC Goals before next scheduled KWA meeting.
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** No messages to submit to KWA at this time.
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: October 14th, 2020 (Regularly every second Wed of the month at 9am)
 - ii. KWA Meeting: October 2020 (exact date TBD)
 - iii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020
 - iv. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: Garden City- February 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM.