

**Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting**  
9:00 AM (CDT), Thursday January 20, 2022  
GoToMeeting Conference Call

**Members in Attendance:**

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Roy Dixon (Chair)	Garden City, KS	Agriculture Industry	2025	Yes
Fred Jones (Vice-Chair)	Garden City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2025	No
Kyle Averhoff	Garden City, KS	Dairy	2025	Yes
Hugh Brownlee	Syracuse, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2025	No
Titus Jaeger	Lakin, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	2023	Yes
Monte Morgan	Deerfield, KS	Surface Water Irrigation	2025	Yes
Bill Simshauser	Lakin, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2025	No
Abram Lollar	Garden City, KS	At Large Public 3	2025	Yes
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	No
Brant Peterson	Johnson, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	Yes
Jason Shamburg	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	No
Kyle Nelson	Holcomb, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Joe Jury	Ingalls, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	Yes

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Austin McColloch	KDA-DWR
Kevin Salter	KDA-DWR
Brownie Wilson	KGS
Greg Graff	N/A

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by RAC Chair Roy Dixon. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
3. **Review of July 2021 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members.
4. **Regional Activities**
  - a. **Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) Aquifer Status Update:** A presentation was given by Brownie Wilson (KGS) on the current status of the aquifer within the Upper Arkansas planning region. The presentation was followed by questions and discussion from RAC members.

- b. **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Playa Lakes Tour and Workshop Overview:** RAC member Abram Lollar gave an overview of the recent 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Playa Lakes Tour and Workshop that had previously taken place the week prior in Dodge City. Information from the event was shared with the committee. It was requested to have Playa Lakes Joint Venture present at a future meeting to learn more about this topic and programs available.
- c. **Goals & Actions Plan and Educational Outreach Discussion:** RAC members discussed ways to start carrying out their Goals and Actions Plan by incorporating educational outreach efforts and utilizing local resources. They also talked about information that would be helpful to have presented to the committee at future meetings. It was mentioned about reaching out to the local community colleges on ways to help educate young adults on water conservation. Other items requested were to have a presentation on programs that help promote soil health to improve water quality and receiving more information on Randy Stotler's new findings in research for recharge through natural process. It was agreed that the Planner, Keadron Pearson, would work closely with the chair to set up future agenda items for meetings.

### 5. Updates

- a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of recent updates that had occurred at the KWA meeting.
- b. **Kansas Water Officer (KWO):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave an update on the recent agency changes that had occurred since the last RAC meeting.

### 6. Other Business

#### a. **Agency Reports:**

Mike Meyer (KDA-DWR): Reminded members of the upcoming deadline for water use reports. Reported that things have been business as usual. He and his staff have been busy with annual well measurements and assisting the public with water use report. He also informed the group of the upcoming GMD3 annual meeting date.

Abram Lollar (Ducks Unlimited): Informed members of the state convention that is coming up and that there are opportunities available to assist landowners through programs they offer.

- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** None
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
  - i. KWA Meeting: January 27
  - ii. Winter Water Technology Expo: February 3
  - iii. GMD3 Board Meeting: February 9

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.