

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00 PM (CDT), Thursday August 11, 2022 Hybrid Meeting

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	Yes
Kyle Averhoff	Garden City, KS	Dairy	2025	No
Hugh Brownlee	Syracuse, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2025	Yes
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	Yes
Abram Lollar	Garden City, KS	At Large Public 3	2025	Yes
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2023	Yes
Brant Peterson	Johnson, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	No
Jason Shamburg	Deerfield, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	No
Kyle Nelson	Holcomb, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2023	Yes
Joe Jury	Ingalls, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO	Tracy Streeter	Burns & McDonnell
Angela Anderson	KWO	Katie McLaughlin	KDHE
Weston McCary	KWO	Mark Rude	GMD3
Katie Basiotis	KDHE	Travis Sieve	KDHE

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by RAC Chair Roy Dixon. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.
3. **Review of April 2022 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members.
4. **Regional Activities**
 - a. **Garden City Update – Bureau of Reclamation Marketing Plan:** Fred Jones, Water Resource Manager for Garden City, gave an overview to the RAC of Garden City’s upcoming Water Reclamation & Reuse Project. He shared with members a memo explaining the project. Following his presentation, a motion was made by Bill Simshauser to draft a letter of support for the project. The most was seconded by Kyle Nelson. No discussion was had and the motion passed. Fred Jones abstained from voting.
 - b. **Budget Discussions & Recommendations:** RAC members reviewed the FY2024 State Water Plan Fund Budget Recommendations draft. With the assistance of the Planner, the group answer and discussed the

RAC member Budget Input Questionnaire online. It was moved by Titus Jaeger to submit the budget recommendations as answered. Monte Morgan seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The following items are what the RAC members recommended/supported for the FY2024 State Water Plan Fund:
- Interstate Water Issues, Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer Partnerships, Nonpoint Source Pollution Assistance, Aid to Conservation Districts, Drinking Water Protection Program, WTAP, CREP, Riparian and Wetland Programs, Soil Health, KGS Index Well Program, Water Quality Partnerships, Garden City Water Reclamation and Reuse Project to the Ogallala-High Plains Aquifer Partnerships, and Funding for development of new sources of water supply.

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 Office (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:**

Mark Rude (GMD3): Mark reported on recent GMD3 meetings and activities. He also spoke about the work being done in forming the Arkansas River Watershed Group with fund received from a Bureau of Reclamation Grant.

Travis Sieve (KDHE): Travis reported on KDHE's recent work with water quality issues and programs within the region.

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: August 17th
- ii. GMD3 Board Meeting: October 4th
- iii. Governor's Water Conference: November 16th & 17th

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.