

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

12:30 PM (CDT), Monday September 26, 2022

In-Person Meeting & Field Tour at Westside Dairy

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Roy Dixon (Chair)	Garden City, KS	Agriculture Industry	2025	No
Fred Jones (Vice-Chair)	Garden City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2025	Yes
Kyle Averhoff	Garden City, KS	Dairy	2025	Yes
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	No
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	Yes
Joe Jury	Ingalls, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Weston McCary	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO
Frank Mercurio	Westside Dairy
Jase Dale	WKI

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 12:36 PM by RAC Vice Chair Fred Jones. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.
3. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Matt Unruh (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.
 - c. **FY2024 State Water Plan Fund:** Matt Unruh (KWO) gave an overview what had been happening with the FY2024 Stat Water Plan Fund. The overview was followed by questions from RAC Members.
4. **Regional Activities**

- a. **Westside Dairy Water Reclamation Conservation System Overview:** Weston McCary, KWO, gave an overview to the RAC of Westside Dairy's Water Reclamation Conservation System. He explained that Westside Dairy is located just south of Syracuse and how they are a current WISE Farm. The presentation was followed by questions from RAC members.

Following the conclusion of the overview RAC members attended a field tour at Westside Dairy.

5. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:** None
- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** Inviting Regional Representatives to attend meetings and touring the DFA plant in Garden City
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: October 14th
 - ii. KWA Meeting: October 19th
 - iii. Governor's Water Conference: November 16th & 17th

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.