

**Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 9:00 AM (CDT), Friday February 03, 2023  
 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	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	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	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	Yes

**Others in attendance:**

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO	Austin McColloch	KDA – DWR
Victoria Potts	KWO	Jason Norquest	GMD3
Angela Anderson	KWO	Mark Rude	GMD3
Brownie Wilson	KGS	Chris Law	GMD3
Gary Bolt	N/A		

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM 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 August 2022 and September 2022 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members. The motion was made by Joe Jury to approve the notes as written. Bill Simshauser seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Regional Activities**
  - a. **Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) Aquifer State Update:** Brownie Wilson (KGS) gave an update on the current conditions of the aquifer underlying the region. The presentation was followed by questions and answers from members of the RAC.
  - b. **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Playa Lakes Workshop & Tour Overview:** Abe Lollar (Ducks Unlimited) gave an overview of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Playa Lakes Workshop & Tour that had taken place in Liberal the previous month. He

**Membership:** Kyle Nelson (Chair), Holcomb, KS; Joe Jury (Vice-Chair), Ingalls, KS; Kyle Averhoff, Garden City, KS; Hugh Brownlee, Syracuse, KS; Roy Dixon, Garden City, KS; Titus Jaeger, Lakin, KS; Fred Jones, Garden City, KS; Monte Morgan, Deerfield, KS; Bill Simshauser, Lakin, KS; Abram Lollar, Garden City, KS; Ray Slattery, Dodge City, KS; Brant Peterson, Johnson, KS; Jason Shamburg, Deerfield, KS  
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also mentioned the deadline for the upcoming CRP sign up that focused on playa areas and the upcoming KAWS event taking place in Dodge City. The presentation was followed by questions and answers by member of the RAC.

### 5. Updates

- a. **January KWA/RAC Member Legislative Visits:** Fred Jones gave a report on his recent trip to Topeka to visit with members of the state legislature along with members of the KWA to inform and seek support for the Kansas Water Plan Fund. The report was followed by discussion from members of the RAC.
- 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. **Kansas Legislature & Kansas Water Authority (KWA):** Victoria Potts (KWO Manager, Policy & Governmental Affairs) gave an in-depth report on recent events that had taken place with the Kansas Legislature and Kansas Water Authority. She also presented updated information available on the KWO website that showed where any bill pertaining to water issues is being tracked so that individuals could easily access information about them. The report was followed by discussion from members of the RAC.

### 6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:**  
Mark Rude (GMD3): Mark reported on recent GMD3 meetings and activities.
- b. **Public Comments:** Brant Peterson shared a brief report on his results from the past year with the use of dragonline in his farming operation.
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** The request was made to have an update on the John Martin Reservoir Pilot Project. It was the consensus of the RAC members present to have the next meeting be on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** Titus Jaeger introduced a message to the RAC. The message was reviewed and discussed by members of the RAC with additional information being added to the original draft. The motion was made by Brant Peterson to pass on the updated message to the Kansas Water Authority. It was seconded by Joe Jury. Additional discussion by RAC members was had. The motion passed with a majority vote of 7 for and 5 against.
- e. **Future Meetings:**
  - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: February 6<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. GMD3 Annual Meeting & Board Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. KWO WISE Tour – Spring 2023: March 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - iv. Kansas Water Authority: April 19<sup>th</sup>

**The motion to adjourn was made by Brant Peterson and seconded by Bill Simshauser. No discussion was had and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**