

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting 10:00 AM (CDT), Friday May 12, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

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	Yes
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	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Angela Anderson	KWO
Wade Kleven	KDHE
Gary Bolt	N/A
Jim Minnix	Kansas House Representative

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by RAC Vice-Chair Fred Jones. All present provided self-introductions.
2. **Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.
3. **Review of May 2023 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. There were no changes requested by the RAC members. The motion was made by Titus Jaeger to approve the notes as written. Joe Jury seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Updates**
 - a. **Kansas Legislative:** Upon request by RAC members present, Representative Jim Minnix very kindly provided an overview of water legislation that had passed during the recent legislative session. He spoke in detail about HB 2302 and HB 2279. His update was followed by questions and 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 Water Authority (KWA):** Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the RAC of recent updates that had occurred at the KWA meeting.

5. Regional Activities

- a. **Review of Tabled Draft from Previous Meeting:** Bill Simshauser presented two updated drafts of the message he introduced at the previous meeting to the RAC for consideration. After review of the updated drafts and discussion from members of the RAC, it was suggested that the members take some additional time to look over the updated messages and make a decision on them at a future meeting. The motion was made by Titus Jaeger to table the message until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Jury. No discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Review of Draft Message:** Titus Jaeger presented a draft message that he put together proposing an idea for a pilot project for a “Conservation Minded Augmentation Targeted Stewardship Program”. The committee discussed the proposal and requested additional time to look over the message presented. The motion was made by Abe Lollar to table the message until a future meeting. It was seconded by Kyle Averhoff. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports:** None
- b. **Public Comments:** None
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** None
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** None
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. CO/KS Arkansas River Water Quality Summit: May 23 & 24
 - ii. Kansas Water Authority: June 7
 - iii. GMD3 Board Meeting: June 14

The motion to adjourn was made by Bill Simshauser and seconded by Titus Jaeger. No discussion was had and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.