

MARAIS DES CYGNES RAC MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 2023- AG CHOICE, OSAGE CITY



AGENDA DETAILS

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll call – Chair
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Approval of July 2023 RAC Meeting Notes
- V. Updates – KWO
 - a. August and October KWA meetings
 - b. Education and Outreach Update
- VI. RAC Goals Implementation Timeline
- ~~VII. Silver Jackets Presentation – Scott Satherwait (KDHE)~~
- VIII. RAC Messages to KWA
- IX. Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members
- X. Educational Events within the Region
- XI. Agency Input
- XII. Public Input
- XIII. Adjournment

Future Meetings

- a. Governor's Water Conference – November 15-16, 2023 – Manhattan, KS
- b. KWA – December 13, 2023 – Location and time TBD
- c. Winter RAC meeting – Date TBD – around January

KWA UPDATES

- **August**
- Public Water Supply committee actions:
 - City of Independence negotiation authorization
 - City of Marion contract approval
 - Cottonwood and Neosho River Basin Water Assurance District #3 contract renegotiation for additional storage space
- RAC Operations Committee
 - Membership drive approval (see handout for vacancies)
 - New members on the Marais des Cygnes include Trenton Morris (Public Water Supply), Charles Finley (At Large Public), and Larry Schulte (Industry/Commerce)
- Budget Committee
 - Approval of FY 2025 budget recommendations put together by KWO with all 14 RACs input in consideration (see handout)
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
 - KWA would like the opportunity to be a commenting agency in the matter

KWA UPDATES

- **October**
- Public Water Supply Committee
 - Water Purchase contract for City of Emporia, City of Coffeyville, and City of Independence
- RAC Operations Committee
 - KWA would like RACs to nearby RAC chairs to present at KWA meetings updates on progress in goals and action plans
- Annual Report in progress by KWO
- Hays/Russell Water Transfer discussion
- Updates
 - Kansas Biological Survey
 - Kansas Association of Watershed Districts
- Tour of University of Kansas Field Station

EDUCATION & OUTREACH UPDATE

Kansas Water Plan Partnership Initiative



The Kansas Water Office (KWO) is making **Kansas Water Plan Partnership Initiative** (KWPPi) funding available to promote progress on priority actions noted within Guiding Principle sections of the 2022 [Kansas Water Plan](#) and associated Regional Goal Action Plans.

The Kansas Water Office will select applications for projects and activities that have the best opportunity to support implementation progress of the Kansas Water Plan (KWP).

Important details required during the application process:

- **The grants require a minimum of 50% match**
- **A succinct project proposal** that addresses the chosen problem statement
- **A proposed budget (one page)**, the budget should note if your match is cash or in-kind and the source of the match
- **A timetable/project schedule**



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