

KANSAS WATER PLAN UPDATE:

Connie Owen gave an update on the ongoing Kansas Water Plan update.

LEGISLATIVE:

Connie Owen gave an update on the House Water Committee.

Matt Unruh gave an update on the House Appropriation process.

KWA SWPF FY 2024 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION PROCESS:

Matt Unruh spoke and gave a presentation about the FY 2024 SWPF Budget Recommendation timeline and process.

KANSAS DROUGHT DISCUSSION:

Richard Rockel gave a presentation about the current drought conditions and outlook for the state of Kansas.

Connie Owen gave an update on the Governor's drought declaration.

Nathan Westrup gave a presentation on the Reservoir Water Supply Operations during Drought.

KANSAS WATER SUCCESS STORY:

Andrew Lyon gave a presentation on a Kansas Water Success Story. He presented on the GRASP project.

FEDERAL UPDATE:

Tom Stiles gave an updated on the Federal Infrastructure Funding.

Josh Olson gave an update regarding the Tuttle Creek Water Injection Dredging Project.

Kirk Tjelmeland gave an update and requested approval to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government regarding the 2021 EPA Wetland Development Program Grant.

2021 EPA Wetland Development Program Grant

Motion 04-20-04

It was moved by Jean Steiner and seconded by Allen Roth for the Kansas Water Authority to authorize the Director of the Kansas Water Office to enter into an agreement with the U.S. EPA for the 2021 Wetland Program Development Grant. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Adams gave update from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Andrew Lyon gave update from the Department of Conservation

Earl Lewis gave an update from the Division of Water Resources.

Leo Henning gave an update on from Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY Hybrid Meeting

April 20, 2022

Emporia, KS

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dawn Buehler called the **April 20, 2022**, Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting held in-person and Via Zoom webinar/call to order at **09:00 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Buehler, John Bailey, Randy Hayzlett, Alan King, Chris Ladwig, Carolyn McGinn, Allen Roth, Allan Soetaert, Jean Steiner, David Stroberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Armstrong, Lynn Goossen and Jeremiah Hobbs

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Earl Lewis, Susan Metzger, Steve Adams, Sara Baer, Leo Henning, Mike Beam, Andrew Lyon, Connie Owen, Rolfe Mandel

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Dwight Keen, Ernie Minton, Rolfe Mandel, David Toland, Kayla Savage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion No. 04-20-01 It was moved by Allen Roth and seconded by Chris Ladwig to approve the January 27, 2022, Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

KWA PWS COMMITTEE:

John Bailey & Nathan Westrup gave a presentation for the Public Water Supply (PWS) Committee and an update on Evergy's request for an extension on Water Purchasing Contract 17-2.

Negotiations approval for Water Purchasing Contract 17-2

Motion No. 04-20-02 It was moved by John Bailey and seconded by Jean Steiner to allow negotiations with Evergy on Water Purchasing Contract 17-2, the supplemental water supply for Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The source of supply for WPC No. 17-2 is John Redmond Reservoir and it is the sole source of make-up water for the power plant's cooling lake. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

KWA RAC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Angela Anderson gave an update on the KWA RAC Operations Committee. She went through 3 RAC applications and presented a memo to the KWA from the Upper Republican RAC regarding concerns with Water Quality in their region. This memo sparked a conversation about Water Quality concerns in that region and for the State of Kansas. Copy of the memo and article can be found in the meeting materials.

RAC Member Applications

Motion No. 04-20-03 It was moved by Jean Steiner and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the RAC membership applications for Tim Boese to the Equus-Walnut RAC for the Conservation/Environment (cc) category, Laura Hines to the Marais des Cygnes RAC for the Industry & Commerce (cc) category, and Dean Grant to the Neosho RAC for the Water Assurance District category. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

Jude & Tim gave an update from the Kansas Biological Survey.


Susan Metzger gave an updated from Kansas State University.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Connie Owen gave Director's Report from the Kansas Water Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dawn Buehler adjourned the meeting at **2:23 p.m.**



Dawn Buehler, Chair



Connie Owen, Secretary