

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

January 27, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dawn Buehler called the **January 27, 2022**, Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting held in-person and Via Zoom webinar/call to order at **8:35 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Buehler, Michael Armstrong, John Bailey, Randy Hayzlett, Jeremiah Hobbs, Alan King, Chris Ladwig, Allen Roth, Jean Steiner, Allan Soetaert, David Stroberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynn Goossen and Carolyn McGinn

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Duffy, Earl Lewis, Lane Letourneau, Susan Metzger, Brad Loveless, Sara Baer, Leo Henning, Andrew Lyon, Connie Owen, Rolfe Mandel

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ernie Minton, Mike Beam, David Toland, Kayla Savage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion No. 01-27-01

It was moved by Allen Roth and seconded by Randy Hayzlett to approve the December 1, 2021, 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 & Richard Rockel gave a presentation for the Public Water Supply (PWS) Committee and update on the 2022 Surplus Water Report.

Surplus Water Report

Motion No. 01-27-02

It was moved by Mike Armstrong and seconded by David Stroberg to approve the 2022 Surplus Water Report. The motion was amended to give authorization to the Director of the Kansas Water Office to enter in to surplus water supply contract for water defined to the surplus by the report. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.** Information found in meeting materials.

KANSAS WATER PLAN UPDATE:

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

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET:

Matt Unruh gave an update on the Governor's fiscal year 2023 budget recommendations.

Connie Owen gave an update on the House Water Committee.

Governor Laura Kelly gave an update on her fiscal year 2023 budget Recommendations.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Kansas Water Authority discussed and drafted a letter of support to send to members of legislation in regards to the House Water Committee's desire to increase funding for Water Projects and Debt Paydown beyond the Governor's Recommendation.

Motion 01-27-03

It was moved by **Jeremiah Hobbs** and seconded by **John Bailey** for the Kansas Water Authority to approve and send a letter of support to members of legislation in regards to the House Water Committee's initiative, desire, and actions to increase financial support of water initiatives to protect, secure, and sustain water resources for the people of the state. **Motion carried with no dissenting vote.** Information found in meeting materials.

STATE WATER PLAN FUND DATA SHARING:

Richard Rockel & Katie Goff from the Kansas Water Office presented the State Water Plan Fund Data Dashboard.

DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS:

Dawn Buehler gave an update on Kansas' drought preparedness.

NEW BUSINESS:

Earl Lewis gave update from the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Andrew Lyon gave update from the Department of Conservation

Susan Duffy gave an update from the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Dawn Buehler gave an update on behalf of Susan Metzger from Kansas State University.

Brad Loveless gave an update from Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Allen Roth gave an updated from Kansas Association of Conservation Districts.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Dawn Buehler adjourned the meeting at **12:03 p.m.**



Dawn Buehler, Chair



Connie Owen, Secretary