

Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 PM (CST), Wednesday March 4th, 2020

Conestoga Energy Offices

1701 N. Kansas Ave.

Liberal, KS 67846

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Calvin Burke (Chair)	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Trista Brown (Vice-Chair)	Satanta, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	Yes
Gary Boldt	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public 3	2023	Yes
Michael Bryant	Copeland, KS	Agriculture 2	2023	No
Matt Higgins	Elkhart, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	Yes
Luke Grubbs	Hugoton, KS	Irrigation	2021	No
Alan Olson	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Jason Norquest	Garden City, KS	At Large Public 4	2023	Yes
Bret Rooney	Satanta, KS	Groundwater Management	2021	No
Jim Sipes	Manter, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
VACANT	VACANT	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	Agricultural Industry	2023	N/A
VACANT	VACANT	At Large Public 2	2023	N/A

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO
Armando Zarco	KWO

- Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by the Chair. All present provided self-introductions.
- Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- Review of June 2019 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes from the June 2019 meeting (no quorum) were discussed. There were no additions or corrections requested.
- Kansas Water Authority (KWA) & Legislative Update:**
 - January KWA Meeting-** Armando Zarco debriefed on highlights of recent KWA meeting.
 - Legislative Visits-** Bobbi Luttjohann debriefed on visits and comments provided from legislators.

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- c. **State Budget Updates-** Armando Zarco elaborated on the next fiscal year's budget recommendations and that a Budget Webinar will be occurring in April to provide detailed information to all RAC members on each budget line item. Armando also noted that a RAC meeting must take place in June 2020 to give any RAC member an opportunity to provide comments to the KWA on the budget recommendations before the next fiscal year.

5. Regional Activities

- a. **Membership Status-** Armando mentioned that there are currently three vacancies on this RAC and asked current RAC members to reach out to potential candidates if they know of any.
- b. **2020 RAC Meetings-** It was the consensus of the RAC members present to hold three more RAC meetings in 2020 on the months of June, August, and October. They also concurred that the current venue is satisfactory as a location to hold the meetings in the future.
- c. **Water Bank Discussion-** The RAC Chair requested to research other ways to allow municipalities the flexibilities to manage their water wells more appropriately for the needs of the city. By allowing a program such as water bank/or accounting system with water it may also allow nearby irrigators to purchase local water that was unused by the city. Mike Meyer, KDA-DWR, said he can look into alternative options and consult them at a later time.
- d. **Oklahoma Coordination Discussion-** No discussion had at this meeting
- e. **Master Irrigator Program Discussion-** Jason Norquest provided an update that Colorado is beginning to implement this program.
- f. **Optional Break-** Break was not taken.
- g. **RAC Goals & Actions Plans Update Recommendations:**
 - i. **Deadline: August 2020-** It was determined by the RAC Members that it would be best if they all had the opportunity to review the current Goals and Actions Plans on their own time prior to the next RAC meeting. They agreed to provide comments to Armando via email or at the tentative June 2020 RAC Meeting. The RAC was also open to holding a conference call RAC meetings at a later time to discuss these updates.

6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports**
 - i. **KDA-** Mike Meyer mentioned that the Chief Engineer, David Barfield, retired recently. He also mentioned that a brief KGS water level update will be provided at the GMD3 Annual meeting coming up, he reminded the RAC members that water use reports deadline had passed, and that Nick Hatcher would like to renew his WCA in the region.
 - ii. **GMD3-** Jason Norquest elaborated on the GMD3 Annual Meeting and some of the agenda items to be discussed.

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- iii. KWO- Armando Zarco provided an update on the KWO Water Technology Farm program and that the new season is ramping up. Armando also mentioned to be on the lookout for announcement on a Circle C Tech Farm Cover Crop Field Day and other tech farm events on KWO's social media and press releases.
- b. **Public comments-** No comments from the public.
- c. **Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members-** None mentioned at this time.
- d. **Messages to the KWA-** No messages to submit to KWA at this time.
- e. **Future Meetings**
 - i. GMD3 Annual Meeting: March 11 at 9am; Ulysses
 - ii. GMD3 Board Meeting: March 11 following Annual Meeting
 - 1. Regularly every second Wed of the month at 9am
 - iii. Upper Arkansas & Cimarron Regions Public Input Meeting: March 11; Ulysses
 - iv. Salt Cedar/Tamarisk Management and Control Workshop: March 19; Hamilton Co
 - v. 3I Farm Show: March 19-21; Dodge City
 - vi. Ogallala Aquifer Summit: March 31; Amarillo, TX
 - vii. Kansas Water Authority: April 14, 2020; Hutchinson
 - viii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; Wichita

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM (CST)

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