

# Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 AM (CST), Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

GoToMeeting Conference Call

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Calvin Burke (Chair)	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Trista Brown (Vice-Chair)	Satanta, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	No
Gary Boldt	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public 2	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	Yes
Alan Olson	Ulysses, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	No
Jason Norquest	Garden City, KS	At Large Public 3	2023	Yes
Bret Rooney	Satanta, KS	Groundwater Management	2021	No
Jim Sipes	Manter, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2021	No
Jose Rosales	Liberal, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2023	Yes
Harrison Krey	Rolla, KS	Agricultural Industry	2023	No
VACANT	VACANT	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	N/A

### Others in attendance:

Name	Agency
Armando Zarco	KWO
Keadron Pearson	KWO
Austin McColloch	KDA-DWR
David Barfield	KS Water Resources Consulting, LLC

- Welcome and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Jason Norquest (acting Chair for meeting). All others present provided self-introductions.
- Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- Review of March 2020 Meeting Notes:** The meeting notes were reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- Updates**
  - Kansas Water Authority:** Armando debriefed on highlights from recent KWA meetings.
  - State Budget Updates:** Armando stated that the State Water Plan Budget may need to be reevaluated by the KWA due to COVID-19 response so RAC comments to KWA should be postponed until July.

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### 5. Regional Activities

- a. **Membership Status:** Armando mentioned that there is one vacancy on the RAC and asked current RAC members to reach out to potential candidates if they know of any.
- b. **RAC Goals and Action Plans Update Recommendations:** It was the consensus of the members participating to review the current Goals and Actions Steps on their own time and to provide any comments on edits to Armando by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in order to compile a draft for the next RAC meeting.

### 6. Other Business

- a. **Agency Reports**
  - i. **KWO:** Armando provided an update on status of KWO to include that most employees are still teleworking and are under instruction to continue to hold virtual meetings. Armando also mentioned that the next KWA meeting will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM via GoToMeeting.
  - ii. **KWA-DWR:** Austin also mentioned that DWR is also teleworking but some employees are working in the field for meter inspections. He also noted that the fee for late water use reports is now \$1,000.
  - iii. **GMD3:** Jason stated that the GMD3 office is open with fully staffed but are only accepting appointments at this time. He also mentioned that their office has started summer meter inspections with additional help. Lastly, there next GMD3 Board meeting will be in-person with the option to call in if preferred.
- b. **Public Comments**
  - i. **David Barfield:** David noted that the GMD4 LEMA is subject to court challenge at the Gove County Courthouse.
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** It was requested to attempt to hold a RAC meeting for the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> to further discuss Goal revisions and review any budget request updates.
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** No messages to submit to KWA at this time.
- e. **Future Meetings:**
  - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Regularly every second Wed of the month at 9am)
  - ii. Bottom Line Conference: August 12-13; Kearny County Fairgrounds
  - iii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; Wichita
  - iv. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: February 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

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