

Cimarron Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 PM (CDT), Monday August 3rd, 2020

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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 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	Yes
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
Bobbi Luttjohann	KWO
Earl Lewis	KWO
Sara Maguire	KWO
Mike Meyer	KDA-DWR
Steve Frost	KDA-DOC
Mark Rude	GMD3

- Welcome and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by RAC Chair. Roll call was taken by Armando Zarco of RAC Members and others participating.
- Review of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No changes requested by the RAC members.
- Review of June 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 meeting.

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- b. **State Budget Update Presentation:** Earl Lewis, KWO Director, provided an update on the recent changes to the SWP FY22 budget requests as well as summary of the past funding utilized in the Cimarron region.

5. Regional Activities

- a. **Budget Discussion & Recommendations:** A memo was drafted indicating that the Cimarron RAC recommends funding priority towards the Water Technology Farm program, technology efforts with KDA-DOC, and supporting the GMD3 groundwater model GUI interface in the Cimarron Region. A motion was made by Trista Brown Priest and seconded by Jim Sipes to forward this memo on to the KWA.
- b. **RAC Goals & Action Plans Update Recommendations:** Upon further discussion, draft revisions to goals #1 & #2 were made to include additional action items. As well, goal #3 was revised to encourage more conservation amongst users; which also incorporated additional action steps. There was a motion by Luke Grubbs and seconded by Matt Higgins to forward these draft revisions to the KWA for final approval of updating the Cimarron RAC goals and action plans.

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 August 24th. Lastly, Armando noted that the KS Governor's Water Conference will not be held in person this year but will still be available to attend virtually.
 - ii. **KDA-DWR:** Mike reported that their office is fully functional but not open to in-person meetings at this time. He also reported that any late water use report fees are not at \$1,000.
 - iii. **KDA-DOC:** No reports at this time.
 - iv. **GMD3:** Jason stated that the GMD3 office is open for business, they have also initiated their summer meter reading program, and are in the process of executing their POC project.
- b. **Public Comments:** No public comments provided.
- c. **Future Agenda Items from RAC Members:** It was requested to hold the next Cimarron RAC meeting in late October.
- d. **RAC Messages to the KWA:** No messages to submit to KWA at this time.
- e. **Future Meetings:**
 - i. GMD3 Board Meeting: August 12th, 2020 (Regularly every second Wed of the month at 9am)
 - ii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; Wichita
 - iii. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: February 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

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