

# Equus-Walnut Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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9:30 am February 2, 2022

Remote

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Brian Meier (Chair)	Wichita, KS	Industry/Commerce 2	2025	Yes
Russell Tomevi (Vice Chair)	Winfield, KS	Integrated Planning	2023	Yes
Denise Noonan Middleton	Burden, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	No
Libby Albers	Newton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	No
David Bogner	Mt. Hope, KS	Groundwater Management	2023	Yes
Chad Milligan	Derby, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	Yes
Roger Black	Arkansas City, KS	Watershed Protection	2023	No
Don Henry	Wichita, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Steve Hieger	Wichita, KS	Industry/ Commerce (cc)	2023	No
Brett Perry	Andover, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2025	No
Josh Bedel	McPherson, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2025	No
Richard Basore	Sedgwick, KS	Agriculture 2	2025	Yes

### Others in Attendance:

Name	Affiliation
David Bollenback	Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
Jeff Klock	KCC
Tim Boese	Groundwater Management District 2 (GMD2) Manager
Ronald Graber	Watershed Protection and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Kansas State University extension
Jeff Lanterman	Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)
Sara Maguire	Kansas Water Office (KWO)
Josh Olson	KWO

**Welcome and Roll Call:** Sara Maguire of KWO called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. New members and roles were discussed.

**Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Approval of Agenda:** RAC members approved the agenda as written.

### Kansas Water Office Updates

#### a. Statewide Updates

- Kansas Water Plan:** Sara Maguire explained a draft of the Water Plan was posted for public comments in the fall and KWO is currently working through these comments to create a finalized document.
- Kansas Water Authority Update:** Sara summarized the Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting held on January 27, 2022.

#### b. Regional Updates

- RAC Membership:** Sara announced that Byron Warta has left the RAC and that KWO is accepting applications to replace him in the Conservation/Environment category.
- Brian Meier opened the floor for open discussion from members but no comments were made.

### c. Agency Updates

- i. Tim Boese with GMD2 said his office is fully staffed and is reviewing safe yield calculations. All parties involved in the Wichita Recharge Project have until February 11, 2022 for comments. The wells in the Burton area are projected to be replaced this year.
- ii. Don Henry discussed budget priorities and the new water treatment plant in Wichita. Water levels in the Cheney reservoir are currently low.
- iii. Ron Graber with WRAPS discussed the BMP program and how 313 acres are being added to the existing 500 acres allocated to this program. The 5-year contract is nearing the end and 100 acres will be expiring. The next 3-year grant begins July 1, 2022.
- iv. Jeff Lanterman with KDA said the annual crop well measurements have been collected.
- v. Jeff Klock with KCC answered questions from the group regarding funding and contracts.

### Regional Activities

- a. **Arbuckle Study:** Josh Olson with KWO gave an update on the Arbuckle Study. The Arbuckle Study Group last met in December 2021 and since then, a new subcontractor has been brought on board to collect measurements. The Kansas Water Authority has recommended an additional \$150,000 in funding for the project in FY 2023 and Governor Laura Kelly included this number in her recommendations as well.
- b. **Produced Water Pilot Update:** Sara and Josh explained there are currently setbacks on the manufacturer's side of the Produced Water Pilot due to creation and budgetary problems.
- c. **Review Goals and Action Plans:** Sara discussed the region's current goals and action plans. The group decided to work through these little by little over the coming months.

### Other Business

- a. **Public comments:** None.
- b. **Questions and Future Issues from RAC Members:** None.
- c. **Meetings**
  - i. **Equus-Walnut RAC:** The next RAC meeting will be scheduled around May or June.

**Adjourn:** Brian Meier adjourned the meeting at 10:51am.