

Great Bend Prairie Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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1:00 PM (CDT), Tuesday September 1st, 2020 GoToMeeting Conference Call

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Keith Miller (Chair)	Barton Co., KS	Agriculture 3	2023	No
Jeff Holste (Vice-Chair)	Burdett, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2021	No
Berry Bortz	Preston, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2023	No
Kendal Francis	Great Bend, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	No
Orrin Feril	Stafford, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2021	Yes
Tom Turner	St. John, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2021	No
Jay Dill	Kinsley, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2021	No
Craig Crossette	Sterling, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2023	No
Daniel Filbert	Macksville, KS	Agriculture 2	2021	No
Mark Fincham	Pratt, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	2023	No
Stephanie Royer	La Crosse, KS	At Large Public 2	2023	Yes
Isaac Aberson	Jetmore, KS	Watershed Protection	2023	No
Cammie Vaupel	St. John. KS	Commerce/Industry 2	2021	No

Others in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Armando Zarco	KWO
Matt Unruh	KWO
Lauren Koons	KWO
Jeff Lanterman	KDA-DWR
Kathie Rondeau	PN Co Cons. District

- 1. Welcome and Roll Call: At 1:05 PM Armando welcomed those participating in the meeting but stated that there needed to be more RAC members attending to take official action for business.
- 2. Review of Agenda: No comments for changes
- 3. Review of August 2020 Meeting Notes: No comments for changes
- 4. Updates
 - a. **Kansas Water Authority:** Armando briefly covered the topics discussed on the August 24th KWA meeting.
- 5. Regional Activities
 - a. RAC Goals & Action Plans Update Recommendations: As a quorum of RAC members was not present for this meeting, no official changes could be made at this time. It was requested by Stephanie and Orrin to consider, at the next meeting, adding support of the local Conservation Districts to the "Responsible and Assisting Agencies/Organizations" sections of each of their current goals. As well, it was requested to look at adjusting the timeline of each goal.

Membership: Keith Miller, Chair, Great Bend, KS; Jeff Holste, Vice Chair, Burdett, KS; Isaac Aberson, Jetmore, KS; Berry Bortz, Preston, KS; Craig Crossette, Sterling, KS; Jay Dill, Kinsley, KS; Orrin Feril, Stafford, KS; Daniel Filbert, Macksville, KS; Mark Fincham, Pratt, KS; Kendal Francis, Great Bend; Stephanie Royer, La Crosse, KS; Tom Turner, St. John, KS; Cammie Vaupel, St. John, KS. KWO Planner: Armando Zarco, 620-765-7485, armando.zarco@kwo.ks.gov



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6. Other Business

- a. Agency Reports
 - i. KWO- Armando stated that KWO is still mostly teleworking but are conducting business as usual, the 2020 Governor's water conference was cancelled in-person but there may be a possibility for a virtual conference, and that the next KWA may likely take place in October 2020.
 - **ii. KDA-DWR:** Jeff Lanterman did note that their office is still closed due to COVID-19 but are still conducting business.
 - iii. PN Co. Conservation District- No comments at this time.
- b. **Public Comments:** No public comments provided.
- c. Future Agenda Items from RAC Members: It was requested to hold the next GBP RAC meeting in late September.
- d. RAC Messages to the KWA: No messages to submit to KWA at this time.
- e. Future Meetings:
 - i. GMD5 Board Meeting: September 10th, 2020 (Regularly every second Thur of the month at 7pm)
 - ii. KWA Meeting: October 2020 (exact date TBD)
 - iii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020
 - iv. KWO Winter Water Tech Expo: Garden City-February 2021

The meeting ended at 1:30 PM.