

Kansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

11:30 am, Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

Abe & Jake's Landing 8 E 6th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Members Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Darci Meese Chair	Lenexa, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2023	Yes
Adam Bauer, V-Chair	Milford, KS	WRAPS	2023	Yes
Marlene Bosworth	Sabetha, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2023	No
Bill Heatherman	Manhattan, KS	Public Utility	2025	Yes
Brad Bradley	Overland Park, KS	Fish and Wildlife	2025	No
Glenn Brunkow	Westmoreland, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2025	No
Sarah Hill-Nelson	Lawrence, KS	Industry/Commerce	2023	Yes
Leslie Holthaus	Beattie, KS	Conservation/Environment	2023	Yes
Daniel Howell	Frankfort, KS	Agriculture	2025	Yes
Sylvia Davis	Topeka, KS	Water Assurance District	2025	No
Melissa Michels	Alma, KS	Industry/Commerce	2025	Yes
Ian Fannin-Hughes	Overland Park, KS	Planning, Restoration and Protection	2025	Yes
Colin Stalter	Gardner, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2023	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Amelia Nill	KWO	Lucas Kowalewski	KDWP
Matt Unruh	KWO		

- I) Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 11:50 am by RAC Chair, Darci Meese (Public Water Supply). Darci called on each attendee to provide a brief introduction before beginning the meeting.
- II) Review of July 10th meeting notes:** The meeting notes from the July meeting were discussed. Adam Bauer (WRAPS) noted one change that should be made. A motion was then made by Leslie Holthaus (Conservation/Environment) and seconded by Sarah Hill-Nelson (Industry/Commerce) to accept the notes with the noted change.
- III) RAC Business:**
 - a. RAC Member Introductions:** All RAC members gave a brief introduction that included their professional background, where they live and what category they represent on the RAC.
 - b. Silver Jackets Presentation:** Scott Satterthwaite was unable to attend the meeting. This presentation will occur at a later date.
 - c. Budget Update:** Matt Unruh (KWO) updated the RAC members on the recently approved budget recommendations from the KWA. He highlighted particular line items that RAC members had questions on as well as reviewed the process that the budget will go through to be approved.
 - d. KWO/KWA Updates:** Amelia Nill (KWO) informed the RAC of the Legislative visits that will correspond with the January KWA meeting that will take place in Topeka on January 24th & 25th.

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- e. **Regional Event Sharing:** No regional events were shared at this meeting.
- IV) **Messages to the KWA:** The RAC did not have any messages to send onto the KWA at this time.
- V) **Agency or Public Comments:**
 - a. Lucas Kowalewski, KDWP – Lucas shared an update on the proposed inter-basin transfer of water from the Platte River to the Republican River in Nebraska.
- VI) **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - a. Next Kansas RAC meeting: January – Doodle Poll
 - b. Governor’s Water Conference: November 15-16, Manhattan, KS
 - c. Next Kansas Water Authority meeting: December 13th
- VII) **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Dan Howell (Agriculture) and seconded by Sarah Hill-Nelson (Industry/Commerce) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 1:04 pm.



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