

# Missouri Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Missouri Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 2 pm Virtual Meeting

### Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Michelle Wirth (Chair)	Kansas City, KS	Public Water Supply 3	2025	Yes
Doug Allen (VC)	Sabetha, KS	Public Water Supply 2	2025	Yes
Joel Mahnken	Leavenworth, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2025	Yes
John Bishop	Atchison, KS	Recreation	2027	No
Martin Simon	Atchison, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2025	No
Mike Stec	Atchison, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2027	Yes
Jeffrey Grossenbacher	Bern, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2027	Yes
Chris Griffin	Troy, KS	WRAPs	2025	Yes
Carl Johnson	Leavenworth, KS	Conservation/Environment	2027	Yes
Brett Neibling	Highland, KS	Agriculture 2	2027	No
Dan Bowen	Atchison, KS	At Large Public (2)	2027	No
Vacant		Tribal Representative	2027	
Vacant		Agriculture Industry	2027	

### Others in attendance:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Monica Wichman	NRCS	Mike Beezhold	KDHE
Marsha Setzkorn-Meyer	KDA	Kirk Tjelmeland	KWO

- I) **Welcome/Introduction:** Doug started the meeting at 2:03 pm with Tj reading the list of those in attendance and asking if there were others on the line, there were none.
- II) **Approval of the Agenda:** Doug asked if everyone had reviewed the agenda and requested a motion to approve it, Jeff moved to approve the agenda and Carl seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously. Michelle joined and took over leading the meeting.
- III) **Discussion of Kansas Water Plan Partnership Initiative (KWPPi) Grant:** Chris led this with a PowerPoint located [here](#). She mentioned all the partners that have been contacted and are willing to participate in the grant: NRCS, Glacial Hills RCD, Archer Daniels Midland, WRAPs, Doniphan County CD, and ADM-Farmer to Farmer. There are three goals of the proposed project: Improve water quality, Reduce vulnerability and Increase awareness of Kansas water resources. Chris mentioned that this project would address the Missouri RAC Goal #3 and listed 5 items that would be used to improve water quality. The Proposed project would also address Missouri RAC Goal #4 and listed 3 items that would increase awareness of Kansas water resources. Finally, the proposed project would address Missouri RAC Goal #5 by slowing water and reducing excessive flooding,

reducing the vulnerability to Extreme events. Michelle asked about budget for the project and Chris said they have matching funds for over \$700,000 from the partners with a total ask of \$1.4 million. She also mentioned this project could be downsized or extended into multiple years depending on the funding that is made available through the KWPPi grant. A portion of this funding could be used in areas of the county that traditionally has missed out on funding however, the NRCS ranking would still be applied. Carl moved that a letter of support should be drafted by Tj for the project. Joel amended the motion so that Michelle would sign the letter of support. Jeff seconded the amended motion and it was approved unanimously.

- IV) Other Issues/Events or Agency Updates:** Chris mentioned the Conservation District Annual meetings and that this is a good opportunity for KWO to interact with producers. The County meeting list is not available yet, but should be finalized soon.
- V) Public Comments:** There were none.
- VI) Upcoming Meetings:**
- a. Legislative Visits and KWA, January 23rd & 24th, Topeka – Michelle will be presenting to the KWA on the 24<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the RAC.
  - b. Next Missouri RAC meeting January 11th, USD 409 Meeting Room, 10 am – information has been posted on the KWO calendar.
- XIV) Adjournment of Meeting:** Michelle asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joel moved and Carl seconded the motion and all RAC members agreed.