

Smoky Hill-Saline Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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2:00 PM (CST), Thursday, June 4, 2020 GoTo Webinar/Conference Call

Member Attendance:

| Name | City | Category | Term | Present |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------|
| Bevin Law (Chair) | Longford, KS | Conservation | 2021 | Yes |
| Holly Dickman (Vice-Chair) | Hays, KS | Large Public Water Supply | 2023 | Yes |
| Daniel Baffa | Salina, KS | At Large Public 2 | 2021 | No |
| John Leiker | Ellis, KS | Small Public Water Supply | 2023 | No |
| Tom Lutgen | Salina, KS | Industry/Commerce (cc) | 2023 | No |
| Chris Meyer | Sylvan Grove, KS | Agriculture (cc) | 2023 | No |
| Tim Sanders | Chapman, KS | Agriculture 2 | 2021 | Yes |
| Timothy Scheck | Russell, KS | Industry/Commerce 2 | 2021 | Yes |
| Baron Shively | McPherson, KS | Conservation/Environment 2 | 2023 | Yes |
| Brad Shogren | Lindsborg, KS | Irrigation | 2021 | No |
| Martha Tasker | Salina, KS | Public Water Supply (cc) | 2023 | Yes |
| Jon Quinday | Russell, KS | At large Public 2 | 2023 | Yes |
| VACANT | VACANT | Conservation/Environment (cc) | 2021 | N/A |

Others in attendance:

| Name | Affiliation | | |
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| Keadron Pearson | KWO | | |
| Bobbi Luttjohann | KWO | | |
| Lauren Koons | KWO | | |
| Josh Olsen | KWO | | |
| Nate Westrup | KWO | | |
| Jeff Crispin | City of Hays | | |
| Stacie Minson | KSU | | |
| Mark Billinger | KDA - DWR | | |
| Brian Meier | Burns & McDonnell | | |

- **1.** <u>Welcome and Introductions:</u> The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M. (CST) by Chairman, Bevin Law. All present provided self-introductions.
- 2. Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. There were no adjustments or additions needed.
- **3.** Review of February 27th Meeting Notes: The meeting notes from the May meeting were discussed. There were no additions or corrections.
- 4. Updates:
 - **a. Kansas Water Authority** (**KWA**) Keadron Pearson (KWO) gave updates and feedback on the KWA webinar meeting held in May.

Membership: Bevin Law, Chair, Longford, KS; Holly Dickman, Vice-Chair, Hays, KS; Daniel Baffa, Salina, KS; John Leiker, Ellis, KS; Tom Lutgen, Salina, KS; Chris Meyer, Sylvan Grove, KS; Tim Sanders, Chapman, KS; Timothy Scheck, Russell, KS; Baron Shively, McPherson, KS; Brad Shogren, Lindsborg, KS; Martha Tasker, Salina, KS; Jon Quinday, Russell, KS.

KWO Planner: Keadron Pearson, 620-765-7489, keadron.pearson@kwo.ks.gov



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b. State Budget Updates – Keadron Pearson (KWO) informed the committee of a need to have a meeting in July to discuss any budget recommendations that the RAC would want to send to the KWA for consideration on the State Water Plan Fund. It was the consensus of the group to hold a meeting in mid/late July and to have a doodle poll sent out to members to determine a date.

5. Regional Activities:

- **a.** Overview of KWO Modeling and Water Supply Evaluation in Smoky Hill-Saline Region Nate Westrup (KWO) gave an overview of the of the region's current water supply and the status of the reservoirs.
- **b.** RAC Goals & Actions Plan Update Recommendations The committee reviewed and discussed the current Goals & Actions Plan taking into consideration the regional update given by Nate Westrup (KWO) and comments/feedback previously received from RAC members. Goal #1 and actions was revised. Due to time limitations, the RAC agreed to continue discussing and updating the remaining goals at the next meeting.

6. Other Business:

a. Agency Reports –

<u>Stacie Minson (KSU):</u> Notified the RAC that they have been asked to still work from home virtually due to Covid-19.

Keadron Pearson (KWO): Informed the RAC of the next KWA meeting on June 17.

- **b. Public Comments** None
- c. Questions and Future Agenda Items from RAC Members None
- **d.** Messages to the KWA None
- e. Future Meeting
 - i. June KWA Meeting Conference Call: June 17, 2020
 - ii. Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas: November 9-10, 2020; Wichita

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 P.M. (CST).