

Solomon-Republican Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

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10:00 am, Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Pioneer Seeds Meeting Room, 240 W. US Highway 24 Downs, Kansas & Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Name	City	Category	Term	Present
Timothy Driggs, Chair	Phillipsburg, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	2027	Yes
Amanda Johnson, V-Chair	Glasco, KS	Conservation/Environment 2	2027	Yes
Donald Hellwig	Solomon, KS	Agriculture	2025	Yes
Mike Brzon	Courtland, KS	At Large Public 2	2025	No
Rhonda Coffman	Agenda, KS	At Large Public 3	2027	Yes
Robbin Dibble	Alton, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	2025	Yes
Stanley Kats	Prairie View, KS	Irrigation West	2025	No
Sharon Sahlfeld	Beloit, KS	At Large Public (cc)	2025	No
David Pfizenmaier	Clay Center, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	2025	No
Arnold Ross	Webber, KS	Irrigation East	2027	No
Raymond Debey	Cawker City, KS	Agriculture (cc)	2027	Yes
Sherry Koster	Mankato, KS	Conservation/Environment 3	2027	Yes

Others in attendance:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Amelia Nill	KWO	Gunner Coffman	Cloud County Conservation District
Angela Anderson	KWO	Laura Totten	USACE
Marsha Setzkorn	KDHE		

I. Welcome and Introductions: Chairman, Tim Driggs (Public Water Supply), called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Tim called on each attendee for a brief introduction before beginning the meeting.

II. Review of July 17th Meeting Notes: Tim asked if everyone had seen the July 17th meeting notes and if there were any additions or corrections, there were none. A motion was made by Don Hellwig (Agriculture) and seconded by Ray DeBey (Agriculture (cc)) to accept the notes. The notes were accepted with no changes.

III. RAC Business:

- 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.
- KRRFSS Update:** Laura Totten (USACE) gave a status update on the Kansas Rivers and Reservoirs Flood and Sediment Study (KRRFSS) to the RAC. She mentioned that the draft report will be out for public review on November 6th and the USACE plans to hold several public meetings regarding this draft in the coming month. Laura highlighted what is included within the draft, mentioning the 5 main problems that are tackled by this project.

- c. **RAC Goals Implementation Timeline:** Amelia Nill (KWO) led the RAC members through the process of review each RAC-developed goal and subsequent action steps in order to place them into the Implementation Timeline spreadsheet. She explained that this spreadsheet is meant to give the RAC members and the KWO a better idea of where the RAC's priorities lie, what needs to be accomplished, and what has already been done in terms of their goals.
- d. **KWA/KWO Updates:** Amelia (KWO) updated the RAC members on the recently approved budget recommendations from the KWA. She 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. Amelia also 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. Angela Anderson (KWO) also informed the RAC members of the newly opened grant funding opportunities through the Kansas Water Office. Additionally, Angela mentioned that at RAC meetings in the future, RAC members will be asked to share updates specifically about the categories they represent.
- a. **Regional Event Sharing:** RAC members shared that the Mitchell County Conservation District is hosting a live burn school on November 17th, the Cloud County Conservation District with Milford Lake WRAPS is holding a meeting on December 19th and the Conservation District annual meetings will be taking place in January and February of next year.

IV. **Agency or Public Comments:** No other agency or public comments were shared at this meeting.

V. **Upcoming Meetings:**

- a. Next Solomon-Republican RAC meeting: January – Doodle Poll
- b. Governor's Water Conference: November 15 & 16 (Manhattan, Kansas)
- c. Kansas Water Authority: December 13 (Concordia, Kansas)

VI. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Ray Debey (Agriculture (cc)) and seconded by Rhonda Coffman (At Large Public 3) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 11:53 am.