Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
8 am, April 20, 2017
Conference Call

Members Attendance:

Name	*City*	*Proposed Category*	*Present*
Ted Boersma (Chair)	Cimarron, KS	Dairy	Yes
Hugh Brownlee	Syracuse, KS	At Large Public (cc)	no
Roy Dixon	Garden City, KS	Agriculture Industry	no
Bill Simshauser	Lakin, KS	At Large Public	Yes
Steven Hines	Coolidge, KS	Surface Water Irrigation	Yes
Titus Jaeger	Lakin, KS	Groundwater Irrigation	Yes
Fred Jones	Garden City, KS	Public Water Supply (cc)	Yes
Joe Jury	Gray County, KS	Agriculture (cc)	Yes
Wayne Keller	Ford, KS	At Large Public	no
Michael MacNair	Jetmore, KS	Conservation/Environment (cc)	no
Kyle Nelson	Holcomb, KS	Industry/Commerce (cc)	Yes
Mike O'Brate	Ingalls, KS	Groundwater Management	no
Ray Slattery	Dodge City, KS	Public Water Supply	no

Others in attendance:
Ginger Harper (KWO), Diane Knowles (KWO)

Welcome and Introductions: Ted Boersma welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Bill Simshauser, seconded by Steven Hines. Motion Carried.

Water Quality Goal Discussion
Two water quality goals and a previously developed statement were discussed as a new Regional Goal to present to the Kansas Water Authority (KWA). Considerations included what should be stated in the goal itself and what would be in the Action Plan developed for the Goal. Discussion included the need for the goal to be flexible as water quality issues change, agencies and organizations that should be involved, who should be responsible for the developed plan and a timeline.

Action on Water Quality Issue if any

Bill Simshauser made a motion to present to KWA a new regional goal as stated below. The motion was seconded by Steven Hines. Additional discussion occurred, noting that details such as the water quality issues, who would be responsible for the plan, agencies to be involved, the role or the Arkansas River Compact Administration (ARCA) and other items would be addressed in the Action Plan. The motion passed.

Upper Arkansas Goal:
Develop and monitor a holistic management plan through collaboration to abate the increasing pollutant load and improve the quality and usability of aquifer supplies in the Upper Arkansas region.

Legislative, Budget and 50-YearVision updates
Ginger Harper provided update on water related activities with the Kansas Legislature, and funding discussions that have occurred there. House water issues this year were moved to a new Water and Natural Resources Committee, where KWO has presented information most weeks during session. It was recognized by some legislators that the statutory funding from the state general fund and the EDIF (lottery) needs to part of funding for water.

Discussion occurred that funding the 50-Year Vision may result in tax increase, sending western Kansas wealth east and not spending funds in the Upper Arkansas region. It was noted it is important to be actively involved in water activities and this committee to get area concerns addressed.

Reminder the Kansas Water Authority: May 17 & 18, 2017, Garden City, KS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 am