

**Cimarron  
Basin Advisory Committee**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
Pioneer Electric Building  
1850 West Oklahoma Avenue, Ulysses, KS**

**Attendance:**

Cimarron BAC:

Rick Nix, Ellen Verell, Kathy Bloom, and Larry Kepley

Members Absent:

Gloria McKinney, Fred Claassen, Steve Rome, Greg Shelor, Jeff Sibley, and Clark Bibb

Others in attendance:

Susan Metzger (KWO), Kim Christiansen (KWO), Mark Rude (GMD#3), Thom Makens (KDA-DWR), Judy Adams, Dick Verell, JD Nevfield, and Bud Newberry

**Welcome and Introductions** – Rick Nix welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made by the committee members and attendees.

**Review of Meeting Notes** - A motion was made to approve the October 12, 2006 meeting notes as provided. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed the need for an interim Chairperson and Vice Chairperson until the nomination process is complete in June 2007. A motion was made by Kathy Bloom and seconded by Larry Kepley to select Rick Nix as interim Chairperson. The motion carried without dissent. A motion was made by Kathy Bloom and seconded by Larry Kepley to select Ellen Verell as interim Vice Chairperson. The motion carried without dissent.

**Annual Status Report** – Susan Metzger (KWO) discussed the proposed content for a report currently being developed by the Kansas Water Office. The report, which will be presented to the BACs in March, will include an update on the status of several water resource programs in Kansas, as well as, an assessment of the state's progress towards achieving the 2010/2015 Objectives in the State Water Plan. The Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature has been posted to the Kansas Water Office website at [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

Rick Nix provided a report from the November 2006 Kansas Water Authority (KWA) meeting held in Great Bend. Rick forwarded comments from other Committees throughout the state regarding concern for the BAC application review and nomination process.

**Review of BAC Applications and Recommendations for Membership** – Kim Christiansen (KWO) provided a PowerPoint presentation about the BAC application review and nomination process. Kim facilitated a discussion with the Committee for each of the positions to be filled. Applicants who were present were invited to provide a 2-minute self-introduction regarding their candidacy.

Five categories were open for consideration: Municipal public water supply, agriculture, and four at-large public positions. There were five applicants under consideration. The Committee discussed the categories to be filled and the applicants. The Committee made the following recommendations for membership:

Municipal Public Water Supply	Bub (Godfried) Newberry
At-Large Public (4 positions)	Ellen Verell, Greg Shelor, Judy Adams, and JD Nevfield

The Committee recommended that the Agriculture category remain vacant and open for additional applicants. The position will be filled with the June 2007 vacancies.

Kim Christiansen reminded the Committee that additional applications will be solicited for the June 2007 vacancies and that all current applicants on file will be encouraged to submit additional supporting information.

**Agency Reports** – Mark Rude (GMD#3) reported on the progress of Upper Arkansas River Compact discussions. In response to a question from the Committee, Mark provided an explanation of the water right impairment complaint process.

Thom Makens (KDA) reported that one impairment complaint is currently under investigation in the basin. Thom emphasized that DWR works closely with the GMDs for potential resolutions of impairment issues.

Note: At this time, one Committee member left the meeting to attend a prior engagement, reducing the Committee number to below quorum. The notes that follow are to reflect general comments and discussion, but no formal motions or actions from the Committee followed.

**Public Comments** – Several comments and discussion from the public and committee were offered relating to competing consumptive water uses in the basin, such as coal fired power plants and ethanol plants. Comments were also offered relating to declines in air quality in the basin.

Larry Kepley offered his comments and thoughts regarding his time and service with the Cimarron BAC. Larry provided his thanks and tribute to several individuals who contributed to the BAC and water resource issues. All in attendance offered applause in appreciation for the service Larry has contributed.

### **Other Business**

The Cimarron BAC expressed their encouragement of the Southwest Groundwater Management District (GMD#3) to continue with the process of updating the regions' practical saturated thickness maps. The Committee is anxious to see the results and discuss the implications.

The next Kansas Water Authority meeting will be January 10-11 in Topeka.

The next Cimarron BAC Meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of March 2007.