

**Cimarron  
Basin Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

Stauth Memorial Museum  
Montezuma, KS  
March 7, 2007 at 9:30am

**Welcoming** remarks were provided by Interim Chairperson, Rick Nix and self **introductions** were offered by those in attendance.

**Attendance:**

Cimarron BAC members present

Rick Nix (Interim Chairperson), Ellen Verell (Interim Vice Chairperson), Judy Adams, JD Neufield, Bud Newberry, Steve Rome

Members Absent

Kathy Bloom, Greg Shelor

A motion was made by Bud Newberry and seconded by Ellen Verell to **approve the December 2006 meeting notes**. The motion carried without dissent.

Doug Doubek (KDHE, Bureau of Environmental Remediation) provided an update on the **Contamination Remediation** program and activities. Doug discussed the 2006 State Basin Updates and Site Accomplishments report which details 2006 program accomplishments and updates site progress at the 92 contaminated sites currently in the program. Doug highlighted the activities of a few sites within the Cimarron River basin including the Montezuma Public Water Supply Wells. Doug expressed concern about the suggested shift in funding for the Contamination Remediation program from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund.

Susan Metzger (KWO) presented the **Annual Status Report**. The *Kansas Water Plan 2006 Status Report* provides a summary of the status of programs and projects that receive funding from the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF). Susan highlighted several SWP funded projects in the Cimarron basin in 2006.

Susan Metzger (KWO) presented a brief update on Kansas **legislative** activities.

**Agency Reports**

Mabub ul Alam, **K-State Research and Extension**, reported that an updated version of KanSched (KanSched2) has been developed. KanSched2 has many new features and options including an expansion of the number of pre-programmed summer crops, an alfalfa/summer forage crop module, a fuel use and cost module, a crop water use forecast tool, improved data input/output options, and a storage module for well and water meter records.

Al Guernsey, **Kansas Department of Health and Environment**, reported that a public hearing is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> for the Sunflower Landfill Permit. The Annual Conference of the Kansas Rural Water Association will be held on March 27, 28, and 29 in Wichita. Several new employees have joined the local field office staff.

Mark Rude, **Groundwater Management District #3**, noted the annual meeting of the GMD will be held on March 14, 2007 in Cimarron. GMD#3 is providing flowmeter verification in support of the Mobile Irrigation Lab.

Written agency reports were provided by the **Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP), Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources and State Conservation Commission**.

### **Cimarron Basin Update and Activities**

Susan Metzger (KWO) reported on **BAC membership applications**. Applications are available on the Kansas Water Office website and will be accepted for open categories until April 2, 2007. The categories open for applications for the Cimarron BAC include Industry/Commerce, Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife, Recreation, Conservation/Environment, and At-Large Public.

Rick Nix opened a discussion on ethanol production in Kansas and the impact to water supply. The Committee reviewed a map produced by the Kansas Department of Commerce entitled, "Ethanol and Biodiesel Production Plant Activity in Kansas, February 2007".

### **Other Business**

The Upper Arkansas BAC offered two **messages to the Kansas Water Authority**. The Cimarron BAC is concerned that a shift in funding for the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) and Contamination Remediation from the State Water Plan Fund to the State General Fund reduces the long-term security of funding for these programs. The transition in funding sources also reduces the opportunity for the Basin Advisory Committee (BAC) to review and offer advice on the funding level and program outcomes. In addition, the allocation of funds to the State Water Plan Fund has not kept pace with inflation and is therefore too low for current needs. A motion was made by Steve Rome and seconded by JD Neufield to forward the message to the Kansas Water Authority. The motion carried without dissent.

The Cimarron BAC wishes to recognize and encourage ethanol production in the basin, understanding and educating that the industry's water consumption is within the current water appropriation in the basin. The committee recommends a joint meeting of the Basin Advisory Committees (BACs) to discuss issues related to ethanol, energy, and water use in Kansas. A motion was made by Steve Rome and seconded by Bud Newberry to forward the message to the Kansas Water Authority. The motion carried without dissent.

The next **meeting of the Kansas Water Authority** is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2007 in Hutchinson.

The next **meeting of the Cimarron BAC** will be Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in Ulysses.

There were no **Public Comments**.

A motion was made by Steve Rome and seconded by Bud Newberry to **adjourn**. The motion carried without dissent and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.