



# LOWER ARKANSAS Basin Advisory Committee - Meeting Notes

## **Members**

### **Byron Warta**

Chairperson  
Conservation  
Newton, Kansas

### **Vaughn Weaver**

Vice Chairperson  
Fish and Wildlife  
Wichita, Kansas

### **Brain Meier**

Industry/Commerce  
Wichita, Kansas

### **Budd Fountain**

At – Large West  
Langdon, Kansas

### **Carolyn McGinn**

GMD  
Sedgwick, Kansas

### **Daniel Filbert**

Agriculture  
Macksville, Kansas

### **Jay Zimmerman**

Conservation/  
Environment  
South Haven, Kansas

### **Larry Mangan**

At – Large Public  
Wellington, Kansas

### **Mike Brothers**

Non-Municipal PWS  
Lyons, Kansas

### **Sharon Falk**

Recreation  
Stafford, Kansas

### **Suzanne Loomis**

Municipal Public Water  
Supply  
Newton, Kansas

Friday May 8, 2009

Kansas Water Office  
Conference Call

### **Members in Attendance:**

Byron Warta, Brian Meier, Jay Zimmerman, Vaughn Weaver, Larry Mangan, Budd Fountain, Sharon Falk, Suzanne Loomis

### **Members Absent:**

Mike Brothers, Carolyn McGinn, Dan Filbert

### **Others in Attendance:**

Deb Baker, KWO

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 by Chairman Byron Warta.

### **February Meeting Notes:**

The February meeting notes were approved as written.

### **BAC Membership Nominations:**

Applications for the following committee openings were reviewed: Other Public Water Supplier, Agriculture, Recreation, Conservation, At-Large Public, and Industry/Commerce. Because there were no new applicants for open positions, a motion was made, seconded and passed without dissent to re-nominate all current members/applicants to their current categories. The following applicants will be recommended to the Kansas Water Authority for continued membership on the BAC: Brian Meier (Industry/Commerce), Byron Warta (Conservation), Mike Brothers (Other Public Water Supplier), Sharon Falk (Recreation), Dan Filbert (Agriculture), and Larry Mangan (At-Large Public).

### **Arkansas River Access:**

It was noted that the Sedgwick County Commissioners have voted to terminate activities related to Arkansas River Access north of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street in Sedgwick County to the Reno County line. Activities to develop access south of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street will continue.

### **Rattlesnake Creek Update:**

Sharon Falk reported that the eight year review is still being finalized. The GMD and other members of the Coalition have a meeting with the Chief Engineer in June and it is expected that the review will be finalized after that meeting. Programs were not well enough developed during the first four years which resulted in progress being behind schedule.

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**Budget Update:**

Deb provided information on the budget. It was noted that details are still not clear. The KWO will offer a GLANCE session to all BAC members to discuss the final budget sometime during the week of May 17.

**Announcements:**

The third annual Water Issues Forum will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Wichita and December 10<sup>th</sup> in Hays. The topic for this year's conference is Climate and Water: Planning for Change.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be in McPherson on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Specific location TBD.

**Message(s) to the KWA:**

There were no messages to the KWA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. |