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Ogallala Aquifer Advisory Committee (OAAC) Meeting Minutes
Dodge City
August 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., by Chairman Gary Harshberger. There were 19 OAAC members present and two were absent.

Agency Representatives included: Chris Wilson, David Barfield, Lane Letourneau, Tracy Streeter, Earl Lewis, Susan Stover, Katie Patterson-Ingels, Wayne Bossert, Jan King, Mark Rude and Tim Boese

The following motion was made by Greg Graff and seconded by Kim Goodnight. Sixteen voted in favor, three in opposition. **Motion carried.**

The OAAC recommends modifying K.S.A. 82a-817(e) to remove “means of diversion available to put water to beneficial use within a reasonable time frame.”

The following motion was made by Mike Ramsey and seconded by Clay Scott. There were no dissenting votes. **Motion passed.**

The OAAC recommends modifying K.S.A. 82a-1038, the IGUCA statute within the GMD Act, and the implementing regulations to authorize locally initiated IGUCAs within a GMD, requested as part of a management plan.

Items for Future Discussion:

There was a request to:

- 1) Further explore options allowing Groundwater Management Districts to define the criteria of an abandoned water right in their district, perhaps criteria that fit within a conservation plan goals; and
- 2) The OAAC also asked to further explore at a future meeting what authorities the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, may need if this above motion was implemented, to get truly abandoned water rights dismissed and off the books, as opposed to water rights lost through forfeiture due to five or more years of non-use.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. The next meeting will be held August 23 in Scott City.