

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

May 19, 2011

Hill City, Kansas

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Vice Chair Don Paxson called the May 19, 2011, Kansas Water Authority meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. at the 4-H Building, Hill City, Kansas.

Members Present: Gary Baker; David Barfield; Rex Buchanan; David Corliss; Betty Criss; Greg Foley; Lon Frahm; Lisa French; Robin Jennison; Edward Martinko; Karma Mason; M.S. Mitchell; Don Paxson; Gary Pierzynski; Ben Rogers; Dennis F. Schwartz and Tracy Streeter.

Members Absent: Steve Irsik, Chairman; Pat George; John Mitchell; Dale Rodman; Gordon Schmidt; Curtis Tobias and Tom Wright.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion No. 05-19-05 It was moved by M. S. Mitchell and seconded by Lisa French that the January 27, 2011 Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority be approved as presented. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

BAC Chairs Report: Ray Debey and Carl Nuzman provided the BAC Chairpersons report.

Consent Agenda: **Action on the Committee of the Whole Recommendations**

Motion No. 05-19-06 It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by Betty Criss to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda (*Recommendations from the May 18, 2011, Committee of the Whole Meeting, are in the text boxes that follow.*) **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

1. **BAC Messages** – To approve the KWA response to the SOL BAC Message.

*It was moved by Lon Frahm and seconded by Ben Rogers to approve the KWA response to the SOL BAC message and to support the SOL BAC's message and promote the concept of crop insurance for limited irrigation for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

2. **BAC Membership** - To approve the BAC Membership items as recommended by the KWA BAC Membership Subcommittee.

*It was moved by David Corliss and seconded by Curtis Tobias to approve the BAC membership items as recommended by the KWA BAC Membership Subcommittee for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

3. **Cooperative Funding Agreements with Federal Partners** – To approve the Director of the Kansas Water Office enter into the cooperative agreements with the USGS for Streamgaging, Sediment Monitoring and Neosho Stream Sediment Monitoring and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Kanopolis PAS Study and the Kansas River Degradation PAS Study.

It was moved by David Corliss and seconded by Dennis Schwartz to approve the KWO Director enter into cooperative agreements with the USGS for Streamgaging, Sediment Monitoring and Neosho Streambank Sediment Monitoring and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Kanopolis PAS Study and Kansas River Degradation PAS Study for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

4. **2012 Weather Modification Contract** – To approve the KWO Director enter into the FY 2012 Contract for the Western Kansas Weather Modification Program.

It was moved by Gary Baker and seconded by Lisa French to approve the Kansas Water Office Director enter into the FY2012 contract for the Western Kansas Weather Modification Program for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

5. **2012 Water Marketing Rate** – To approve the CY 2012 Water Marketing rate.

It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by Karma Mason to approve the CY 2012 Water Marketing rate of \$0.371679/1000 gallons of water for variable water marketing rate customers for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

6. **Hillsdale Area Water Cooperative Request for Negotiation** – To approve the Director of the KWO to enter into negotiations with the Hillsdale Area Water Cooperative for a Water Marketing Contract.

It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by Lisa French to approve the KWO Director enter into negotiations with the Hillsdale Area Water Cooperative for a water marketing contract for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

7. **Water Marketing Program Capital Development and Storage Maintenance Plan** – To approve the adoption of the 2011 Water Marketing Program Capital Development and Storage Maintenance Plan.

It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by Betty Criss to approve the adoption of the 2011 Water Marketing Program Capital Development and Storage Maintenance Plan for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

8. **Stream Mitigation Guidelines Update** – To approve the Kansas Water Office to continue coordination with the stakeholders to address concerns related to Kansas stream mitigation guidance and present revised recommendations to the KWA at their August meeting.

It was moved by Ben Rogers and seconded by Curtis Tobias to approve the Kansas Water Office to continue coordination with the stakeholders to address concerns related to Kansas stream mitigation guidance and present revised recommendations to the KWA at their August meeting for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

9. **Aquatic Nuisance Species Working Draft** – To approve the Kansas Water Plan Aquatic Nuisance Species Policy Issue Working Draft for release for public hearing.

It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by David Corliss to approve the Kansas Water Plan Aquatic Nuisance Species Policy Issue Working Draft to be released for public hearing for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. Motion carried with no dissenting votes.

Ogallala Issues Update: Susan Stover, Don Whittemore, KGS, Bill Golden, KSU, and Wayne Bossert, GMD 4, Mitch Baalman, Brent Rogers, Sheridan County stakeholders, and Collin Olsen, USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA), provided updates on Ogallala Aquifer issues.

Ogallala Policy Initiative:
Motion No. 05-19-07

It was moved by Lon Frahm and seconded by Dennis Schwartz to authorize the KWO to examine barriers to conserving and extending the life of the Ogallala Aquifer and further authorize the Chair of the KWA and the Director of the KWO to select a stakeholder committee to develop and review proposals and make recommendations to the Water Authority to address identified conservation barriers. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

Director's Report:

Tracy Streeter presented the Director's Report.

- Drought
- Crop Insurance – Limited Irrigation
- Federal Liaison – USACE
- John Redmond Reallocation
- WRDA

New Business:

Dave Barfield provided an agency report.
Dane Baxa provided an update on the REAP conference.
Rex Buchanan, KGS provided an update on Vibracore

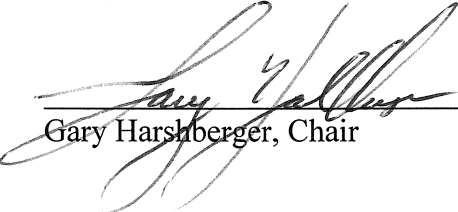
Announcements:

The next meeting is August 11-12, 2011, Lyons, Kansas.

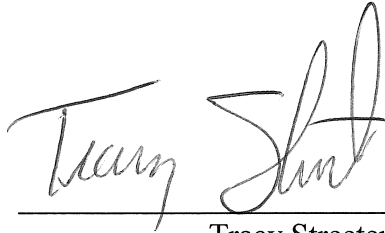
Adjournment:

Motion No. 05-19-08

David Corliss moved to adjourn and Dennis Schwartz seconded. The Kansas Water Authority meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**



Gary Harshberger, Chair



Tracy Streeter, Secretary