

Minutes

KANSAS WATER AUTHORITY

August 12, 2011

Celebration Centre, Lyons, KS

Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Gary Harshberger called the August 12, 2011 Kansas Water Authority meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. at the Celebration Centre, Lyons, Kansas.

Members Present: Gary Harshberger, Chairman; Gary Baker; David Barfield; Rex Buchanan; David Corliss; Betty Criss; Greg Foley; Lisa French; Greg Graff; Edward Martinko; Karma Mason; John Mitchell; M.S. Mitchell; Don Paxson; Ben Rogers; Gordon Schmidt; Dennis F. Schwartz; Tracy Streeter and Curtis Tobias.

Ex-Officio Alternate Representatives Present: Sue Schlapp (Commerce); Chris Wilson (KDA); Dan Devlin (KSU)

Members Absent: Pat George; Robin Jennison; Gary Pierzynski; Dale Rodman; Mark Sievers.

BAC Chairs Report: Byron Warta and Susan Stover presented the BAC Chairpersons report.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion No. 08-12-11 It was moved by Karma Mason and seconded by Lisa French that the May 19, 2011 Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority be approved as presented. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

Motion No. 08-12-12 It was moved by Don Paxson and seconded by Ben Rogers that the June 24, 2011 Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Kansas Water Authority be approved as presented. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**

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

Motion No. 08-12-13 It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by Betty Criss to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda (*Recommendations from the August 11, 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 BAC Messages and the KWA Responses.

*It was moved by Don Paxson and seconded by Dennis Schwartz to approve the BAC Messages and KWA Responses for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

2. **BAC Membership** - To approve the recommendations of the KWA BAC Membership Subcommittee regarding BAC membership.

*It was moved by Dennis Schwartz and seconded by M.S. Mitchell to approve the recommendations of the KWA BAC Membership Subcommittee regarding BAC membership as proposed for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

Consent Agenda Continued:

3. FY 2013 Budget Recommendations – To approve the FY2013 Budget Recommendations.

*It was moved by **David Corliss** and seconded by **Karma Mason** to amend the budget recommendations as presented by increasing the funding for the Weather Modification Program by \$90,000, decreasing funding for Watershed Dam Construction by \$55,000 and decreasing funding for the Water Supply Restoration Program by \$35,000 for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

*It was moved by **David Corliss** and seconded by **Lisa French** to approve the budget recommendations as amended with the understanding that the Director of the KWO will present a report of the viability of three programs/proposals (USGS Taste & Odor Study, Weather Stations and Weather Modification) at the November 2011 KWA meeting for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

*It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Curtis Tobias** to support the request of the \$6 million State General Fund demand transfer to the State Water Plan Fund for nutrient and sediment reduction, to be administered through the KDA-Division of Conservation for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

*It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Betty Criss** to adopt the Kansas Water Authority Budget Committee's recommendations to request ten percent of the ELARF for water projects for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

4. Aquatic Nuisance Species Policy – To approve the Aquatic Nuisance Species Policy for incorporation into the Kansas Water Plan.

*It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Curtis Tobias** to approve the Aquatic Nuisance Species Policy for incorporation into the Kansas Water Plan for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

5. Reservoir Roadmap – Marias des Cygnes Section – To approve the content of Volume III, Chapter 3 (Marais des Cygnes) Section of the Reservoir Roadmap.

*It was moved by **Dennis Schwartz** and seconded by **Lisa French** to approve the content of Volume III, Chapter 3 (Marais des Cygnes Basin Section) of the Reservoir Roadmap for placement on the Consent Agenda for approval before the Full Authority. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.***

Basin Update:

Wess Essmiller presented on the Groundwater Management District responsibilities, water conservation programs, AWEP, removal of end guns, and the Water Bank Program had general discussion.

Dane Baxa and Kurt Bookout presented on REAP activities and the El Dorado lake management. The large lake level fluctuations, high alkalinity and hardness were attributing factors to the past large mortality of zebra mussels at El Dorado Lake.

Director's Report: Tracy Streeter presented the Director's Report.

- KRWA annual report, nice documentation of accomplishments
- Drought and flood update
- John Redmond Reservoir update
- Upcoming meetings
- Update on possible draining of Bonny Reservoir, CO (Response to question)
- Greg Foley: Conservation Field Days in Rice County this fall
- Kim Christiansen: announced the KWO would develop a Water 101 for new members in the near future, to be held by Glance session.

DWR Report:

Drought term permits; WRCP regulations under development; two IGUCA reviews initiated.

New Business:

None.

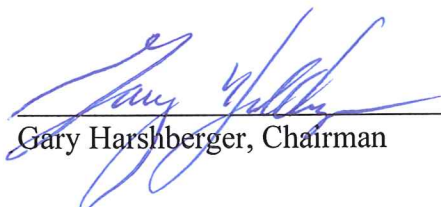
Announcements:

The next meeting is November 3-4, 2011, Lawrence, Kansas. Gordon Schmidt's resignation was announced; his service was warmly appreciated. Thanked Curtis and Susan Tobias and the GMD 5 for hosting the social event on Thursday evening and the wider arrangements for this meeting. Thanked the Lyons City Manager and Administration for hosting the KWA meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion No. 08-12-14

Dennis Schwartz moved to adjourn and Don Paxson seconded. The Kansas Water Authority meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. **Motion carried with no dissenting votes.**



Gary Harshberger, Chairman



Tracy Streeter, Secretary