



Flint Hills Chapter

Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams

Happenings

WEBSITE - WWW.KAWS.ORG

Our Purpose:

The Chapter serves as a clearinghouse for wetlands and riparian areas information and activities, promotes educational opportunities with a variety of targeted audiences, and facilitates project implementation for wetland and riparian area projects within the participating counties.

Our Mission:

To ensure the future of wetlands, streams, and their adjacent riparian areas as an integral part of our Kansas heritage and landscape.

Our Vision:

A public that is well informed and involved in activities that foster the protection, enhancement, and establishment of wetlands and riparian areas in Kansas.

Steering Committee

Paul Ingle, FH RC&D

Melvorn

Peggy Blackman,

WRAPS Marion

Dale Kirkham, KRC

Membership is free and open to any interested individual, organization or agency interested in wetland and riparian area conservation. For more information on KAWS and its activities please contact:

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April 29, 2008 Meeting Review

KAWS Coordinator's Report

The Flint Hills Chapter held a meeting at the USDA Service Center in Council Grove, KS. The meeting started at 10 am.

FHC Project Review- Doug gave chapter members an update of the status of Flint Hills Chapter projects. The Cottonwood Falls Stream Stabilization project in Chase County is completed and has been paid out. The KAW Nation project was cancelled due to need of closing that grant cycle. The project may be initiated at a later date. Doug set some 4' bank pins to evaluate bank erosion.

Doug and Bruce talked about using the FHC project funds for a salt brine scar/wetland. Doug, Bruce and Dale Kirkham will look as some potential sites. To our knowledge this type of project has not been done before.

Review of May BOD Meeting- Doug gave members a short overview of the May BOD meeting. The BOD discussed expanding the number of BOD members from the current 9 to 11. The BOD felt the need to expand BOD expertise in other areas. The BOD discussed funding and grant issues. Harold Klaege outlined grant payment, project payment and contract payment schedules. KAWS chapter coordinators will have some funds for projects. Harold and staff will decide on exact dollar figure.

John Bond gave the BOD an update of project status. Some payment issues have been cleared up and the system is more user-friendly.

Harold gave an update on the new re-designed KAWS website. Staff will have a public calendar to post upcoming events and the website will be greatly improved in the near future.

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KAWS History and Mission- Doug gave the group a brief history of KAWS and the mission and vision. KAWS is now going on 12 years as an advocate of riparian and wetland protection, enhancement and establishment.

WRAPS Updates- Considerable discussion by members indicate the confusion caused by recent changes on how TSP (technical service providers) and projects are funded. KDHE is working on the application process for FY-09 grant applications.

Member Reports-Bruce Wells discussed the consolidation of bringing the Marion reservoir WRAPS under the Flint Hill RC&D. The coordination is working very well. Peggy Blackman will be working out of her home in the near future.

Katie Miller discussed the upcoming Water Festival for Twin Lakes. The date will be September 24, 2008. Please set that date on your calendars.

Lunch Break

Tour- Cottonwood Falls Streambank Stabilization project. Several members had conflicts for the tour...

Upcoming Meetings/Training-

KAWS Assessment Seminar May 22, 2008 in Lawrence,

Chapter Business



Cottonwood Falls Streambank Stabilization Project
Rock vanes are partially submerged due to high water.

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Cottonwood Falls Streambank Stabilization Project
view upstream to old bridge. Rock vanes and rock toe are shown in photo. This project utilized LWD (Large Woody Debris) incorporated into the rock vanes for aquatic habitat. Pre-project and post project aquatic sampling will be provided by TWI.

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Upcoming Chapter meetings, activities, and events

To Be Determined. Watch the website for more information