

Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting - June 23, 2009

Puffy's, Maple Hill, Kansas

Management Team:

Doug Helmke ☺
Dennis Schwant ☺
Shelly Buhler
Granville Davidson ☺
Sharon Bosse
Mary Howell ☺
Carl Jarboe
Scott Schwinn ☺

(☺ = Present)

Others in attendance:

Rick Davis - Coordinator and KAWS
David Denman - Shawnee County Conservation District
Amanda Reed - KDHE
Bob Lienemann - Riley & Pottawatomie Co. Cons. Districts
Jon Bollinger - City of Alma
Carol Blocksome - KSU Extension
Will Boyer - KSU Extension
Thad Rhodes - Kansas Forestry
Linda Stewart - Geary County Conservation District
John Bond - KAWS
Gary Larson - Shawnee County Health Department

Rick Davis opening the meeting with introduction at 1:15 P.M. He shared with the group the approved funding for FY 2010 & 2011. Amanda Reed explained that the top 5 WRAPS groups were the only ones that were approved for their full three-year request. Bob Lienemann asked what KDHE was looking for going forward. Amanda Reed reiterated that we are in the implementation phase and they want to see us complete projects and to find money from other sources if necessary to get it accomplished.

The Assessment and Planning Report needs some editing. It needs to be better aligned with the Implementation Plan that has been submitted. Most of the WRAPS projects in Kansas need their EPA "9-Element" Plan rewritten as a separate document.

Discussion on working on Rock Creek going forward occurred. A suggestion was made to identify projects of less than \$10,000 in the "priority watersheds" by the next meeting. Jackson County is going to be asked to provide assessment ideas for Cross and Soldier Creeks. The livestock people are going to explain their proposed work in the Rock Creek Area. Bob Lienemann asked if we could expand our testing of bacteria as part of the projects. Mr. Lienemann also reported that the well plugging grant to Pott Co CD is underway and that the streambank repair projects with a grant to Riley County CD is complete and in the process of being closed out.

It was consensus that the next meeting should be scheduled for September 1 or 3.

John Bond recapped four specific items that we should investigate between now and then, and report to the group:

1. Projects for the 2010 demo funding - specific projects as well as how or if to spread funds around, following generally our highest priority watersheds from our planning process.
2. Livestock meeting(s) - Mary Howell
3. Jackson Co CD's proposed assessment of Soldier Creek (KAWS and Carl / Roberta and who does what)
4. Rock Creek subgroup (Water testing or not - Carol Blocksome and Pottawatomie Co CD)

Coordinator Rick Davis should also provide an update on reports to KDHE and EPA. We should also give written reports to Rick about WRAPS supported projects and accomplishments.

Rick reminded service providers that received demonstration funds to get their projects completed as soon as possible.

Doug Helmke mentioned that the City of Saint George has identified a streambank stabilization project. He also asked for permission to enrol the Middle Kansas WRAPS as partners with the EPA WaterSense Program. Mary Howell made the motion to join, Doug Helmke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.