

Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting - January 12, 2010

Puffy's Steak & Ice House, Maple Hill, Kansas

Management Team:

Doug Helmke ☺
Dennis Schwant ☺
Shelly Buhler
Granville Davidson ☺
Sharon Bosse ☺
Mary Howell ☺
Bob Lienemann
Scott Schwinn ☺
Roberta Spencer
(☺ = Present)

Others in attendance:

Rick Davis - Coordinator and KAWS
Amanda Reed - KDHE
John Bond - KAWS
Janice Plummer - Pottawatomie Co. Cons. District
Will Boyer - KSU Extension
Sherry Davis - Kansas Pride
DeAnn Presley - KSU Extension
Dane Baxa - KSU E.A.R.T.H & WaterLink (Sedgwick Co. Ext.)
Dean Bosse & Daughter - Producer

Rick Davis opening the meeting by introducing himself at 1:25 P.M. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Rick Davis introduced DeAnn Presley, who gave a presentation on Kansas Tillage Practices. Data regarding tillage practices are not currently gathered by any agency, so a community volunteer program to survey practices at section corners has been established. She has a lot of interest from the extension agents in the northern Middle Kansas counties. She would really like to get volunteers for Shawnee and Douglas Counties. Rick said that the presentation would be posted to the MK WRAPS website.

Rick introduced Dane Baxa who gave a presentation on the educational efforts of K-State Extension. E.A.R.T.H. is a program that educates middle school teachers how educate their students. It provides a curriculum and activity kits. WaterLINK is a program that connects college students with service-learning projects.

Rick gave an update on the 9-Element Plan to state that it has been submitted. Amanda Reed said that it is under review.

Sherry Davis gave an update on the Rock Creek Focus Group's activities. She provided a written summary. They are moving forward with a newsletter. A draft of the newsletter will be provided at the next meeting. The newsletter will be mailed to all box holders in the Westmoreland Post Office.

Carol Blocksom provided a written report.

Rick gave a few announcements about an upcoming burn workshop in Shawnee County. On February 26, a small acreage workshop will be held in Topeka.

The Middle Kansas WRAPS budget needs adjustment. Our budget for 2010-11 was approved for \$140,054, but funding only came in at \$126,720, without Buffer Coordinators. Amanda said that additional “replacement” funding is available up to a cap of \$150,000. Amanda also said that ideas can be prioritized with explanations of why they are important to the SLT. The deadline is February 12, 2010. After discussion, it was determined that the Watershed Specialist position is part of the \$150,000 and that the only real adjustment needed is an amendment for KAWS for administrative costs. It was moved by Mary Howell and seconded by Granville Davidson that Rick should make this adjustment to the budget and submit to KDHE for approval.

Granville Davidson asked about the streambank stabilization in Hillsdale Park at Huntoon and Fairlawn in Topeka. We would like to learn more about the status.

Next meeting is tentatively planned for March 16, 2010, in Topeka.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.