

# Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting - April 16, 2009

## La Hacienda, Wamego, Kansas

### Management Team:

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

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### Others in attendance:

Thad Rhodes- Kansas Forestry  
Jeff Keating - Fort Riley  
Amanda Reed - KDHE  
Bob Lienemann - Riley & Pottawatomie Co. Cons. Dists.  
John Bond - KAWS  
Carol Blocksome - KSU Extension  
Will Boyer - KSU Extension  
Janice Plummer- Pottawatomie Co. Cons. Dist.  
Judy Boltman - Shawnee County Conservation District  
Deb Brokesh - KSU Facilities  
Sherry Davis - KSU Healthy Communities

12:45 PM John Bond opened the meeting. He asked Amanda Reed to discuss current WRAPS funding, etc. Decisions on our proposal will likely be made in May.

12:55 PM Capturing BMP information within WRAPS area. John discussed a meeting held with KDHE and SCC concerning capturing BMP's completed through the CD's. Plans are to utilize the CSIMS system will to capture WRAPS-related projects and then be queried by KDHE to provide information to EPA. Our project should make an effort to communicate this need to the Conservation Districts. Being able to capture BMP's stimulated through the WRAPS process will allow the group to show more results for our efforts as well as capture matching dollars through the SCC programs. Training of BMP reporting at the September 28 - 29 WRAPS Conference in Great Bend is a tentative agenda item.

1:05 PM KDHE now wants to get an update on the Development Plan, which mainly are goals and objectives, how the development occurred and how the money was spent. A completion report (of the Development Plan) is also required. These items are needed to gain approval from EPA. Rick will be spending a great deal of time working on those the next few weeks.

1:10 PM Mary Howell gave a report on her activities in the Middle Kansas. Will Boyer gave a report on his activities. Carol Blocksome reported conducting a burning seminar in Shawnee County and her work on float trips. She asked that the SLT choose who should be invited (government officials). She also commented on a buffer grazing study on three sites in Nemaha County. Sherry Davis commented on her work in the Wakarusa WRAPS. She would like to take what she learned there and apply it in the Rock Creek area. Doug Helmke reported that the City of Alma has adopted a Source Water Protection Plan. Thad Rhodes spoke about his work on woodland thinning on two sites which did not use any outside funds and some tree planting in the Alma area. Mr. Rhodes also mentioned that pipeline mitigation money was available in NE Kansas for establishment of riparian zones. Pottawatomie County had a no-till meeting, as did Douglas & Shawnee County.

1:45 PM Future meetings:

Jim Garrish - Grazing Expert, August 15, Holton Area  
WRAPS - May 7, Rock Springs Ranch

1:50 PM John Bond reported that KDWP Region 2 has an Kansas NE Upland Bird Initiative group. They want to develop a CRP brochure to address the land coming out of CRP, by keeping it in other conservation programs or how to convert it back to agriculture in a friendly way. Glacial Hills RC&D is their sponsor. He also commented on a water quality / Citizen Science meeting held recently. He would like to do a similar training as

part of a WRAPS meeting. John will contact Citizen Science to see if we can have it as part of one of our upcoming meetings.

2:05 PM Funding recommendation will be reviewed in early May. Announcements will be made in late May. A decision to schedule the next meeting will be made when a better understanding of the announcement is known.

2:25 PM Discussion covered the Rock Creek focus area and what the group would like to do in the future. The group is leaning towards doing something similar to what was done in the Wakarusa. Much discussion revolved around whether to contact landowners directly (target) or leave it open to everyone. Pott County staff didn't feel like their Board would support direct landowner contacts, but would discuss at their next meeting and let Rick know. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to see where Pott Co stood and then have the SLT vote on how to proceed with that focus area.

3:50 PM Adjourned