



**Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 19, 2007**

Onaga Area Community Center
100 Union Pacific St.
Onaga, KS

Rick Davis, Middle Kansas WRAPS Coordinator, welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they are affiliated with. Seventeen people attended the meeting.

Update on appointments to the Middle Kansas WRAPS Stakeholder Leadership Team and selection of officers.

Three stakeholder leadership team positions are still open: watershed representative, cropland representative, and irrigated cropland representative. The stakeholder group suggested the cropland and irrigated cropland positions be left vacant for now since no one has been attending meetings regularly to represent those groups. Tom Watkins, Wabaunsee County CD Water Quality Coordinator will contact Duane Hund, Mill Creek Watershed District, regarding the watershed position.

The stakeholder group and stakeholder leadership team (SLT) members present decided against electing officers at this time. The group suggested the MK Coordinator work with the SLT, primarily through email, to further organize the team and bring them up to speed on their leadership role in order to expedite agenda items at meetings, and business in general.

Update on the KDHE WRAPS FY 08 budget.

Jaime Gaggero, KDHE – Watershed Management Section, attended the meeting and gave an update on 08 funding. Approximately 46 watersheds applied for 8 M of grant money, but only 2.8 M is available. Due to the volume of grant applications, The WRAPS Work Group will not meet until October to review the applications. Approximately 4.5 M was requested by Statewide Service Providers (SSP).

Discuss KDHE FY 07 Project Implementation Plan (PIP)

A copy of the existing PIP was circulated during the meeting. The PIP needs to be revised to reflect detailed assessment and planning activities for the next year.

Approximately \$33,000 is available for assessment, planning, and demonstration projects. The stakeholder group picked three sub-watersheds to conduct aerial photo riparian area assessments, including Rock Creek, Mill Creek, and Cross Creek. The Jackson County Conservation District recently utilized two summer interns to complete an assessment on Cross Creek in Jackson County. Sites providing an opportunity for improved livestock management practices and streambank stabilization were identified. The Jackson County CD will host a day in mid-October to discuss the work the CD has completed with aerial photos.

Discuss project proposals for 07 grant

KDHE 07 funds are available to begin assessment and planning, as well as a few demonstration projects. The stakeholder group suggested the option of spending approximately \$10,000 in each of the targeted sub-watersheds for assessment and demonstration projects. Further discussion will be held at the October Middle Kansas WRAPS meeting.

Next Meeting – Date, location and tentative agenda items

The next Middle Kansas WRAPS meeting will be October 24, at the Red Rock Ranch in Soldier. An optional on your own lunch will be available around 11:30 am. The meeting will be at the same location at 1:00 pm. Additional details will be forwarded.

Tentative agenda items include:

1. Further review, discussion, and editing the 07 PIP.
2. Further discussion of existing assessment documents in the watershed.
Stakeholders are encouraged to bring assessment materials, i.e. hard copies or forward e-copies to Rick Davis, in order to compile a list of existing documents and identify potential needs.
3. Discuss Jackson County CD process for assessing riparian areas with aerial photos and applicability to other sub-watersheds in the Middle Kansas.
3. Other agenda items as needed or requested.

Submitted by Rick Davis, September 23, 2007.

