



# Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams

## Lower Kansas WRAPS

### March 19, 2008 Meeting Summary

The March 2008 meeting for the Lower Kansas WRAPS was sparsely attended, with 14 participants including state, federal, and local government agencies, local farmers, and concerned citizens. A list of attendees is included at the end of this summary. The meeting was held at the Sunset Office Building at 11811 Sunset Drive in Olathe. Thanks to Heather Schmidt of the Johnson County government for reserving the meeting place.

The meeting began with introductions, an overview of the today's meeting, and a short summary of the February meeting. Today's meeting essentially covered the three main topics including:

- WRAPS Process
- Technical Service Providers
- Demonstration Projects

#### **WRAPS Process**

Frank gave a power point presentation of the WRAPS process for review purposes. He highlighted the definition and purpose, the four phases, funding, and location of the Lower KS WRAPS. Dan Zerr of KDHE added information on funding from KDHE and EPA and how various grants overlap, etc.

#### **Technical Service Providers**

The meeting shifted into a discussion on the WRAPS Technical Service Providers (TSP)—their typical services, ones proposed for 2008, and potential services based on available funding. TSPs with 2008 funding include Douglas County CD (buffer coordinator), KACEE, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas Rural Center (Jost and Fund), KSU (Citizen Science, EARTH, RNAS, CARE (Will Boyer-watershed specialist), and No Till on the Plains. It is important to note that funding for service providers was significantly less than requested and that TSP provide important assistance to WRAPS programs in the form of information and education, demonstration projects, assessments, and the like. With reduced funding, it is important for each WRAPS group to determine how best to utilize each service provider having funding in 2008. In addition, not all 2008 funding is available now. Some is and some will be available by fall 2008. The reason for this discussion was to start completing paperwork for 2008 funding. For more information on discussions, see memorandum under separate cover submitted to each TSP for consideration.

#### **Demonstration Projects**

The meeting moved to discussing the next item agenda—Demonstration Projects. Even though this topic had been tabled during the February meeting due to the lack of a viable stakeholder leadership team, it was reinstated as available funding must be spent now to close the grant and allow KAWS recoup its retainer fee from KDHE. Each project of the six was reviewed. Frank indicated that there was \$12,857 worth of funding available and the project applicants requested up to \$59,670. A table showing each potential project and description was handed for review and voting purposes. Projects available for funding included (with funding requested, votes (the lower the vote the higher the priority), and funding allocated in parentheses):

- Billy Skeet Stabilization [\$10,500, 54 votes, \$0]
- City of Bonner Springs Spring Creek Stabilization [\$20,000, 40 votes, \$6,665]
- Bradford Alternate Waterer [\$5,922. 11 votes, \$5,922]
- Fairway Hills Stream Stabilization [\$9,900, 46 votes, \$0]
- Smith Stream Stabilization [\$5,600, 68 votes, \$0]
- Williams Alternative Water Supply Project [\$7,748, 43 votes, \$0]

As tallied, funding was approved for the Bradford Alternate Waterer (entire amount of \$5,922) and City of Bonner Springs (partial amount of \$6,665). The remaining projects (if applicable) and other upcoming ones will remain on the list for future consideration. Available demo project funding in the future is \$5,000 each for spring 2008 and fall 2008.

During discussions, it was asked how the formation of the **stakeholder leadership team** was progressing. I have contacted persons at MARC, Wyandotte County, Leavenworth County, City of Lawrence plus meeting attendees, etc. for potential contacts and have come up with the following persons. They include:

- Mark Johnson, Senior Manager, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Jim Weaver, Douglas County Conservation District
- Jerry Wooley, Leavenworth County Conservation District
- Rodney Parsons, farmer from Leavenworth County
- Tom Norman, farmer from Linwood, Leavenworth County
- Eugene Kramer, farmer from Easton, Leavenworth County
- John Cotter, Director, Environmental Health Services, Unified Government of Wyandotte County
- Robb Richardson, Planning Director, Unified Government of Wyandotte County

Others have expressed interest, but were not sure at this point. They include: Bob Lominska (organic farmer from Jefferson County) and Ginny Moore (MARC). More suggestions or volunteers outside of areas/disciplines/types already represented are very welcome.

The **remainder of the agenda items**—Goals and Objectives and Outline for Development Plan—were briefly discussed, and will be on next month's meeting agenda. The meeting adjourned around noon after discussions concerning the time and location of the next meeting. Bill Wood agreed to look at the availability at Douglas Fairgrounds/County extension office for our next meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 12 noon.

Lower Kansas WRAPS Signup Sheet

March 19, 2008

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">                     13 attendees plus Frank                 </div>			11	Johns				

*Final Tally*  
*11 voting members*

PRIORITY NUMBER #1 is first choice	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT SPONSOR	CONTACT and PHONE #	HUC 14	PARTNERS	SHORT DESCRIPTION (Be sure to provide project measurements, number of acres or length in feet) (County/List if it is in high priority TMDL, Biological area or Public Water Supply)	PUBLIC AREA YES OR NO	EST. DATE COMP	TOTAL PROJ. COST	KWO/EPA FUND REQUEST
54	Billy Sheet stabilization	Leavenworth Co CD	Jerry Woolley 913-682-2133	102701040 40050	Leavenworth Co CD, NRCS, Landowner	This project will stabilize about 500 feet of a stream that leads into Stranger Creek. The stabilization will be developed based on designs provided by TWI. The project is located in a high priority area in the SE 1/4 of 34-11-20.	N	Fall 2006	\$15,000	\$10,500
② 40	City of Bonner Springs stream stab	Wyandotte	Rob Miller 913-667-1715	102701040 6 0030	Wyandotte Co CD, TWI, City of Bonner Springs	This project would help stabilize about 1500 feet of Spring Creek that runs through Lyon's park in Bonner Springs. Spring Creek flows directly into the Kansas River which is the cities water supply. It is located in the SW 1/4 of 29-11-23	Yes	Spring 07	\$32,494	\$20,000
① 11	Bradford alternate waterer	Leavenworth Co CD	Jerry Woolley 913-682-2133	102701040 40020	Leavenworth Co CD, NRCS, Landowner	This project is located adjacent to Brush Creek which is in a high priority area that drains into Stranger Creek. A pit pond would be developed that would supply water to two separate water tanks. It would involve the movement of 4500 CY of material and about 1,000 linear feet of piping. The tanks would reduce animal activite in the stream and riparian area. It is located in the SE 1/4 of 16-9-21	N	Fall 2007	\$8,460	\$5,922
④ 46	Fairway Hills stream stab	Johnson	Gayla Speer 913-764-1931	102701040	NRCS, SCC, Landowner	This project will stabilize approximately 200 feet of Mill Creek in the Fairway Hills Home Association. The project would stabilize the stream banks in a residential area and protect a storm water detention structure. The president of the Association would like to use as a demo for the entire Mill Creek Watershed. It is located in the NW 1/4 of 22-12-24	No	Spring 07	\$14,143	\$9,900
③ 68	Smith stream stabilization	Wyandotte	Deb Sumner 913-764-1931	102701040	NRCS, SCC, Landowner	This project involves stabilization of about 375 feet of a tributary to Betts Creek. The project is located in the SE 1/4 of 14-11-23 The Watershed Institute felt like this might be a good urban demo project	N	Fall 06	\$8,000	\$5,600
43	William LWS	Jefferson Co CD	Doti Harris or Rhonda Schuler 785-863-2201	102701040 40050	Landowner, Jefferson Co. CD, NRCS	This project will involve the development of a pond and two water facilities. The pond will be fenced. This will reduce cattle activity in this tributary of Stranger Creek, which is a high priority TMDL area. The project is located in the SW 1/4 of 10-11-20	N	Spring 2008	\$15,496	\$7,748
TOTAL									\$93,593	\$59,670



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### Meeting Agenda

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County Sunset Building, 11811 Sunset Drive, Olathe

- 9 to 9:15      Registration at the Door
- 9:15 to 9:30    Introductions, Overview of Today's Meeting, Summary of February's Meeting
- 9:30 to 10      Review of WRAPS  
                    Introduction: Phases, Funding, Expectations  
                    Where are We now?
- 10 to 10:15                      Break
- 10:15 to 10:45 Service Providers  
                    Role, Funding, and Where are We now?
- 10:45 to 11:15 Revisiting Goals and Objectives for the Lower Kansas River Watershed
- 11:15 to 11:45 Tentative Outline for the Lower Kansas Watershed Development Plan
- 11:45 to 12      Closing Comments                      Date and Location of Next Meeting
- 12 to 1              Lunch Nearby?