



Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams

Lower Kansas WRAPS

May 20, 2008 Meeting Summary

The May 2008 meeting for the Lower Kansas WRAPS was attended by 17 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 at the 4H building in Lansing, Kansas. Thanks to Mike Epler of the Leavenworth Co. Extension Service for reserving the meeting place.

The meeting began with introductions, an overview of the today's meeting, and a short summary of the April meeting. Then, the following agenda items were covered in the order listed (see the attached agenda):

- Approval of New Demonstration Project
- Review of Draft Development Plan
- Charter of Lower Kansas WRAPS Stakeholder Leadership Team

Approval of New Demonstration Project

John Bradford declined the \$5,922 we approved for his demonstration project (Bradford alternate waterer) as he now required additional funding given the rising costs of fuel, supplies, etc., so this money needs to be reallocated. It was agreed to allocate the money to the project that received the next highest vote tally during our March 19th vote (see attached Project table). That project—William LWS, located in Jefferson County, will be awarded the \$5,922. John Bond will contact Dottie Harris of the Jefferson Co. CD. In case the Williams LWS project is a 'no-go', Frank agreed to contact Gayla Speer of the Johnson Co. CD to inquire on the status of the Fairway Hills stream stabilization project (4th highest vote getter) and see if that project could use additional funding.

Frank asked John Bond on the status of the Bonner Springs stream stabilization project (Spring Creek in Lyons Park); John indicated that the money has been accepted. The Watershed Institute has been on-site assessing the project to determine if its estimate was still accurate. Rob Miller (contact at Bonner Springs) is no longer at the City, so the new contact is Matt Beets (913-667-1714).

Review of the Lower Kansas Watershed Development Plan

The group reviewed the Plan by going over a summary sheet of comments that Frank had received by reviewers so far (handout, with handwritten comments, is attached at the end of the meeting summary). The development plan essentially followed the format of the Middle Kansas WRAPS development plan and incorporated tables, verbiage, and figures from the KDHE's 2000 Lower Kansas watershed conditions report. Consequently, the report will need revisions and an updating of the conditions data where applicable, etc.

There was a good discussion on the plan as briefly highlighted on the handout. Comments from reviewers included the following:

- **Advisory Group**—section should be added in the introduction to include members of 'the' advisory group and their role (perhaps). Certainly consistent and interested federal and state attendees (not on the SLT) should be considered (e.g., Cheri Miller, Susan Garrett, Will Boyer, Richard Moppin, etc.).
- **Division of the Lower Kansas Watershed** (or WRAPS) into salient sub-sections, following hydrologic boundaries, to better address the challenges, issues, etc. faced in the watershed. The Plan will be organized around such a division and the future organization and emphasis of the SLT will incorporate it also. It was agreed to break out the watershed into more or less three sub-watersheds—Stranger Creek, Kansas River from Lecompton to Eudora (or Desoto), and Kansas River in the Metropolitan area (below Eudora or Desoto that incorporates metropolitan Wyandotte and Johnson

counties). Members of each entity (e.g., Stranger Creek, MARC, and others) could assist in completing the Plan. And each could move into the WRAPS process as separate subunits within the Lower KS WRAPS or eventually as separate WRAPS.

- **Water Quality Section**—Tom Huntzinger suggested using the TMDLs presentation by Tom Stiles and getting his input when necessary. That would alleviate the problem of having old data and provide a newer perspective on the watershed.
- **Assessment and Collection of Data**—the use of current TMDL data spurred a discussion on assessments, collection of current data, who to contact, and how to do this. Most cities in the metropolitan area of the watershed will have that data available. Heather Schmidt and MARC will have contacts to help collect the data. Some rural data may be accessed from the Co. CDs. Most of these data won't be needed for the Development Plan, but certainly during the assessment phase. It may be good to lay the groundwork to start collecting existing data.
- **Landowner Question**—Wayne Napp, farmer and resident along Walnut Creek, asked if the Lower Kansas Watershed extended into Atchison Co. Frank responded yes, which reminded Frank of a previous discussion that if residents along Stranger Creek want to reinstitute a Stranger Creek Watershed District, then the District must unify with that portion of the Creek in Atchison County. No contacts have been made with Atchison County. Scott Satterthwaite indicated that Akim Sadhi (KDHE: 785-296-3600) should be contacted as he deals with watershed districts in the state.

Charter of Lower Kansas WRAPS Stakeholder Leadership Team

The group discussed how the SLT should be organized given its volunteer nature, that the watershed will now be subdivided, etc. To provide us information on a good charter, Tom Huntzinger described the Charter that was drafted and approved for the Upper Wakarusa WRAPS (see attached handout for some details). He indicated that term limits are two years, but for the initial stages limits are either 1 or 3 years so terms can be staggered. The SLT has offices including a chairman, vice-chairman, and a membership sub-committee consisting of an officer, officer at large, and a coordinator. Active recruiting would be done by this group. Activities that the SLT are charged with provide the SLT members with a purpose and continuity so members will stay active, committed, and on term. Tom added that he didn't think the size of our watershed should be a deterrent as we could have sub-committees for each sub-basin if we deem it necessary.

Discussion moved on to funding advantages of smaller vs. larger WRAPS per Susan Iversen's question. Not sure it matters and certainly in our WRAPS, KAWS would be handling the money. KDHE prefers that the Lower KS WRAPS sticks together, simplifying project management for KDHE, providing unifying and continuity factors so the sub-groups are not left floundering or at least disconnected. Each sub-basin/sub-committee is better positioned to search and obtain local funding. That would be advantageous.

It was mentioned that perhaps the Upper Wakarusa and Lower Kansas WRAPS could be linked formally in the charter, which would be a bit more of a connection now, with Tom Huntzinger attending Lower Kansas meetings. That could add to the network in the Lower Kansas watershed.

Discussion moved into how to connect better or coordinate with MARC to incorporate the metropolitan area more in the Lower Kansas WRAPS process. It was unclear how this will be done exactly, but it is clear that MARC is instrumental in making the Lower Kansas WRAPS successful. Their input and active participation in meetings, plan writing, and coordination is paramount. Perhaps the SLT and county and city personnel could facilitate that need.

Based on discussions, the group liked to have a charter similar to that of the Upper Wakarusa WRAPS. Frank agreed to draft a charter document before the end of the month.

Replacement for Lower Kansas WRAPS Coordinator

John Bond indicated that a job announcement and interviews will be taking place in mid-June to replace Frank Norman, the outgoing coordinator. That is good news as continuity is important now that the SLT has formed and is moving forward.

Date and Location of Next Meeting-The meeting adjourned around 11:15 am after discussions concerning the time and location of the next meeting. Two meetings were agreed upon:

- Stakeholder Leadership Team at the Douglas Co. Extension Office in Lawrence on June 24 (preferred) or June 27 from 9am to 12pm
- General Meeting at the Tonganoxie Fairgrounds on either July 16 (preferred) or 17 from 9am to 12pm.

Jerry Wooley/Susan Garrett agreed to look into the availability of the Tonganoxie Fairgrounds. Frank will investigate availability of the extension office in Lawrence.

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10	Tom Huntzinger	KAWS						
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16	John Bond							
17	Frank NDMar							

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Final Tally, March 19th Vote.
Bradford declined in May 2008.
Need to approve new project.

Lower Kansas WRAPS Projects

Final Tally
11 voting members

March 2008

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	KWOEPA FUND REQUEST
54	Billy Sleet stabilization	Leavenworth Co CD	Jerry Wooley 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
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	Approved.	Spring 07	\$32,494	\$20,000
11	Bradford alternate waterer	Leavenworth Co CD	Jerry Wooley 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 activity in the stream and riparian area. It is located in the SE 1/4 of 16-9-21	Approved, but declined.	Fall 2007	\$8,460	\$5,922
46	Fairway Hills stream stab	Johnson	Gayla Speer 913-764-1991	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
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	Dott 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 2006	\$15,486	\$7,748
TOTAL									\$93,593	\$59,670

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Approved on 5/20/08

handwritten comments from
May 20th WRAPS Meeting

COMMENTS ON LOWER KANSAS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Introduction

- Add a paragraph on the advisory group—composition, role, etc.

Update on Advisory Group (not on SLT)

- Marty Burke of Kansas Water Office
- _____, KDHE (replacement for Dan Zerr)
- OTHERS?

Add consistent attendees from meetings that are part of resource agencies. KC COE should be invited as they play important role in watershed. generally agreed upon

Overall

- Divvy up the watershed into logical parts by sub-basin, main tributaries, etc.
 - For example, Stranger Creek sub-basin; Lecompton to Eudora sub-basin; and KC Metro urban area

Suggestions?

- Determine role of and effort to be provided by MARC (Mid-America Regional Council)
 - Topically, geographically, demographically, etc.

Suggestions?

Long discussion during meeting on role of MARC in SLT and report.

- Grammatical and style edits on total report

Others:

OK - will edit as the report takes shape

Water Quality sections

- Incorporate findings and other information of Tom Stiles of KDHE into report; serves as an update to the report as his data is more current.

Comments:

Frank will find the presentation & make available

Ground Water Section

- Need to discuss surface water bacteria and sources to include waste water treatment facilities in watershed.

Comments:

Not sure surface water is applicable in GW section

Urban Concerns or Issues

- Rob Beilfuss requested that Mill Creek be included as an impaired stream, etc.

Comments:

Can do.

Watershed Issues

- Needs to be expanded to include explanation of why issues are of concern

Goals and Objectives

- Needs to be revised to incorporate previous comments and to reflect current ideas

may need to pair these sections up with each issue tied to Goals + objectives

FINAL DRAFT CHARTER FOR UPPER WAKARUSA WRAPS LEADERSHIP TEAM

January 24, 2007

The Leadership Team should consist of 10 members representing the following interests:

Agriculture – 1 member for livestock agriculture
1 member for cropland agriculture

Habitat Management – 1 member

Economic Development – 1 member

Public Water Supplies – 1 member

Local Government (county, city, etc) – 1 member

Community Infrastructure – 1 member (watershed dist., public wastewater,
EMS, landfill, other environ. security role)

Conservation/Watershed District – 1 member

Recreational Resources – 1 member (boaters and park users, entity with natural
resource protection role including cultural or historic)

Special Water Condition – 1 member (Water Assurance Dist., CAFO, Haz.
Waste Generator, etc.)

Team members would serve 2 year terms, with the first Team having half its members serving either 1 or 3 year terms so that membership turnover on the Team would be staggered. However, it was recommended that an “Advisory Group” of people representing natural resource agencies would be very helpful to the Leadership Team and the WRAPS project.

This Team will be charged with the following activities:

- Be advocates for the watershed
- Develop the position description for a watershed coordinator position
- Help recruit and select a watershed coordinator
- Develop an action plan for the WRAPS funding
- Update the Charter and meeting protocol annually as needed
- Develop an action plan for the coming year beginning with 2009 along with a Project Implementation Plan (PIP)
- Be responsible for recruiting any new Leadership Team members
- Report to all stakeholders in the watershed as well as agencies and organizations
- Develop any general policies and protocols for which the Team will operate
- Determine the best way to coordinate with the other WRAPS groups in the Lower Kansas to insure good communication between them and the Leadership Team.