



Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting Summary
Wednesday, February 27, 2008
Shawnee County Farm Bureau
Topeka, KS

Rick Davis, Middle Kansas WRAPS Coordinator, welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves and the organization they are affiliated with. Meeting attendees included Granville Davison, Will Boyer, Bob Lienemann, Doug Helmke, Mary Howell, Carol Blocksome, Shelly Buhler, John Bond, Dea Brokesh, Tom Stiles, Sherry Davis, Scott Schwinn, Thad Rhodes, Linda Stewart, David Dennon, Gary Satter, Jeff Keating, Jerry Turner, John Bond, John Knight, Barry Beagle, Mike Calwell, and Jeff Bender.

Presentations:

Mike Calwell, Friends of the KAW
“Access and Recreational Opportunities on the Kansas River”

Mike Calwell gave an overview of Friends of the KAW (FOK) and their work on the Kansas River, which is 170 miles long and has 340 miles of shoreline. FOK leads organized float trips on the river from April – October. In 2002, FOK began to build one access ramp every 10 miles, for a total of 17 ramps. FOK works with the KS Dept. of Wildlife and Parks and local communities to build the ramps. Currently, FOK is in the process of planning portage and an access ramp at the Topeka water weir, which will include safety measures to warn people about the weir.

Jeff Bender, KS Dept. of Wildlife & Parks
“Recreational Opportunities on the Kansas River”

Jeff bender gave an overview of the KAW River State Park, which Jeff manages. The park is surrounded by land previously owned by Menninger Clinic, which St. Francis Hospital has acquired, and Security Benefit Life. The City of Topeka and Shawnee County own land in the area in addition to KDWP. An access point on the Kansas River is planned, as well as expansion of the existing trail network.

Business Meeting Topics:

Middle Kansas WRAPS KDHE FY 08 Funding & Service Providers

Rick Davis and John Bond gave an overview of the funding picture in relation to service providers (SP). KDHE is in the process of visiting with service providers about funding. The Middle Kansas WRAPs ranked fifth in project priority score, behind the Upper Wakarusa, Delaware, Milford, and Tuttle. The Middle Kansas was the highest ranked non-federal reservoir watershed and received \$119,592.00 funding. Group discussion included the role of SP and coordinating multi SP activities in targeted areas of the watershed. In order to reduce travel time and expense for everyone, a March 14th Multi-WRAPS Service Provider meeting is scheduled at 9:30 am at the Shawnee County Farm Bureau in Topeka. SP will have the opportunity to coordinate efforts in the Middle Kansas, Upper Wakarusa, and Lower Kansas WRAPS Projects.

Pairs Comparison

Rick presented the Pairs Comparison techniques for prioritizing watershed issues, which include: bacteria, sediment/biology, grazing lands, water quantity, degraded streams/rivers, abandoned wells, urban areas, biological items of concern, source water protection, flooding, livestock management, nutrient management. Due to time constraints, discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Rick will combine watershed issues and forward to the group.

Watershed Goals and Objectives

Rick presented examples of worksheets to identify goals, objectives, and best management practices associated with watershed issues. Sediment and bacteria worksheets were discussed. Further work will be completed after watershed issues are prioritized.

Next Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the **Friday, March 14th Multi-WRAPS Meeting (Middle Kansas, Lower Kansas, and Upper Wakarusa)** to be held at the **Shawnee County Farm Bureau, 3801 SW Wanamaker Rd.**, Topeka, KS. The meeting will be at **9:30 am**. The Middle Kansas WRAPS will meet briefly in the after the multi-WRAPS meeting is completed.

Notes submitted by Rick Davis, March 1.