

Middle Kansas WRAPS Meeting - September 15, 2009  
Prairie Band Pottawatomie Nation,  
Rock Building, Mayetta, Kansas

**Management Team:**

Doug Helmke ☺  
Dennis Schwant ☺  
Shelly Buhler ☺  
Granville Davidson  
Sharon Bosse ☺  
Mary Howell ☺  
Scott Schwinn ☺  
Crop Production - Vacant  
Fish & Wildlife - Vacant  
(☺ = Present)

**Others in attendance:**

Rick Davis - Coordinator and KAWS  
Amanda Reed - KDHE  
Bob Lienemann - Riley & Pottawatomie Co. Cons. Districts  
Carol Blocksome - KSU Extension  
Jeff Keating - Fort Riley  
Roberta Spencer - Jackson Co. Cons. District  
Vivien Smith - City of Topeka  
Tom Stiles - KDHE

Rick Davis opened the meeting with introductions at 9:00 A.M.. Tom Stiles presented an update on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's). They believe it is easier to comprehend relative ratios of bacteria loading versus exponential values.

Persons in attendance wanting to provide additional information for proposed implementation projects were invited to do so.

Roberta Spencer presented a proposed project (*Greene Project*) to rehabilitate a pond which waters 250 head of cattle in the Soldier Creek watershed. The requested funds from MKWRAPS is \$2,824.50.

Carol Blocksome presented a request (*Rock Creek Project*) to do at least 8 samples for specie-specific e. coli. testing in the Rock / Vermillion Creek watershed, totaling \$10,000.

Mary Howell presented a request (*Suther Project*) to provide a winter watering site, resulting in cattle being moved out of a stream, near the headwaters of Rock Creek. The maximum amount needed is \$6,500.

Jeff Keating presented a project (*Wildcat Creek Project*) to hire a consultant to assess the detriments to Wildcat Creek and specifically the habitat of the Topeka Shiner. Much of the sediment entering the stream is believed to be from private land north of Fort Riley. Estimates of cost are \$10,000, with MKWRAPS providing cost-share of \$4,000 - \$6,000.

[Rick shared that a new Wildcat Creek WRAPS Project is possibly in the works which could complicate a decision on this project for some. Bob Lienemann mentioned that the federal dollars to be provided by the U.S. Army is significant.]

Vivien Smith presented a project (*Hillsdale Park Project*) to stabilize the streambanks in Hillsdale Park (Southwest corner of Fairlawn & Huntoon Streets) in Topeka. The project would be used in cooperation with Cair Paravel Latin School. Funding requested is \$4,500 for plants and signage.

Shawnee County Conservation District (no one present) has a project (*Ellis Project*) to replace tile outlets. Funding requested is \$5,000.00 for the project totalling \$9,808.20.

Bob Lienemann presented a project (*Umscheid Project*) in the Rock Creek watershed to install drop structures to eliminate as much pasture erosion as possible. Total requested from MKWRAPS is \$7,000 for an estimated \$12,400 project.

Angela Beavers (not present) submitted a request for \$600 to plug to abandoned hand-dug wells (*Abandoned Wells Project*) in the McDowell Creek watershed.

Scott Schwinn made a motion to place Bob Lienemann in the Fish and Wildlife SLT position. Mary Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roberta Spencer was nominated to fill the Crop Production position, motion made and seconded.

Rick Davis presented an update of the Nine-Element Plan.

SLT adjourned for lunch at approximately 12:00P.M. The meeting of the SLT resumed at 12:50 P.M.

Shelly Buhler moved to apply our \$20,000 implementation funds to these projects, in these amounts:

Greene Project	\$4,000 with installation of alternative watering system, \$2,850 without
Rock Creek Project	\$3,750
Suther Project	\$4,250
Hillsdale Park Project	\$3,000 for plantings only
Umscheid Project	\$5,000

Motion was seconded by Bob Lienemann. Motion carried.

Wrap-Up: Rick mentioned his contact with Tim Carpenter of the Topeka Capital-Journal. Mr. Carpenter is interested in doing a series of articles on Kansas Water Resources. He invited the SLT to participate as much as we are comfortable. Shelley Buhler also mentioned that the Topeka Waterfront Authority is starting to talk about water quality and WRAPS. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Manhattan area office of the USDA on November 10, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.