



Joint Meeting Arkansas River Advisory Committee Arkansas River Technical Task Force

Meeting Highlights from March 19, 2008
Place: WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, KS 67211

Agenda Item 1: Introductions & updates

In attendance:

Jack Brown	Darren Brown	Kim Austin	M.S. Mitchell
Kay Johnson	Angel Buzzard	Rich Basore	Moe Terrebonne
Claire Willenburg	Cherrie Nolden	Doris Leslie	Kay Drennen
Tom Kneil	Ron Graber	Monty Munyon	Vaughn Weaver
Libby Albers	Shawn Maloney	Jeremy Berblinger	

Updates - Announcements

EPA Webcast "Managing Nutrients in Your Backyard and Your Community"

- EPA's Watershed Academy is pleased to sponsor its 31st free Webcast Seminar on Wed., March 19
- Nutrient loading from nonpoint source runoff is a common problem in watersheds. Nitrogen and phosphorus pollution continue to be included as top causes of aquatic ecosystem degradation across the nation. This Webcast will examine the serious impacts on water quality from excess nutrients and will highlight two exceptional programs at the state and local level that encourage homeowners, businesses, and neighborhoods to adopt more sustainable practices to prevent harmful runoff from yards and lawns. Our first speaker will provide a description of the water quality problems associated with nutrients and a description of EPA's national program to set water quality criteria for nutrients, followed by state and community perspectives on nutrient management initiatives as alternatives to conventional lawn care practices.
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/webcasts/>

WRAPS Capacity Building Workshop report

- Moe Terrebonne, Libby Albers, and Monty Munyon attended the recent Capacity Building Workshop. The focus was on Social Marketing

Wetlands and Watersheds Conference

- [EPA Regional Wetlands & Watershed Conference](#)

WRAPS Annual Conference

- [2008 Kansas WRAPS Conference | Kansas WRAPS](#)

Water and the Future of Kansas

- [Water and the Future of Kansas Conference](#)

Eagle Scouts

- **Suggestion:** Darren Brown suggested that we develop some small projects based on BMP's that would be appropriate Eagle Scout projects
- Moe to contact Robert Kempton and Bill Quincy about the idea

Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan

- DRAFT of the final report can be found at: [City of Wichita - Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan Main](#)
- Report by Tom Kneil – City Council has directed that the plan be presented to the individual DAB's; County to workshop the plan
- Cherrie Nolden reminded the group that this plan could have a number of economic opportunities for folks who would cater to the river users.

Conferences and Workshops

- **Suggestion:** look at the data from the Friends of the Kaw as to how their access program has been received and any impacts it has had
- **Suggestion:** needs to be discussion on how best to identify or delineate the approximate high water mark along the river
- **Suggestion:** need to be discussion on how to handle the hunting season and folks in the river
- **Suggestion:** needs to be discussion on the potential bacteria loading if the river gets a large influx of users
- **Suggestion:** needs to be discussion of restriction on 4-wheelers, providing places for 4-wheelers to go
- **ALL ARK RIVER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Email questions about the plan to Moe for discussion at a workshop

Agenda Item 3: 7th Annual River Trash Roundup

- The annual River Trash Round up will be on Saturday, May 3rd from 10-noon. Additional meeting place information and maps will be sent out in April.

Agenda Item 4: River Sampling for River Festival

- Per email from Jim Hardesty: *The only change in my sampling for this year will be to start a week earlier. This will provide us with a 5-sample geo mean well ahead of the beginning of the festival.*
- Flags will be raised again as a public information tool

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