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Public Review Period for Environmental Assessment for Wolf Watershed

In cooperation with the Wolf River Watershed Joint District No. 66, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces a 30-day public review period for a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for North-Middle Forks Wolf Watershed Site 19-8 and South Fork Wolf Watershed Site 12-26 in Brown County, Kansas. The EA evaluates potential alternatives for a proposed Grade Stabilization Dam (GSD) at this site. This assessment was conducted in consultation with local, State, and Tribal governments, Federal Agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals. NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to local project sponsors under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, as amended (42 USC 43221 et seq.)



Water in North Middle Forms Wolf Watershed

Sponsoring local organizations of this project are the Wolf River Watershed Joint District No. 66 and Brown County Conservation District. How to Review: The Draft EA document may be downloaded for review from the Kansas NRCS web page link: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/watershed-programs/kansa...>

Brown County District Court

Compiled by Melanie Davis, Headlight reporter

CRIMINAL

First appearance hearing on Eve Fashion Jackson has been scheduled for Aug. 26. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on De Vaunte A Henderson has been scheduled for Aug. 26. He has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on DeShauna Starks has been scheduled for Sept. 9. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and speeding, a traffic infraction.

First appearance hearing on Lanissa Unique Starks has been scheduled for Sept. 9. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on Faith Lynn Cunningham has been scheduled for Sept. 9. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on Madeleine Latisha Samone Cotton Cunningham has been scheduled for Sept. 9. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Diversion-status hearing on Raynah L. Lewis, has been scheduled for Sept. 2. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony

Status Conference hearing on James E Scott, was held and has been continued to Oct. 7. He has been charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, a drug severity level 4 felony; possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of methamphetamine without a tax stamp, a drug severity level 10 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Arraignment on Tracy Adam Syens, Fairview, KS., has been scheduled for Aug. 17. He has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Arraignment on Jamie Lynn Long, Horton, KS., has been scheduled for Aug. 26. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

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First appearance on Dawud Hasain Hakim, Jr. has been scheduled for Aug. 26, possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance on Tyler Robert Russell has been scheduled for Aug. 26. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Status Conference on Christopher James Brassfield was held and has been continued to Aug. 26. He is charged with aggravated assault, a level 7 person felony.

Diversion on Hannah Jean Pennington was held and has been continued to Sept. 9. She is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Arraignment hearing on Blake Alan Kaler. was held and has been continued to Oct. 6. He is charged with aggravated assault, a level 7 person felony and criminal deprivation of property, a class A nonperson misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and taxation, Use of a deadly weapon.

Sentencing on Tonya C White, has been scheduled for Oct. 5. She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony, traffic contraband in a correctional institution, a level 6 nonperson felony; criminal threat, a level 9 person felony; battery on a law enforcement officer, a class A person misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Arraignment on Thomas Scott Pahlmahmie, Horton, KS., was held and has been continued to Aug. 4. He is charged with aggravated kidnapping, a severity level 1 person felony; attempted murder in the second degree, a level 3 person felony; aggravated battery, a level 4 person felony; domestic battery, a level 7 person felony; and criminal threat, a level 9 person felony.

Preliminary hearing on Chase Uriah Eugene McFarland, Robinson, KS., was held and has been continued to Aug. 12. He is charged with two counts of criminal threat, a level 9 person felony and disorderly conduct, a class C misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Alicia S. Ramirez, Hiawatha, KS., was held and has been continued to Aug. 26. She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Diversion-status hearing on Megan Danielle Norris, has been scheduled for Sept. 2. She has been charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

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Preliminary hearing on Melissa Christine Clark, Hiawatha, KS., has been scheduled for Aug. 12, possession of cocaine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

LIMITED

A case has been filed by Community Memorial Healthcare Inc., plaintiff, against Franklin Avalos, defendant.

A case has been filed by Nebraska Furniture Mart, a Nebraska Corporation, plaintiff, against Autumn Gaskell, defendant.

A case has been filed by City Of Hiawatha, plaintiff, against Tonya L. Miller, et al, defendant.

A case has been filed by The City Of Horton, KS., plaintiff, against Cassandra White, defendant.

A case has been filed by LVNV Funding, LLC., plaintiff, against Megan Ring, defendant.

A case has been filed by Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company c/o, plaintiff, against Kristy S. Schweitzer, defendant.

A case has been filed by Capital One, N.A., plaintiff, against Craig E. Wahwahsuck, defendant.

A case was filed by Manning Music, Inc., plaintiff, against Nicole L. Andrews, defendant.

PROBATE

An affidavit pursuant to K.S.A. 59-618a and last will and testament was filed by Mark C. Kloepper, petitioner, in the matter of DeAnn D. Goodwin, decedent.

An affidavit preserving will was filed by Christopher L.

Gnagi, petitioner, in the matter of the will of Madonna A. Gnagi, decedent.

A petition for determination of descent has been filed by David R. Rector, petitioner, in the matter of Twile M. Rector, decedent.

A petition for probate of will and issuance of letters testamentary has been filed by James Troy Holthaus, petitioner, in the matter of the estate of James e. Holthaus, decedent.

KDOT announces approved July bids

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects. The letting took place on July 22 in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple projects that have been bundled based on proximity and type of work.

District One — Northeast

Statewide - 35-106 KA-7717-01 - I-35: One sign structure located at the I-35 ramp to Antioch Road in Johnson County and three sign structures between U.S. 69 and U.S. 169 in Wyandotte County, signing, Collins And Hermann Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, \$1,999,999.99.

Camping and docks at Mission Lake topic at Horton City Commission meeting

Unofficial minutes by Clerk Melissa Streeter

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 3. Mayor Bryan Stirtion called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m., and the opening prayer was led by Pastor Howard Suddeth. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Present: Mayor Bryan Stirtion, Commissioners Avery Thornton, Josh White, Natasha Thacker, and Mike Pierce. City Attorney Kevin Hill, Police Chief Dennis Entrikin, Superintendent Randy Mayfield, City Clerk Melissa Streeter, and others.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to adopt the agenda with the inclusion of a 5-Minute Executive Session- Non-Elected Personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Gladden. All Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to approve the July 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Gladden. All Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3923 (Payroll) for \$58,274.54. Seconded by Commissioner Gladden. All Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to approve Appropriation Ordinance #3924 (Disbursements) for \$114,560.69. Seconded by Commissioner Gladden. All Aye.

Library Update

Michelle Larson, Horton Library Director, presented the second-quarter library update.

ATV Discussion

Officer David Spain addressed the commission regarding the use of ATV's. Following discussion, the commission reached a consensus to amend the current ordinance. Spain will follow up with Attorney Kevin Hill.

Public Comments

Commissioner Mike Pierce apologized for a sarcastic comment he made at the last meeting.

Lake Discussion

The following individuals offered public comments regarding the lake discussion: Avery Thornton, Justin Tawzer, Nick Smith, Todd Hile, Guy Galley, Angie Kluck, Michael Wilburn, Meghan Hollister, Tina Xavier, Steph Knudson, Kim Hile, Chuck May, Noel McElroy, Kristi Blevins, Steve Gilbert, Shawn Tadlock, Joe Springer, and Darrin Matthias. The primary concerns raised by the speakers included the yearly lottery for campers, the docks and enforcing the rules, and swimming locations.

Jodi Leatherman addressed the commission about camping and docks at Mission Lake. She is in favor of leaving the current processes in place.

She also discussed the economic and revenue impact the campers bring to the City.

Mayor Stirtion opened the floor to the commission.

Commissioner Thornton addressed the problems of the rules not matching in the code book and agreements. Commissioner White agreed that this needs to be addressed and corrected. Mayor Stirtion discussed swimming areas and the docks. He appreciated some of the solutions that were given by the public.

Jeremy Becker provided information on the boundaries of the lake and where people could access the lake to fish. He discussed the docks and stated that if the public wants to use a private dock, they could ask permission. Becker also discussed the fences and the sheds that the campers use to deter theft. He asked if a commissioner had financial gain from the lake, if they would be able to vote.

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Commissioner Thornton stated he had made a sign for Becker, but that was before he was a commissioner. Commissioner White stated his company services the campers, not the lake. Mayor Stirtion would like to look at designated swim areas and labeling the docks. He would like the Park Board to look into some of the suggestions from the public. Commissioner Gladden liked the idea of putting phone numbers on the docks.

Commissioner Thornton reviewed the rule book and asked the Park Board to make the necessary updates. Ordinance 12-304-rates are supposed to be reviewed by the City Commission every year. He wants to draw a line on what is public and what is private.

Commissioner Pierce thanked the public for coming. He stated Mission Lake is a special spot in the City, and he wants the lake to be fair for everyone, not just a certain group.

Commissioner White stated he is not in favor of making all the campers go through the yearly lottery. He believes many campers won't return.

Mayor Stirtion wants to get recommendations to the Park Board. He also spoke about expanding some of the camping spots that aren't utilized as 14-day spots.

Recess

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to recess the Commission Meeting for 5 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Thornton. All Aye. The Commission recessed at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

Public Works Updates

Public Works Superintendent Randy Mayfield was present to provide

vide updates to the Commission on the water, sewer, electric, and street departments and to field any questions from the Commission.

-Discussed the various issues and repairs needed on a transformer, the pump station, a mower, and the sweeper truck.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to repair the well and motor with funds out of the equipment reserve not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Commissioner White. All Aye.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Andrew Patterson provided a list of things he has done since the last meeting.

-Nuisances around town were discussed.

Police Department/Dispatch Updates

Police Chief Dennis Entrikin provided updates on the Police Department and Dispatch.

-The boat at the lake is gone, with the help of the owner.

-The wires were run for security cameras.

-Currently looking to hire a dispatcher.

Administrative Updates

-Comprehensive Plans are being reviewed and will be ready for the next commission meeting.

Mayor Stirtion No comment. Commissioner White No comment.

Commissioner Thornton No comment. Commissioner Gladden No comment.

Commissioner Pierce No comment. Executive Session- Non-elected Personnel

Motion by Mayor Stirtion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interest of the employee, to include Mayor Stirtion, Commissioners Gladden, Pierce, White, and Thornton, Attorney Kevin Hill, Clerk Streeter, Superintendent Mayfield. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. All Aye. Closed at 8:29 p.m. Opened at 8:34 p.m. K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). No action taken, information only.

Budget Workshop

Motion by Commissioner Thornton to adjourn to the budget workshop. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. All aye. Closed 8:36 p.m. Opened 9:18 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the 2027 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Thornton. All Aye.

Hometown Heroes

By Hayleigh Diebolt, MSC Radio Group



Katherine Miller with Hayleigh Diebolt

Katherine Miller was nominated by Kendra Noll as a Hiawatha Hometown Hero!

Ms. Miller is the Elementary Art Teacher at Hiawatha Public Schools-USD 415 and is deeply involved in our community. She serves as President of the Hiawatha Chamber and Visitors Bureau Board, is a former Arts & Theatre Board Member, and is widely known for bringing art to the city of Hiawatha through Stick with Art, The Kansas Art Education Association, and for starting the Maple Leaf Fiberglass Project. Thank you, Katherine, for inspiring creativity and making a lasting impact on our community!



Tristan Dickinson receiving his award from Hayleigh Diebolt of MSC Radio

Tristan Dickinson of Hiawatha is a shining example of how one person can make a lasting impact on their community. He was nominated by Maizie Hageman.

When it comes to dedication, service, and community spirit, Tristan Dickinson stands out as a true hometown hero. Balancing the responsibilities of running a business with serving others is no small task, yet Tristan does it with unwavering commitment.

As the owner of Hiawatha Motor Repair, LLC, Tristan keeps the community moving—literally. His work as a local business owner not only supports the town's economy but also provides reliable service to friends and neighbors who know they can count on him.

Beyond the shop, Tristan devotes countless hours to public safety. He serves as Second Assistant Chief of the Hiawatha Fire Department, where his leadership and quick response help protect lives and property. In addition, he is an active member of the Brown County Rescue Squad, stepping up whenever emergencies arise.

Tristan's willingness to give back—while also running a business—speaks volumes about his character. He represents the very best of what a small-town hero looks like: hardworking, selfless, and always ready to lend a hand.

(This concludes this year's chosen heroes by MSC Radio Group)

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