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We have been stalling  
Should we provide  
a formal response?

**Engineering committee conference call**  
June 13, 2007

Draft notes

Kansas: David Barfield (chair), Scott Ross  
Nebraska: Jim Williams  
Colorado: Megan Sullivan

**Tasks assigned at last year's annual meeting were reviewed:**

1. Complete the user's manual for accounting procedures and provide a resolution for its adoption.

No work has been done to date on this task. As each state is updating its data for the accounting work, it should document data sources and any processing of this data prior to entry into the accounting spreadsheet.

2. Complete the accounting for 2006 using the preliminary information provided by April 15, 2007 and the final exchange by July 15, 2007.

We agreed to develop a preliminary accounting based on the April 15 data at this time. As we have done in the past, Nebraska will input its data into the accounting spreadsheet as well as much of the federal data. It will be passed on to Colorado for its input into the spreadsheet and then to Kansas. We hope an initial round of data entry can be completed prior to our next meeting (June 27).

Comment [JW1]: We are further from this than I originally thought.

Final state data is to be provided to the other states by July 15. The final accounting will be completed prior to the annual meeting.

3. Continue to work to resolve different recharge and return flow methods.

This task is related primarily to irrigation return flows for input into the groundwater model. Kansas has raised this issue and is responsible to come up with a plan of study for the engineering committee as time allows.

4. By November 15, 2006, develop a resolution regarding the Harlan County Lake evaporation split when only one state takes a release.

David noted that he has sent a proposal to Nebraska in November but had not received a response. Nebraska is to determine their position before the next call of the committee. David will check with his team to determine if Kansas wishes to revise its proposal.

Comment [JW2]: Dave, I understood that you would send me a copy of your proposal. If so, can you resend it? I didn't see it in my inbox.

5. Add documentation requirements of acreage retirement to the user's manual.

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Sent via email.  
No response yet.

should we send via  
letter?

This assignment is not a priority for the coming two weeks. We will need to discuss it further at the next call.

6. Retain Principia Mathematica to perform maintenance of the groundwater model.

Each State is doing the appropriate contracting.

**Other items:**

1. David B. noted that we have not yet resolved the issue of non-federal reservoir evaporation below Harlan County. It has been assigned to the legal committee.
2. Jim noted that Ann Bleed will send a letter within the next week or two to the other commissions with Nebraska's recommendation for a change in method of determining the import credit.

**Comment [JW3]:** Ann asked that I send this directly to the committee without the cover letter. You should each have it at this point.

**Assignments for next meeting:**

1. Check to see if April 15, 2007 data submittal is complete. Inform other states of any thing that is outstanding and the timetable for completion. Inform the other state of any deficiencies found in review of their data.
2. As noted above, the committee will work to develop an accounting for 2006 based on the preliminary data exchanged on April 15, 2006. States will document data sources and processing as they develop the data for use in the Users Manual.
3. Nebraska and Kansas will work to determine their respective positions on sharing of Harlan County evaporation.
4. Nebraska and Kansas representatives determine the status of their review of the non-federal reservoir evaporation issue.

**Next meeting date and time:** June 27, 10:30 a.m. David to set up call-in number.

**Comment [JW4]:** Dave, didn't you say something about an additional split of H2O due to KS under WSYA? I understand that this is not in the spreadsheets. Where is that found?