

Big Blue River Compact Virtual Meeting

The 47th annual meeting of the Kansas–Nebraska Big Blue River Compact Administration will be held using internet meeting services on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. Anyone interested in water-related activities within the Big Blue and Little Blue River Basins in Kansas and Nebraska is encouraged to participate in the meeting.

The meeting will also be livestreamed and will remain available online for later viewing. Attendees who wish to interact with the Administration during the meeting should join the virtual meeting. Attendees who do not plan to interact with the Administration are encouraged to join the livestream. Links to both the virtual meeting and the livestream are posted on the KDA website at: agriculture.ks.gov/bbrc.

The Kansas–Nebraska Big Blue River Compact was entered into in 1971. The purpose of the compact is to promote interstate comity, to achieve equitable apportionment of the waters of the Big Blue River Basin and promote the orderly development thereof, and to encourage an active pollution abatement program in each state.

The Compact Administration is composed of a federally appointed Compact Chairman, currently W. Don Nelson of Lincoln, Nebraska; two state appointed representatives: Chris Beightel of the Kansas Department of Agriculture–Division of Water Resources and Jesse Bradley of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources; and two citizen representatives: Sharon Schwartz of Washington, Kansas, and Larry Moore of Aurora, Nebraska.

To participate in the virtual meeting, or with other questions about the annual meeting, please contact Chris Beightel, acting chief engineer at KDA–DWR, at 785-564-6670 or Chris.Beightel@ks.gov. Additional information about the Big Blue River Compact and the annual meeting can be found on the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/bbrc.