



1. Welcome: Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, welcomed attendees and asked for introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2013:

Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta, (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion adopted.

3. Legislative Update:

Tom Bruno reviewed the legislative update report included in the packet. He pulled several items for discussion including the mortgage registration fee bill, firearms bill and fixtures bill. The Kansas Affordable Airfares Program (KAAP) was fully funded in the Governor's FY 14 and FY 15 budget, but the proviso remains, sending the funds directly to Sedgwick County. After discussing the proviso with members of the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation, their recommendation is to let the proviso stand and not argue it with the legislature. Committee members agreed that this is the best course of action.

The update was received and filed by the Committee.

4. Legislative Engagement Opportunity Wednesday, February 19th:

REAP will sponsor the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Luncheon on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 11:45 a.m. in the Capitol Building, room 152-S. This is an opportunity for REAP to present to the members of the Delegation and also for networking. Representative Jim Howell, the Chair of the Delegation, coordinates these luncheon locations, dates and times. Bruno reminded the Committee of the importance of attending this luncheon and to encourage all REAP members and their professional staff to attend if possible.

REAP staff will send out a "save the date" notice to the full Board following the Legislative Committee meeting and notices reminding members of the event closer to the date.

The update was received and filed by the Committee.

5. Handouts from Kansas Legislative Research:

Kelly Bergeron noted that the packet includes handouts from Kansas Legislative Research on the 2014 State Budget. These were provided to the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation at their hearings on January 10, 2014 at NCAT.

Committee members asked staff to find out why the general fund budget does not reflect revenues from the 1.5 mills of property tax collected by the State. Legislative Research responded that these mills do not go to the general fund, they are split- 1 mill goes to the State Institution Building Fund (SBIF) and the remaining half mill is dedicated to Education Building Fund.

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6. Unscheduled Topics



Commissioner Westfall reminded the Committee that they will be hosting conference call updates each Friday during the session. A notice of the call or cancellation of the call will be issued by the preceding Thursday at noon of each week.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attendance

Committee Members

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, Chair
Stephanie Knebel, City of Derby (by phone)
Council Member Pete Meitzner, City of Wichita
Bob Myers, City of Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta

Guests

Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates (by phone)
Dale Goter, City of Wichita (by phone)
Richard Klemp, Kansas Star Casino (by phone)
Daniel Shea, Kingman County

Staff

Kelly Bergeron