



1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

2. Board of Directors Business

A. Approval of minutes from January 10, 2014

Bob Conger, Kechi, (Cody Sims, Wellington) moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion adopted.

B. Regional Export Plan Update

At the January 10, 2014 Board of Directors meeting, REAP heard a presentation by a panel of Economic Development agencies in South Central Kansas regarding the Regional Export plan, sponsored by Brookings and JP Morgan Chase. The plan is facilitated by Kansas Global Trade Services. It is a yearlong process that culminates in the release of the Wichita Region's Export Plan and Investment Strategy in the fourth quarter of 2014. Because the plan will benefit the REAP region and exporting businesses directly, and due to the regional nature of REAP and its vested interest in growing the South Central Kansas economy, the REAP Executive Committee and staff recommend investing \$5,000 in the strategic initiative. Current project funders include the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and the GWEDC. Funds are available in the budget to support this investment.

Bob Conger, Kechi, (Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County) moved to authorize the investment of \$5,000 from REAP to support the Wichita Regional Export Initiative. Motion adopted.

C. Report of the Committees and Task Forces

A report of the activities of the REAP Committees and Task Forces was included in the packet. Kelly Bergeron reminded the Board that the REAP Regional Water Conference is scheduled for May 29th at the Meridian Center in Newton.

D. Regional Market Place Presentation

Jeremy Hill, CEDBR, WSU, presented on the interconnectedness of the jurisdictions in the REAP region. In summary, the presentation covered the importance of regionalism, reiterated that there is only one regional labor, only a few economic drivers for the entire region, and that the area is fairly homogeneous economically and socially. The bottom line is that regional collaboration is critical for the survival and increased prosperity of the area. The presentation is available on the REAP website.

3. Regional Spotlight Issue: Water Visioning Presentation

Susan Metzger from the Kansas Water Office led the Board through a presentation and background materials on the Governor's 50 year vision for the future of water in Kansas. This vision will help direct the actions of the State by setting 10-20 year goals and milestones, divided into five year action plans. The Kansas Water Plan will measure the success of the goals and milestones. Metzger asked several questions of the Board and showed an interest in the suggestion of developing a regional drought plan that might be adopted by several jurisdictions who would work together to ensure



appropriate water usage during times of drought. The Water Office will present at the Regional Water Conference on May 29th in Newton and update the Board on the progress of the plan.

4. Unscheduled Topics

Staff announced the REAP website redesign is complete and the new site went live on March 7, 2014. Please send pictures that represent your community to Kelly Bergeron to be included in the slider at the top of the page. The pictures will be updated monthly.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Derby Welcome Center. A luncheon will follow the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members & Alternates

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, Chair
Bob Conger, Kechi
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita
Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County
Bob Myers, Newton
Mayor Jim Nickel, Newton
Daniel Shea, Kingman County
Cody Sims, Wellington
Sasha Styles, Andover
Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County
John Waltner, Harvey County
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County

Guests

Bill Bolin, SCKEDD
Misty Bruckner, Hugo Wall School, WSU
Angela Buzard, Hugo Wall School, WSU
Paula Downs, Hugo Wall School, WSU
Jeremy Hill, CEDBR, WSU
Susan Metzger, Kansas Water Office
Brandon Mills, Hugo Wall School, WSU
Harland Priddle, K-96 Corridor Association
Byron Warta, Harvey County EDC
Tamara Woods, Senator Roberts Office

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Kelly Bergeron