Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes



11:30 a.m., June 4, 2014 Commissioner Chip Westfall, Chair

1. Welcome

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

2. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2014

Stephanie Knebel, Derby, (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to approve the minutes as presented.

3. 2014 Legislative Summary

Tom Bruno reviewed the legislative summary report included in the packet. He noted this was a challenging session and year for local governments and that overall, REAP's legislative priorities did well and should be considered successful. The full legislative summary from Tom Bruno is available on the REAP website.

The summary was received and filed by the Committee.

4. 2014 Election Overview

Keith Lawing and Bruno provided an overview of the primary and some general elections for the upcoming session. All seats in the House are up. Thirty-five of those candidates are running unopposed, 34 are incumbents. The Committee reviewed and discussed a listing of the candidates and some of the races that would affect the South Central Delegation and the REAP region.

The report was received and filed by the Committee.

5. 2014 Legislative Policy Summit

Kelly Bergeron discussed initial planning of the Legislative Policy Summit. The event is currently scheduled for December 12th; however, there may be a potential conflict with that date. Alternatives include Friday, December 5th or Thursday, December 11th. After discussing potential venues, staff was directed to reserve Botanica for the event, depending on availability of the final date selected. The Committee and staff will work on soliciting sponsors for the event, in an effort to spend as few REAP dollars as possible.

6. Unscheduled Topics

Lawing noted that the RFP for legislative services would be issued in August for the upcoming year or legislative session.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



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Attendance

Committee Members

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, Chair Stephanie Knebel, City of Derby Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County

Guests

Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates (by phone)

Staff

Keith Lawing Kelly Bergeron