

REAP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2013

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas

Commissioner David Unruh, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions.

2. News and Announcements:

Commissioner Unruh announced that Jim Heinicke would not be attending the meeting due to a family illness.

3. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, motioned (Kathy Axelson, Rose Hill) to adopt the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from the REAP Transition Team:

Misty Bruckner, Wichita State University, led the discussion of the Transition Team. Historically, REAP has expended approximately \$250,000 a year. However, current revenue projects for 2014 are expected to be \$183,000. Bruckner summarized the report of the consultants for the Board. Kathy Sexton, Derby, asked about the board meetings and how often they would meet. Bruckner noted that there would be two to four business meetings a year and bi-monthly topical meetings. Sexton expressed concern with the quarterly board meetings. Mayor Kristy Williams, Augusta, noted that under the current model, REAP would only hold one less meeting per year. Herb Llewellyn, El Dorado, stated that it appears the executive committee would have more authority and the Board would simply rubber stamp the executive committee's decisions. Commissioner Unruh added that some business could be conducted after the topical meetings. Mayor Williams suggested that the topical meetings start at different times-some meetings could be in the mornings and others begin at lunch time.

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, noted that the proposed plan can change. Sexton asked what organizations are considered partners. Bruckner noted that partner organizations REAP works with include the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Bio, Workforce Alliance, and the K-96 Corridor Development Association.

Sexton questioned if REAP needs to revise the bylaws. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance, stated he has reviewed the bylaws and will work with REAP on needed revisions. Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita, noted that this plan is fluid. He added that the Economic Development Committee could transform into one of the first task forces.

Mayor Williams motioned (Commissioner Westfall) that the Board adopt the proposed plan with board meetings scheduled after bi-monthly topical meeting as necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruckner announced that the Transition Team sent out a Request for Proposals and received four responses. The Transition Team selected the Workforce Alliance's proposal. Lawing thanked the Transition Team and noted that Workforce Alliance, Inc. is an administrative services and management company that assists organizations with professional staff and financial management. He added that Workforce Alliance will partner with the Hugo Wall School to support REAP operations. Lawing announced that he intends to put together a three to five year operational model and bring it before the Board by June 2014. Commissioner Westfall asked Lawing how the Legislative Committee would be represented. Lawing replied that the RFP allocated \$12,500 for legislative issues but added that this could be adjusted if needed and offset by the specials projects funds line item. Mayor Rex Satterthwaite,

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Bentley, asked if Workforce Alliance would apply for grants to offset some costs and increase revenues. Lawing stated that Workforce Alliance has a history of receiving and managing multiple grants.

Llewellyn motioned (Council Member Longwell) to accept the partnership between Workforce Alliance and the Hugo Wall School. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Unscheduled Topics:**

Llewellyn asked if REAP would administrator the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program in the future. Commissioner Unruh responded that there is a statute that identifies REAP as the administrator for the program. Unruh believes that the Governor will refer to the statute in his budget.

Council Member Pete Meitzner, Wichita, announced that the City of Wichita did not receive the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant they recently applied for. Meitzner reiterated that passenger rail is a priority for the region. Meitzner noted that Kansas City Missouri was awarded the grant after multiple attempts. He offered to give a formal presentation to the Board on the matter in the future.

6. **Adjourn**

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance

Members/ Alternates

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County,
Chair
Kathy Axelson, Rose Hill
Kent Brown, Clearwater
Robert Conger, Kechi
John Dierdoff, Hutchinson
Commissioner Brad Dillion, Reno County
Commissioner Leroy Koehn, Newton
Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita
Herb Llewellyn, El Dorado
Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County
Vice Mayor Pete Meitzner, Wichita
Mayor Jim Nickel, Newton
Thom Noone, Sedgwick
Mayor Ed Parker, Kechi
Commissioner Karl Peterjohn, Sedgwick County
Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County
Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick
Randy Riggs, Newton
Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley
Kathy Sexton, City of Derby
Daniel Shea, Kingman County
Cody Sims, Wellington

Commissioner Jim Skelton, Sedgwick County
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope
Sasha Stiles, Andover
John Waltner, Harvey County
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta

Guests

Alan Bell, Wichita
Kelly Bergeron, Workforce Alliance
Kurt Bookout, El Dorado
Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance
Dale Goter, Wichita
Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County
Dale Goter, City of Wichita

Staff

Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, WSU
Brandon Mills, WSU
Zack Daniel, WSU
Angela Buzard
Misty Bruckner, WSU
Paula Downs, WSU
Jessica Morton, WSU

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