



1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, called the meeting to order.

2. Presentation and Update: Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office, spoke with the Water Resources Committee regarding the draft of the Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas plan. He noted that the Governor's original request was to have a plan and implementation measures finalized in September of 2014, with a final plan presented to the public at the State Water Conference in November. Streeter noted that the planning phases went smoothly and were on schedule, however, the implementation and performance measures portion turned out to be much more difficult. There has been no clear consensus on any measure that could be measured state-wide, and no desire expressed on behalf of the legislature to work on policy issues identified in the planning process, such as the distribution of water rights. Staff will continue to work on the plan and a second draft will be released at the Water Conference in November.

Streeter stated that he had been asked about the timing of the plan in regards to the City of Wichita sales tax initiative. His response was that the plan had little to no impact on the City's decision of need for supply and infrastructure, and that he did not advise that the City wait until the plan was complete before proceeding with planning and implementing the needs of their citizens.

3. Water Resources Committee Business

a. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2014

Joe Pajor, Wichita (Bob Myers, Newton) moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion adopted.

b. Report of the 2014 REAP Regional Water Conference

Angela Buzard, Wichita State University, summarized the report included in the packet. The 2014 REAP Regional Water conference was hosted on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Meridian Center in Newton. There were 105 participants from a variety of organizations including local governments, state agencies, state associations and private sector partners in attendance. Approximately two-thirds of the attendees were REAP member communities.

c. Report of the South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan Work Team

Paula Downs, Wichita State University, updated the Committee on the progress of the South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan Water Work Team. The plan is nearly finalized and will be provided to the REAP Board of Directors and the Committees and Task Forces in late October or early November. John Waltner, Harvey County and Chair of the Consortium Leadership Team for the Plan invited attendees to a regional leadership summit on October 28th in the evening at Exploration Place.

d. City of Wichita Proposed One Cent Sales Tax: Water Impacts

The Wichita City Council has approved a one-cent sales tax referendum for the November 4, 2014 election ballot. Sixty-three percent of the revenue generated by that sales tax will be used on water improvements in the city of Wichita, including ASR improvements, which would generate a steady supply of water through 2060. The remaining sales tax funds would be dedicated to transit infrastructure, public transit, and a jobs fund.



4. Reports from Regional Water Organizations

Due to a shortage of time allowed for the meeting the reports from members of the regional water organizations was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. Other Business

No other business was brought forward by the Committee or staff.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance

Members/ Alternates

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, <i>Chair</i>	Bob Myer, Newton
Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney	Commissioner Jim Nickel, Newton
Susan Erlenwein, Sedgwick County	Joe Pajor, Wichita
Council Member Kelly Green, Wellington	Randy Riggs, Newton
Commissioner Randy Hague, Harvey County	Daniel Shea, Kingman County
Willis Heck, Harvey County Council of Governments	Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope
Hoyt Hillman, Kechi, SWAB, WRAPS	Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Reg Jones, Hutchinson	Dana Walden, Park City
Don Koci, Hutchinson	John Waltner, Harvey County
Commissioner Leroy Koehn, Newton	Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Rick Lanzarth, Andover	Jack Witson, Park City
Bill McKinley, Maize	

Guests

Angela Buzard, Wichita State University	Rick Schlender, Harvey County Farm Bureau
Paula Downs, Wichita State University	Sue Schlapp, Kansas Department of Commerce
Jeff Guy, Newton Kansan	Tracy Streeter, Kansas Water Office-Speaker
Barby Jobe, Wichita Chamber of Commerce	Nicholas Willis, Wichita State University
Rob Reschke, Kansas Water Office	

Staff

Kelly Bergeron