



### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2013

*Joe Pajor, Wichita moved (Bob Conger, Kechi) to approve the minutes from September 9, 2013. Motion adopted.*

### 3. Review and Discussion of the 2014 REAP Work Plan

Keith Lawing reported on the 2014 REAP Work Plan included in the agenda packet. Specific assignments for the Water Resources Committee in 2014 include defining their role and participation in the Governor's 50 year water plan, hosting a State water meeting, hosting the annual water conference, and focusing on convening and educating water stakeholders in South Central Kansas. The Committee noted that absence of agricultural interests and Rural Water Districts. It was suggested that the chairs of the Basin Advisory Committees be invited to attend the next Committee meeting, along with the Rural Water Districts. Lawing suggested that inviting these stakeholders to the table is timely, in conjunction with the Governor's 50 Year Water Plan.

Committee members noted that the relationship between the Cities of Wichita and El Dorado regarding water supply will be critical to water's regional economic impact in the area and that REAP should continue to encourage positive dialog between the two organizations.

*The Committee directed staff to pursue opportunities to meet with elected representatives with impact on water resources, and leadership from agricultural interests, Ground Water Management Districts and the Basin Advisory Committees.*

### 4. Reports from Recent Water Related Events

- A. Governor's Annual Water Conference:** Angela Buzard, Wichita State University, reported that the Governor's Annual Water Conference was held on October 24-25, 2013 in Manhattan. The focus of the event was an announcement by the Governor that a 50 year, state wide water plan would be developed during 2014. Details of the plan and planning process haven't been released as of yet, but it is anticipated that the Kansas Water Office will be the identified authority for the plan. Staff will keep the Committee updated on details as they emerge.
- B. Joint Basin Advisory Committee Meeting:** Lawing and Joe Pajor attended the Joint Basin Advisory Committee Meeting on October 28, 2013 in Wichita. It was a joint meeting of the Lower Arkansas and Walnut Basin Advisory Committees. The Committees discussed their potential roles in the upcoming Kansas Water Plan and received updated information on the drought and reservoir conditions.
- C. Hugo Wall School Water Resources Leadership Conference:** Buzard announced the Hugo Wall School, in partnership with the Environmental Finance Center, will host a one day leadership training session on water resources at the Bel Aire City Hall on October 29, 2013. For more information or to register for the event please contact Angela Buzard at Wichita State University.

*The reports were received and filed by the Committee.*



#### **5. 2014 Schedule of Meetings and Events**

Lawing reminded Committee members of the new meeting schedule for 2014. If need arises for a meeting before the first scheduled date of Thursday, February 27, 2014, a conference call can be held.

#### **6. Other Business**

No other business was brought before the Committee.

#### **7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

### **Attendance**

#### **Members/ Alternates**

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, *Chair*  
Kathy Axelson, Rose Hill  
Gina Bell, Harvey County  
Kent Brown, Clear Water  
Bob Conger, Kechi  
Kirk Hayden, Rose Hill  
Joe Pajor, Wichita  
Sue Schlapp, Kansas Department of Commerce  
Daniel Shea, Kingman County  
Cody Sims, Wellington  
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope

#### **Guests**

Misty Bruckner, Wichita State University  
Angela Buzard, Wichita State University  
Zach Daniel, Wichita State University  
Paula Downs, Wichita State University  
Mayor Michael Fagg, El Dorado  
Dale Goter, Wichita  
James Kilpatrick, Kansas for Liberty  
Brandon Mills, Wichita State University  
Rick Rekoske, Bel Aire

#### **Staff**

Keith Lawing  
Kelly Bergeron