



1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions. Commissioner Unruh and Wichita City Council Member Jeff Longwell recognized Augusta Mayor Kristey Williams and congratulated her on her election to the Kansas House of Representatives, representing District 77 in Butler County.

2. Regional Spotlight Topic: Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG)

Andy Schlapp, Wichita State University, and Tim Chase, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition (GWEDC) discussed the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG) being undertaken by a consortium of organizations, including Wichita State University, as the lead entity. Other partners include the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, the GWEDC, and the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce. The BREG is a study conducted by consultants from StarNet and will identify five to seven industry clusters, convene the industries to establish councils which will share best practices, and focus on building interconnectivity within the industries of the region. Wichita State University has worked with StarNet in the past to study industry clusters, which assisted in the creation of NIAR.

The results of the study will assist Wichita State with the development of the Innovation Campus, and the other partners in developing a regional brand for workforce and industry in South Central Kansas. The plan will provide a strategic direction to future economic growth and expand the areas of expertise.

The study will take approximately nine months to complete and the results will be presented in early fall of 2015. REAP has been invited to participate in the process as a consortium partner, and assist in identifying stewards for the industry clusters and convening meetings of the partners as needed. The Board of Directors discussed the importance of this regional initiative and the need for REAP to be involved in the leadership of the initiative. The Workforce Development Task Force considered this item at their October meeting and recommended that the Board of Directors consider investing \$10,000 in the project as well as nominating stewards for the process. REAP will use the results of this study, along with the outcomes of other regional plans and initiatives such as the Export Now project and the Asset Map, to work on a strong regional brand for South Central Kansas.

Kathy Sexton, Derby (Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita) moved to invest \$10,000 in the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG), administered by Wichita State University. Motion adopted.

3. Board of Directors Business

A. Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2014

Herb Llewellyn, El Dorado (Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope) moved to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion adopted.

B. Bylaws Revisions

In accordance with the request of the Board of Directors and the 2014 Work Plan, the REAP Bylaws have been revised to coincide with the current operating model and staffing structure. The proposed bylaws have undergone legal review by Mike Pepoon, Sedgwick County Assistant County Counselor, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), as well as reviewed and

recommended by the Executive Committee. The draft was distributed to the full Board of Directors by email on October 6, 2014, in compliance with the current bylaws, stating 30 days' notice of a vote to amend the bylaws at a regular meeting of the Board.

The major changes to the document are included in a bulleted list in the agenda packet. Of note, Article I, Section 1(c), dealing with nominations and elections shall now take place at the end of the calendar year instead of May, and Article I, Section 3 creates Associate Memberships, which is open but not limited to individuals, economic development entities, private businesses, state agencies, chamber of commerce, community based organizations, nonprofits and others at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Kelly Bergeron presented the proposed amendments to the Board, thanking Kathy Sexton, the TAC, and Mike Pepoon for their assistance in the revision process.

Kathy Sexton, Derby (Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney) moved to adopt the amended REAP Bylaws as presented. Motion adopted.

C. Fiscal Procedures Revisions

In accordance with the request of the Board of Directors and the 2014 Work Plan, the REAP Fiscal Procedures have been revised to coincide with the current operating model, staffing structure, and Bylaws revisions. Kelly Bergeron presented the proposed changes to the Board, noting that the Assessment of REAP Membership Fees creates the Associate Membership Fee Structure. After discussion the Board requested that the Associate Membership fees be limited to two categories: \$50 for individuals or \$250 for all others. Bergeron noted that the updated membership assessment structure adopted by the Board in July of 2014 has been included in the updated fiscal procedures.

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope (Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County) moved to adopt the amended Fiscal Procedures. Motion adopted.

D. 2015 REAP Chair and Vice Chair Nomination and Appointment

In May of 2014 the Board requested that the current leadership remain in their positions until the Bylaws updates and new assessment structure were finalized. In October and November the Executive Committee solicited members interested in serving as Chair and Vice Chair of REAP, and place into nomination Council Member Carl Koster of Cheney as Chair, and Reno County Commissioner Brad Dillon as Vice Chair. Council Member Koster has previously held the role of Chair from 200-2001. Commissioner Dillon currently serves as the Vice Chair and has agreed to retain the position. Mayor Terry Somers of Mount Hope is currently the Treasurer and has agreed to continue to serve in this role.

The term of the offices are for one year, or until the officer's successor is elected. Terms shall begin on January 1, 2015, with the new officers presiding over the January 29th Board of Directors meeting. Commissioner Unruh asked the Board for any additional nominations and none were presented.

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard (Mayor Rex Satterwaithe, Bentley) moved to approve the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair as presented. Motion adopted.

E. Proposed 2015 Work Plan

The proposed 2015 Work Plan includes six items for action during 2015. Each of these items advances the two-fold role of REAP, being a regional catalyst for strategies and actions to increase state and federal investments for economic development and job creation in South Central Kansas, and to be the regional convener on issues, projects, and strategies that impact the economy in South Central Kansas. The proposed items are:

1. Develop and support a regional legislative agenda and policy priorities for the 2015 legislative session.
2. Create stronger working relationships between and among economic development agencies/offices in the region.
3. Raise awareness of municipal water issues in South Central Kansas in relation to state policy, possible legislation, and best practices.
4. Work with REAP members, state officials, WAMPO, and other stakeholders to develop a regional forum to enhance and coordinate regional transportation issues and projects.
5. Identify and implement services for REAP members related to best practices, community development and leadership.
6. Expand REAP Membership.

Following the adoption of the 2015 Work Plan it is recommended that the Executive Committee update and renew the contracts to implement the work plan and approve an operating budget for 2015. The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014. The meeting is open to all REAP members.

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope (Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard) moved to adopt the proposed 2015 Work Plan. Motion adopted.

F. Proposed 2015 Legislative and Policy Priorities

For the past several months the REAP Legislative Committee has been researching and collecting feedback from the membership and partner entities to draft the proposed 2015 Legislative and Policy Priorities. Following the adoption of the priorities an infographic will be developed to use during the upcoming Legislative Session. Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County and REAP Legislative Chair, reviewed the proposed priorities and asked for feedback and suggestions. The Board discussed the potential of developing a separate Federal policy statement if it appeared that it might be needed during the 2015 session. Keith Lawing noted that REAP has been working with regional partners to align legislative agenda items, including the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program (KAAP), which the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead on coordinating. Commissioner Westfall noted that the Legislative Committee is accepting new members and invited the Board to attend the meetings and update calls. Westfall reminded the Board that the 2014 Legislative Policy Summit is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at Botanica.

Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County (Pete Meitzner, City of Wichita) moved to adopt the proposed 2015 Legislative and Policy Priorities. Motion adopted.



G. 2014 Work Plan and Regional Projects Update

Lawing briefed the Board on the updates included in the 2014 Work Plan and Regional Projects Update report. Bergeron reported on the Chief Elected Officials Business (CEOB), reminding the Board the Wichita Council Member Jeff Longwell holds the CEOB seat on the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB), overseeing the Workforce Investment Act funds and activities in Local Area IV, which serves the counties of Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner.

4. Unscheduled Topics

Bergeron reminded the Committee that the 2015 Board meetings are scheduled to take place quarterly, with the next meeting on January 29th at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be included as part of the meeting.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members and Alternates

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| Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, Chair | Mayor Ed Parker, Kechi |
| Bob Conger, Kechi | Randy Riggs, Newton |
| Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County | Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley |
| Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard | Daniel Shea, Kingman County |
| Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney | Kathy Sexton, Derby |
| Herb Llewellyn, El Dorado | Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope |
| Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita | Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County |
| Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County | John Waltner, Harvey County |
| Council Member Pete Meitzner, Wichita | Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County |
| Commissioner Jim Nickel, Newton | Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta |

Guests/Presenters/Staff

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| Kelly Bergeron, REAP | Rick Rekoske, Bel Aire |
| Misty Bruckner, WSU | Andy Schlapp, WSU |
| Tim Chase, GWEDC | Council Member Margaret McCormick, Kechi |
| Paula Downs, WSU | Michelle Meyer, Bel Aire |
| Dale Goter, Wichita | Harland Priddle, K-96 Corridor Association |
| Keith Lawing, REAP | Matt Stiles, South Hutchinson |