



Water Resources Committee
Meeting Agenda
April 22, 2014
Bel Aire City Hall: 7651 E. Central Park Ave.
11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Marcey Gregory (11:30 a.m.)
 2. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2014: Mayor Gregory (pp. 2-3) (11:35 a.m.)
Recommended action: approve or modify the minutes as needed.
 3. Update: 2014 REAP Regional Water Conference: Angela Buzard (11:40 a.m.)
The 2014 REAP Regional Water Conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Meridian Center in Newton. Final details of the event will be presented to the Committee.
Recommended action: take appropriate action.
 4. City of Wichita Long Term Water Supply Planning: Joe Pajor (11:50)
The City will provide a presentation on the long-term water supply planning options recently presented to Council.
 5. Reports from Regional Water Organizations (12:30 p.m.)
 - EPA Regional Meeting at WSU Report: Angela Buzard
 - Wichita Chamber Water Taskforce: Angela Buzard
 - Prosperity Plan Water Work Team- Paula Downs
 - Lower Arkansas BAC- Don Koci
 - Walnut BAC- Kirk Hayden**Recommended action: take appropriate action.**
 6. Other Business: Water Resources Committee Members (12:50 p.m.)
 7. Adjourn (1:00 p.m.)
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The 2014 REAP Regional Water Conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Meridian Center in Newton.

The REAP Board of Directors is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014, at the Derby Welcome Center in Derby.

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Submitted By: Kelly Bergeron

REAP Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

NexStep Alliance

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2013

Bob Conger, Kechi, (Cody Sims, Wellington) moved to approve the minutes from November 4, 2013. Motion adopted.

3. Discussion of the 2014 REAP Regional Water Conference

The Regional Water Conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Meridian Center in Newton. The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Keynote speakers include J.D. Strong, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resource Board on the passage of the Water for 2060 Act: Oklahoma's Vision for water. Additionally, the Kansas Water Office will provide and updated and collect additional feedback on the Governor's 50 year vision for the future of water in Kansas.

The total cost for the conference is estimated at \$3,500. REAP members may attend for free. Non REAP members are asked to pay a \$75 registration fee. Vendors will be recruited for a vendor area. The Prosperity Plan will contribute to the costs of the event, covering all expenses except for food. It is hoped that the event will be revenue- neutral.

The Committee directed staff to pursue additional speakers, including legislators, that might speak during the legislative update at lunch on water issues and to proceed with finalizing arrangements for the conference.

4. REAP Water/Wastewater 2014 Rate Survey

The Hugo Wall School, Wichita State University, conducted the 2014 Water/Wastewater rate survey. This survey is conducted annually. The draft survey results were presented to the Committee for review and comment. Highlights include:

Water

- 7 communities or 30.4% reported changes to their water rates structures
- Average base rate for residential water service is \$15.13, an increase of 7.5% or \$1.05
- Average gallons included in base rates decreased by 35% from 1,666 to 1,082
- Most communities use chlorination for water treatment; with two exceptions

Wastewater

- 14 communities or 60.8% reported changes in wastewater rates
- Average base rate for wastewater service inside city limits increased 7.2% to \$19.69
- Average base rate for wastewater service outside city limits increased almost 28.6% to \$30.62

Stormwater

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- There were no changes to the stormwater survey

National Comparison

According to a recent Black and Vetch survey of the 50 largest American cities comparing average residential usage, Wichita ranks 11th lowest for combined water and wastewater rates. The typical combined water and wastewater rate is 31% lower than the national average.

The Committee requested the results of the survey be finalized and sent out the REAP membership and posted on the REAP website.

5. Legislative Update: Water Issues

A report of the current water legislation and action was included in the packet. The Committee reviewed the legislation and requested that staff and the REAP lobbyist keep them informed of new or emerging issues and developments.

6. Reports from Regional Water Organizations

The organizations/entities scheduled to speak were not present at the meeting. The item was deferred to the March meeting.

7. Future of Water in Kansas Visioning Exercise

Due to time constraints at the meeting the exercise was not conducted.

8. Other Business

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

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance

Members/ Alternates

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, *Chair*
Kent Brown, Clear Water
Bob Conger, Kechi
Joe Pajor, Wichita
Cody Sims, Wellington
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope

Guests

Angela Buzard, Wichita State University
Paula Downs, Wichita State University
Brandon Mills, Wichita State University
Taylor Bolt, Wichita State University

Staff

Kelly Bergeron