

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

2. South Central Kansas Prosperity Planning Summary

John Waltner, Harvey County Administrator and chair of the South Central Kansas Prosperity Planning Consortium Leadership Team (CLT) gave a brief overview of the status of the Prosperity plan, noting that hundreds of individuals and organizations in the five county planning region have participated in and given countless hours to this project.

Paula Downs, Project Director for the Prosperity Plan, presented the Board of Directors with the preferred scenario overview, developed by the CLT and the work teams, which provides the Board with the top six initiatives and priorities for each of the six work teams. From that group of priorities, the Board was asked to review and vote on them, narrowing the list to the top 12 and then again to the top five priorities for REAP from the draft plan outcomes.

These five strategies will guide several items on the 2015 REAP Work Plan and Legislative and Policy Priorities:

- 1. Develop and adopt policies that commit financial support devoted to the maintenance and replacement of existing assets and future transportation system projects and programs*
- 2. Develop a regional forum to enhance and coordinate regional transportation issues and projects*
- 3. Develop a regional forum for advocacy around water policies/issues*
- 4. Develop collaborative partnerships around economic development efforts through cooperative agreements, protocols, and lead distribution system that is supported by an asset map and regional image*
- 5. Support and partner around the innovation and tech transfer efforts of Wichita State University and connect this effort to the Prosperity Plan*

The draft plan is being refined and finalized and the Board will be updated on the progress. An event for elected officials is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2014. Details of the event and formal invitations will follow soon.

Board members discussed the appropriate role for REAP in the plan as it is finalized. The Board agrees that REAP's role is to be the "owner" of the plan and document, and identify the appropriate person, community and/or entity to take the lead on specific initiatives that could be implemented in the region.

3. Citizen Survey Results

Misty Bruckner, Hugo Wall School, Wichita State University, briefly reviewed the results of the citizen survey, noting they are included in the packet and will be posted on the REAP website for review. Of specific note and importance to REAP, 91% of survey respondents feel that we can build a stronger regional economy that improves the quality of life for communities throughout the region, and 90% of respondents feel we can build a regional economy that is stronger and better able to compete globally.



4. **Unscheduled Topics**

No unscheduled topics were reported.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members and Alternates

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, Chair	Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita
Bob Conger, Kechi	Commissioner Jim Nickel, Newton
Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard	Daniel Shea, Kingman County
Irene Hart, Hutchinson	Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County
Council Member Carl Koester, Cheney	John Waltner, Harvey County

Guests/Presenters/Staff

Kelly Bergeron, REAP	Keith Lawing, REAP
Misty Bruckner, WSU	Les Mangus, Andover
Paula Downs, WSU	Brandon Mills, Sedgwick County
Brian Gartland, El Dorado	Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County
Zach Gearhart, Sedgwick County	Rick Rekoske, Bel Aire
Alex Handee, WSU	Josh Rueschhoff, WSU
James Kilpatrick, Americans for Prosperity	Carli Sanchez, Sedgwick County
Mitch Kolf, WSU	