



1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, called the meeting to order and asked for self-introductions at 11:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2014 and September 25, 2014

Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, (Mayor Terry Somer, Mount Hope) moved to approve the minutes from June 12, 2014 and September 25, 2014 as presented. Motion adopted.

3. Nominating Committee: 2015 REAP Chair and Vice Chair Positions

Keith Lawing reminded the Committee that the nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are traditionally presented by the nominating committee mid-year. Due to the organizational changes, including the updates to the bylaws, the change of leadership was deferred by the Board of Directors at the May meeting until the November 7th meeting. Chairman Unruh has requested that the Executive Committee serve as the nominating committee and asked for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee placed in nomination the names of Council Member Carl Koster, City of Cheney as Chair, and Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, as Vice Chair. Commissioner Dillon currently serves as Vice Chair and agreed to continue to serve in that capacity. Mayor Terry Somer, Mount Hope, has agreed to continue to serve as the Treasurer. The nominations will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval on November 7, 2014, and the Chair and Vice Chair shall assume their roles following that meeting.

The Committee moved to nominate Council Member Carl Koster, City of Cheney, for the position of Chair and Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, for the position of Vice Chair to the Board of Directors at the November 7, 2014 meeting. Motion adopted.

4. Proposed 2015 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed proposed items for the 2015 work plan, noting that these items have been vetted by the other committees and task forces, including the Technical Advisory Committee. The Executive Committee noted that the items fit with the goals of REAP:

1. To be a regional catalyst for strategies and actions to increase state and federal investments for economic development and job creation in South Central Kansas;
2. To be the regional convener on issues, projects and strategies that impact the economy in South Central Kansas

The Committee discussed each item in detail and noted that the plan is ambitious, but the Committee is confident staff can accomplish the items outlined during 2015. The Committee requested that one additional item be added to the work plan, which includes the recruitment of new members and associate members in the upcoming year.

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, (Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County) moved to approve the proposed 2015 work plan and recommend adoption to the Board of Directors at the November 7, 2014 meeting. Motion adopted.

5. 2015 Legislative and Policy Priorities

Keith Lawing and Kelly Bergeron reminded members that the Legislative Committee has issued a survey, soliciting feedback from the REAP members and partners for the creation of the 2015 Legislative and Policy Priorities. Bergeron encouraged the Committee to complete the survey and pass it along to their fellow elected officials, including those that do not currently serve as the assigned member of REAP. The Legislative Committee meets on October 23, 2014, and will review the results of the survey and propose a draft of the 2015 Legislative Priorities at the November 7, 2014 Board of Directors meeting for adoption.

The updated was received and filed by the Committee.

6. Bylaws Revisions

Bergeron reported that the draft revisions of the bylaws have been distributed to the Board of Directors, Committees, Task Forces, and stakeholders for review and comment prior to the 30 days required notice. The significant updates to the bylaws are bulleted out in the packet report. The Committee discussed the changes and noted that no questions or comments had been returned from the notification email. Bergeron reported that the TAC met on the previous day and requested a clarification in the section on the Legislative Committee, delineating references to the Legislative Committee Chair and the Chair of the organization.

Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita, (Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County) moved to approve the proposed Bylaw revisions and recommend adoption to the REAP Board of Directors at the November 7, 2014 meeting. Motion adopted.

7. Fiscal Procedures Revisions

Bergeron reminded the Committee that REAP has formal Fiscal Procedures that need to be updated to reflect the changes to the assessment structure and the organizational update, and to coincide with the bylaws updates. The most significant change to the document was the removal of the Water Resources dues structure. Lawing noted that the TAC discussed the section of the Fiscal Procedures regarding an audit, and suggested that an audit should be performed every two to three years and could be completed by a committee of finance officers from member organizations if funds are not available to pay for an auditing firm. The Executive Committee agreed with that recommendation.

Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, (Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita) moved to approve the proposed Fiscal Procedures revisions and recommend adoption to the REAP Board of Directors at the November 7, 2014 meeting. Motion adopted.

8. Other Business

Lawing reported that a coalition was forming, including the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, the Downtown Development Corporation, GWEDC, the Wichita Chamber, and Wichita State University, to fund an industry cluster study, titled the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG). The study will be performed by a consultant called StarNet and will take approximately nine months. One of the Coalition members suggested that REAP should be involved with the ten county initiative, as it could support REAP's mission of advancing the regional economy in South Central Kansas, and could potentially provide background and research for a regional marketing or branding.

Bergeron reminded the Committee that the 2014 Legislative Policy Summit is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at Botanica from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bergeron encouraged the Committee to think about potential sponsors for the event, in an effort to defer the cost away from being paid by REAP membership dues.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Attendance

Committee Members

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, Chair
Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, Vice Chair
Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita, CEOB
Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, City of Bentley
Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mount Hope, Treasurer
Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County

Staff

Keith Lawing
Kelly Bergeron

Guests

Angela Buzard, Wichita State University
Daniel Shea, Kingman County
John Waltner, Harvey County