

REAP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015 ~ Andover Public Library

Council Member Carl Koster, Chair

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

2. Board of Directors Business

A. Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2015

Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County (Mayor Burt Ussery, Clearwater) moved to approve the minutes from January 29, 2015 as presented. Motion adopted.

B. Membership Applications

1. **City of South Hutchinson** has adopted the REAP Interlocal Agreement on April 6, 2015. The City's annual REAP dues will be \$608. The designated member is Mayor Pete Murray and alternate Matt Stiles, City Administrator. The City's membership is effective immediately upon approval of this item; their Interlocal Agreement will be forwarded to the Kansas Attorney General's office for ratification.

Associate Membership Applications:

In November 2014 the REAP Board of Directors amended and updated the Bylaws and Fiscal Policy. As part of this process, an "associate membership" category was created, allowing economic development organizations and private sector entities to become members. The following entities and individuals have applied for membership:

1. **Sumner County Economic Development (SCED)** provides assistance to new and existing businesses in Sumner County and assists their cities and county with Community Development Projects.

2. **South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD)** provides individuals, companies and government agencies with help financing, advice, and procedures, toward community improvement, housing, and other urgent needs. SCKEDD has a federally-designated 14 county area, which includes service through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Economic Development Administration's Public Works Grants, and Housing Rehabilitation Programs, which involves providing repairs for qualified homeowners.

3. **Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County**, is the Immediate Past Chair of REAP, and has been a member of REAP representing Sedgwick County for several years.

4. **Commissioner Tim Norton, Sedgwick County**, has been actively involved in REAP since its inception in 1997 through his membership as the Mayor of the City of Haysville and Sedgwick County's membership.

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope (Mayor Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita) moved to approve the applications for Membership and Associate Membership. Motion adopted.

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C. Sedgwick County Request

On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, the Sedgwick County Commission voted on a resolution to oppose any work product derived from the HUD Sustainable Communities grant to influence spending, planning or play a role in County policy decisions related to healthy communities, regional water plans, regional transportation plans, regional housing plans, or any other plans and recommendations as derived from the grant. After an extended discussion and comment period, Commissioners Unruh and Norton voted in opposition to the resolution, which passed by a vote of 3-2.

Immediately following that discussion was an off-agenda item to discuss Sedgwick County's continued membership in REAP. After comments by the Sedgwick County Commissioners, Keith Lawing, REAP Chairman Carl Koster, and John Waltner, the Commission voted 3-2 to discontinue their membership. A formal resolution was adopted on February 11, 2015. As part of the motion to withdraw from REAP the Sedgwick County Commission requested a pro-rated amount of their 2015 membership dues be returned. The County's membership officially terminated on April 13, 2015.

On February 13th the Executive Committee met and discussed Sedgwick County's request for a pro-rated reimbursement of their 2015 dues. The Committee directed the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) be consulted on the matter. On February 19th the REAP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met and discussed alternatives for responding to Sedgwick County's request.

REAP is a voluntary coalition and Sedgwick County is encouraged to reconsider their decision to withdraw. REAP encourages all local governments in South Central Kansas to consider being a part of the regional collaborative, and Sedgwick County will be welcome back at any time.

The Board of Directors asked for additional feedback and discussion on the matter; none was brought forward.

Commissioner Carl Voran, Kingman County (Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope) moved to make no refund to Sedgwick County. Motion unanimously adopted.

3. Regional Spotlight Topic: Regional Transportation Presentation- WAMPO and Wichita Transit

The Wichita Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) released an updated long range transit plan, "Move 2040". WAMPO Chairman, Council Member Tom Jones of Park City, and Gloria Jeff, WAMPO staff, presented Move 2040 and discussed the public engagement process. Steve Spade, Director of Wichita Transit, spoke about regional public transportation strategies, including an update on the regional vanpool pilot initiative. Staff was directed to post the

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WAMPO PowerPoint presentation on Move 2040 on the REAP website.

Following the presentations, the Board of Directors discussed the need to build partnership and relationship with private business, cities, and counties, chambers, and citizen groups to help establish current and future mobility needs. Commissioner Voran noted that transit, whether infrastructure or public systems are vital to the South Central Kansas economy because it moves goods, services, and the workforce. Transit staff noted that there is a need to connect and coordinate local plans that have been created over the past few years and to establish partnerships within the region.

4. REAP Region Air Quality Update

Tonya Bronleewe from the City of Wichita presented an updated on the Air Quality Task Force and the status of Ozone Attainment in South Central Kansas. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of taking public comment on a prospective lowering of the attainment levels, which will likely create a noncompliance situation for the region. The final ruling and announcement of the new standards should come in October 2015 from the EPA. Should the region become non-compliant it will be incumbent upon the local governments in the region to work collaboratively with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to create a plan with specific action steps and measurements that will bring the region into compliance with the new standard. Staff was directed to make the presentations from the Air Quality Task Force and nonattainment discussion available on the REAP website.

5. 2014 Work Plan and Regional Projects Update

Keith Lawing noted the report in the packet about the Regional Export Plan, the BREG Industry Cluster Study, and reminded members of the upcoming Regional Water Conference on May 21st at Newman University. Kelly Bergeron noted the Chief Elected Officials report included in the packet. Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County and REAP Legislative Chair, briefly updated the committee on the status of the legislative session and reminding members that the July meeting will have a full report of the session and outcomes from the REAP Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Westfall noted there are changes in 9-1-1 regulations coming from the state level that will specific what phone service provider you use for services.

Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County (Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita) moved to receive and file the reports. Motion adopted.

6. Unscheduled Topics

No unscheduled topics were reported.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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Attendance

Council Member Carl Koster, Chair
Bob Conger, Kechi
Mark Detter, Andover
Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County
Willis Heck, Associate Member
Jim Heinicke, Clearwater (Interim Administrator)
Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita
Harland Priddle, K-96 Corridor Association

Board Members and Alternates

Daniel Shea, Kingman County
Matt Stiles, South Hutchinson
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Mayor Burt Ussery, Clearwater
Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County
John Waltner, Harvey County
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County

Guests/Presenters/Staff

Kelly Bergeron, REAP
Tonya Bronleewe, City of Wichita- Speaker
Misty Bruckner, WSU
Les Depperschmidt, AT&T
Paula Downs, WSU
Zahra Ehtisham, City of Andover
Council Member Caroline Hale, Andover
Gloria Jeff, WAMPO - Speaker

Council Member Tom Jones, Park City, WAMPO
James Kilpatrick, Kansas for Liberty, Citizen
Keith Lawing, REAP
Jennifer McCausland, Andover
Council Member Pete Meitzner
Laura Quick, City of Wichita
Steve Spade, Wichita Transit - Speaker