

## REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2015 ~ Wichita Workforce Center

Council Member Carl Koster, Chair

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Council member Carl Koster, City of Cheney, called the meeting to order.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2015

*Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard (Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope) moved to approve the minutes from March 5, 2015. Motion adopted.*

### 3. REAP Appointment to the Wichita Airport Advisory Board

The Wichita Airport Advisory Board provides advice and recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on matters of policy and strategic long-term development issues affecting municipally-owned and operated airports. The Board swerves in an advisory capacity. The Board consists of no more than thirteen members- seven are appointed by the Wichita City Council; five are nominated by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County and appointed by the Wichita City Council. The Chairman of the Regional Economic Area Partnership serves as an ex officio with full power to vote and participate. The terms of all members are two years. REAP Chairman Carl Koster's appointment to the Airport Board has expired and he requests reappointment to an additional two year term.

*Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard (Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope) moved to approve the appointment of REAP Chairman Carl Koster to the Wichita Airport Advisory Board. Motion adopted.*

### 4. Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Chief Elected Officials Composition

The Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which replaces the Workforce Innovation Action of 1998 (WIA), goes into effect on July 1, 2015. In accordance with the new federal regulations, the Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) is mandated to perform specific duties. Through a Chief Elected Officials Agreement, signed by the six county commissions in Local Area IV (Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick and Sumner), REAP is designated to act as the CEOB. The functions of the CEOB were carried out in the REAP Economic Development Committee, chaired by Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell, who serves as the Chief Elected Official. Business of the CEOB is reported to the full Board of Directors at their quarterly meetings.

With the coming change from WIA to WIOA a new Chief Elected Officials agreement will be required. The responsibilities of the CEOB have not changed in the new law, and they are to:

- Serve as the grant recipient for funds allocated under WIOA;
- Have final approval over the hiring of a fiscal agenda to oversee WIA funds;
- Appoint the members of the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)- formerly known as the Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB);
- Approve budgets for carrying out the responsibilities of the LWDB;
- Provide comprehensive oversight of the activities of the LWDB (performance)
- Ensure that Local Area partnerships are functioning effectively

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The Chief Elected Officials, pursuant to WIOA, are liable for any misuse of funds as allocated in the Local Area and to repay such funds other than with funds received under WIOA, as determined by the Secretary of the United State Department of Labor. The current CEOB agreement was included in the packet for reference.

Staff is updating the CEOB agreement and requests the feedback of the Executive Committee and suggestions for improvement to streamline operations and reporting and maximize transparency in the process. The Committee stressed the importance of maintaining this role with the Workforce Alliance and requested staff draft an updated CEOB agreement and County agreements for review and adoption by the Board of Directors. The Committee felt that the CEOB should be a standalone Committee housed within REAP that meets a minimum of once a year, and/or as needed to approve the CEO business for the Workforce Alliance. Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell agreed to continue as the Chair of the CEOB.

*Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope (Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard) moved to direct staff to draft an updated CEOB Agreement for review and adoption at the July Board of Directors meeting. Additionally, staff is directed to draft an updated County WIOA agreement for review. Motion adopted.*

### 5. 2015 Work Plan and Regional Initiatives

Keith Lawing and Kelly Bergeron review reports contained in the agenda packet and discussed the progress of the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG), the budget report, and requested that the July Board of Directors meeting be held at Eisenhower Airport, pending the completion of the conference rooms. Topics requested for the Board meeting include Land Banks, new charge of the Transportation Task Force, expansion of the Water Resources Committee, and discussion of the Mayor's Summit.

The Committee unanimously requested the appointment of Clearwater Mayor Burt Ussery to the vacant At-Large seat on the Executive Committee. Staff will follow up with Mayor Ussery to confirm the appointment.

### 6. Other Business

- Mayor Longwell announced that Mayor Terry Somers of Mount Hope had been named the 2015 Kansas Mayor of the Year by the Kansas Municipal League.
- Hugo Wall School staff provided a report of recent activities and updates on their contracted items. The report is included in the meeting file.
- Hugo Wall School staff provided a summary of the prosperity plan deliverables, which are posted on the REAP website for access by members.

### 7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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### Attendance

#### Members/ Alternates

Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney, Chair

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, Water Resources Chair

Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita, CEOB Chair

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, Treasurer

Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley, Member at Large

Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County, Transportation Chair

#### Guests

Misty Bruckner, Wichita State University

Paula Downs, Wichita State University

Daniel Shea, Kingman County

#### Staff

Kelly Bergeron, REAP

Keith Lawing, REAP