

REAP Executive and Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
December 8, 2016 ~ 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome: Commissioner Carol Voran, Chair
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from November 10, 2016: Commissioner Carol Voran, Chair (pp. 2-4)
Recommended action: Approve the minutes from the November 10, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.
 - B. Approval of Minutes from Legislative Committee Meeting from October 27, 2016: Mayor Terry Somers (pp. 5-7)
Recommended action: Approve the minutes from the October 27, 2016 Legislative Committee meeting.
3. Leadership Changes in 2017: Keith Lawing (pg. 8)
Commissioner Voran appointed a nominating committee for nominations of 2017 REAP Chair and Vice-chair.
Recommended action: direct nominating committee to present nominations for Chair and Vice Chair at the January 19, 2017 REAP Board of Directors meeting.
4. Legislative Outreach
 - Local Elected Officials Reception: Marla Canfield (pg. 9)
Reception was November 10, 2016 at the Botanica Wichita – Lotus Hall.
Recommended action: provide feedback on reception.
 - South Central Delegation Meeting and Reception: Keith Lawing (pg. 9)
The meeting and reception are scheduled on January 05, 2017. The meeting is 1:30 – 3:30pm with reception immediately following.
Recommended action: encourage all REAP members to attend the meeting and reception.
5. 2017 Legislation Priorities Discussion Draft: Marla Canfield (pp. 10-12)
Recommended action: provide feedback on priorities.
6. Other Business: Executive & Legislative Committee Members
7. Adjourn

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
November 10, 2016 ~ 11:30a.m.

1. Welcome: Commissioner Carol Voran, Chair

Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from September 8, 2016

Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney (Council Member Tom Jones, Park City) moved to approve the minutes from September 8, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.

3. REAP Membership Update and Recruitment Plan

Currently there are 25 members and 8 Associate members

MEMBERS

City of Andover	City of Kechi
City of Bel Aire	Kingman County
City of Bentley	City of Maize
City of Cheney	City of Mount Hope
City of Clearwater	City of Newton
City of Conway Springs	City of Park City
City of Derby	Reno County
City of El Dorado	City of Rose Hill
City of Garden Plain	City of South Hutchinson
City of Goddard	City of Valley Center
Harvey County	City of Wellington
City of Hesston	City of Wichita
City of Hutchinson	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Black Hills Energy
GWEDC
K-96 Corridor Association
Sumner County Economic
Development
Wilis Heck, Harvey County Council of Governments
Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Tim Norton, Sedgwick County
Kansas Global Trade Services

In 2016, the City of South Hutchinson joined and the City of Mulvane and McPherson decided not to continue membership. Staff visited with the Sedgwick on August 1st and Moundridge on November 7th. There is a pending interlocal agreement with Moundridge.

Staff continue to promote REAP and ask members reach other to other local governments to gauge interest in membership. The Committee also asked identify three to six target businesses in your communities that might be potential associate members or interested in joining the regional collaborative. A list of local governments that are not REAP members and regional partners to consider inviting associate members was provided.

4. Proposed 2017 REAP Work Plan, Calendar of Events, and Budget

In 2017, the Board of Directors (*full REAP Membership*) will meet quarterly with potential for two additional regional events.

- Thursday, January 19, 2017 - Board of Directors Meeting: 12:30-2:00
- Thursday April 20, 2017- Board of Directors meeting: 12:30-2:00
- Thursday, July 20, 2017- Board of Directors meeting: 12:30-2:00
- Thursday, October 19, 2017- Board of Directors meeting: 12:30-2:00
- *TBD- Legislative Policy Summit*
- *TBD- Regional Transportation Forum*

Full calendar of events and a proposed 2017 budget were provided to committee.

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope (Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney) moved to approve the proposed 2017 Work Plan, Calendar of Events, and Budget. Motion adopted.

5. Other Business: Executive Committee Members

Dates to Remember:

- There will be a Fall Mayor's Summit hosted by Mayor Gregory, Mayor Longwell, and Mayor Somers on November 30, 2016 from 11:30 to 1:30pm. The City of Derby is graciously donating the new Derby Pavilions for the summit. Mayor Cornett from OKC will be a guest speaker.
- November 10th - event is sponsored by Health ICT and organized by WAMPO. The speaker, Chris Leinberger, is a real estate developer who has completed a long list of walkable developments, all of them successful, many of them in politically or legally difficult environments. He is the current president of the national LOCUS group of responsible real estate developers and has published papers and articles in nationally known publications, from the Wall Street Journal to the Atlantic.
- November 10th - REAP is co-hosting with the Wichita Metro Chamber the Elected Officials Reception at Botanica Wichita.
- The REAP Legislative Committee scheduled for 11.17.16 is cancelled. The REAP Legislative Committee and Executive Committee will hold a joint meeting on 12.08.16 from 11:30 to 1:00pm.

Youth Employment Project – Keith discussed the Workforce Alliance's 2017 youth employment project. Youth employment opportunities have decreased in the past 25 years. Summer jobs youth used to have are now gone (i.e., paper routes) or adults are now taking those jobs. YEP is a way to engage youth in summer employment. Youth who participate in summer programs have many positive outcomes (i.e., decreased juvenile delinquency, learning soft skills). YEP had many successes

in 2016 with workshops and youth internships. Planning is underway for 2017 and there are strategies being developed to engage employers, youth, and increasing funding. Lawing asked if the member to assist in recruiting youth to participate in this project or to consider offering youth an opportunity in their communities.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:33p.m.

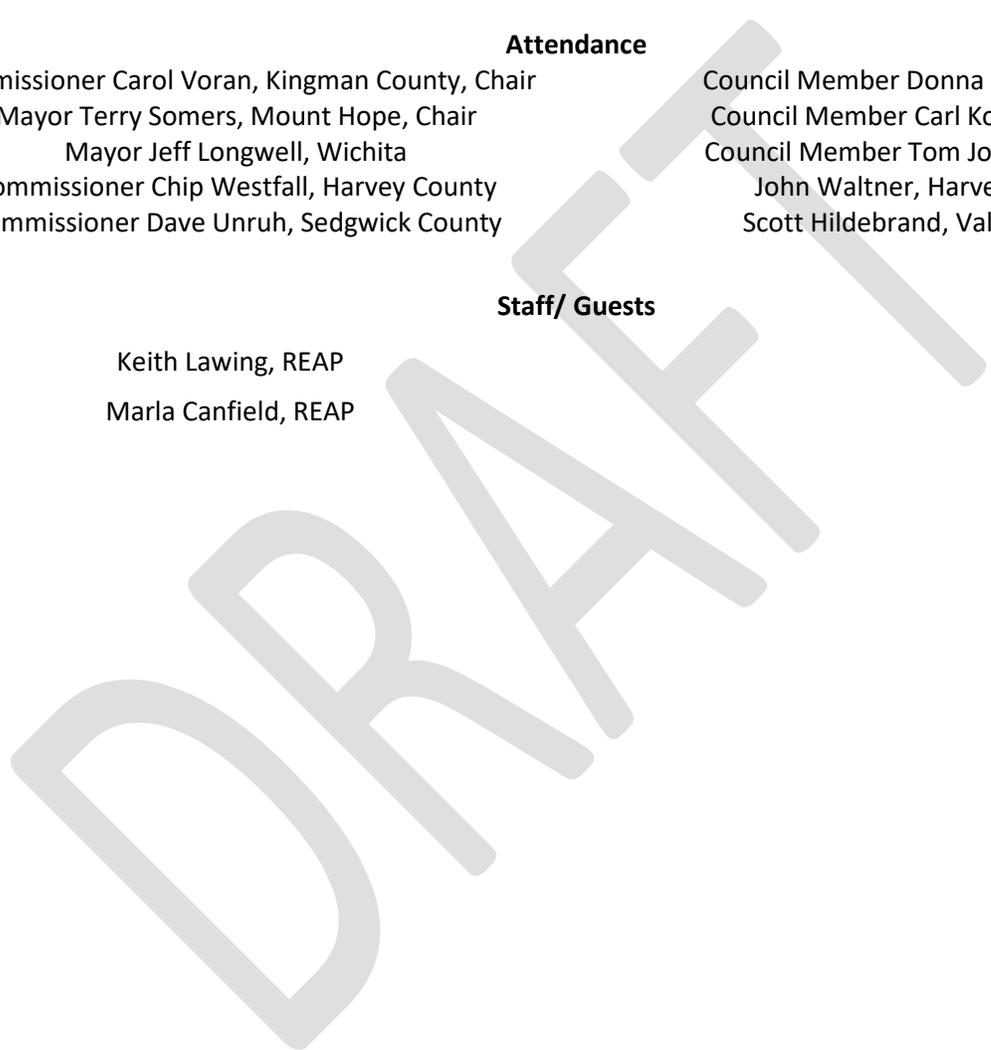
Attendance

Commissioner Carol Voran, Kingman County, Chair
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, Chair
Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County

Council Member Donna Clasen, Maize
Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney
Council Member Tom Jones, Park City
John Waltner, Harvey County
Scott Hildebrand, Valley Center

Staff/ Guests

Keith Lawing, REAP
Marla Canfield, REAP



REAP Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
October 27, 2016 ~ 11:30a.m.

1. Welcome: Keith Lawing, Senior Administrator
Mayor Keith Lawing, Senior Administrator, called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2016
Approval of Minutes from Legislative Committee Meeting from September 22, 2016
Bob Myers, Newton (Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney) moved to approve the minutes from September 22, 2016 Legislative Committee meeting. Motion adopted.
3. Local Elected Officials Reception
At the 09.08.2016 REAP Executive Committee meeting it was discussed and agreed that REAP would co-host a local elected officials reception with the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce. The event is taking place in lieu of the annual REAP Policy Summit as a way to engage local elected officials and state representatives. The Wichita Metro Chamber hosts this reception annually, and is the first time REAP is partnering on this event. The reception is typically well-attended and a great opportunity for dialog with other elected officials and build relationships. Formal invitations were sent to REAP members, please be on the lookout for those. The event is two days after the election. It is suggested that REAP members contact local/regional representatives and encourage them to attend. Let staff know if you have any questions/comments about the reception.

The event will be held November 10th, 2016 at 5:30pm at Botanica Wichita – Lotus Hall.

4. 2017 Legislation Priorities Discussion Draft
2017 Legislative Priorities Draft were discussed. The committee agreed the top priorities at this time are the following:

- **Tax / Spending Lid**

Until the elections in November, it will be hard to determine next steps on the priority. Repeal is probably not possible and would be vetoed by the Governor. New leadership and newly elected will need to be educated on the issue. KAC would support any modification if it benefits local governments (example: employee benefits and budget items out of employer control). KLM discussed a protest petition to include more exemptions.

Best goal may to be to have targeted exemptions. State Chamber of Commerce has been the main opponent of the tax lid exemptions.

Staff will work to draft a tax lid statement that is in line with the KAC and KLM statement.

- **Medicaid Expansion**

Bruce Witt provided several handouts on the benefits of expanding KanCare. The committee supports having this as a priority. 31 hospitals across the state are at risk of closing. December 12th there will be a forum about KanCare expansion at WSU Metroplex from 11:00 to 2:00p.m.

- **WATC/WSU Merger and Innovation Campus**

Both of these are important to the regional economy and the committee agreed to continue to support both. Zach Gerhart discussed the 3 issues for businesses and how the merger and innovation campus are supporting them:

1. Quality of life
2. Capacity for research and innovation
3. Workforce and training.

They are presenting the merger to KBOR next week. They have addressed other partners concerns (i.e., cost of programs and funding). WSU and WATC know they must remain responsive to business needs and move quickly when training needs arise.

- **Comprehensive Transportation Program**

There is a new Secretary of Transportation. The concern is funding and any funds not designated by feds for transportation are at risk. KAC also has this as a priority. Committee agreed to keep the priority.

- Airport Funding was discussed and the use of economic development dollars (EDIF funds) to enhance airport facilities and services. Staff is still collecting Information and will be presented at the meeting.
- Rail Service was updated by Council Member Meitzner. The current projects for rail service have been very successful. Amtrack has become part of the FAST bill. Council Member is going to draft a couple sentences for a priority for REAP to support in 2017. Meetings continue to happen and the goal is support a partnership with Oklahoma and Texas to keep services/projects continuing and growing.
- Water resources were discussed. Joe Pager updated the group on a new bill the City of Wichita is not supporting and is not workable. The committee supported continuing the priorities around water and energy resources.

REAP recognizes the importance of energy to the regional economy and supports access to and production of a variety of energy sources from oil and natural gas to renewable resources such as wind and solar power.

- The South Central Regional Export Plan was discussed. Staff are working with Kansas Global to update and draft the priority to support FDI and the export plan.

5. Strategies to Identify, Coordinate and Promote Regional Legislative Priorities: Terry Somers (pg. 7)

Efforts are underway to build a broad based coalition for support of regional legislative priorities. REAP is working with WSU, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, BREG and others to develop regional priorities. The Wichita Chamber with regional chambers (Derby, Hutchinson, Newton, Wellington) developed South Central Regional Legislative Agenda (attached) that multiple partners can tap into and use as a foundation for developing more specific priorities.

Possible regional legislative and policy priorities are likely to be in the areas of skills training/workforce development, transportation infrastructure and water quality/conservation as these are all topics that do not respect traditional political boundaries and impact the regional economy. REAP staff are part of the BREG implementation teams and there could be some regional policy priorities that emerge from this initiative.

The committee agreed to continue and support the following outreach/engagement tactics in 2017:

- Reception at the annual delegation meeting in January.
- REAP day in Topeka:
 - Sponsor a South Central Delegation lunch
 - Set up meetings with key officials of the state (i.e., Kansas Department of Transportation and Kansas Department of Commerce Secretaries).

6. Other Business: Legislative Committee Members

Council Member Metzner, Wichita, shared some concerns about new cell tower bill that allows towers to be built without permission of property owners or cities.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:55p.m.

Attendance

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, Chair	Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Council Member Ramona Becker, Bel Aire	Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Council Member Tom Jones, Park City	John Waltner, Harvey County
Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney	Bob Myers, Newton
Council Member Donna Clasen, Maize	Joe Pajor, Wichita
Bernie Koch, Harvey County Council of Governments	Bruce Witt, Via Christi
Erik Sartorius, LKM (phone)	Marlee Carpenter, Bright & Carpenter (phone)
Melissa Wangemann, KAC (phone)	Zach Gerhart, WSU (phone)

Staff

Marla Canfield, REAP

Keith Lawing, REAP

Item:

REAP Leadership Changes in 2017

Background:

The bylaws call for the REAP Chair to appoint a nominating committee of at least 5 members to present names of REAP member for Chair and Vice Chair. These are one year terms and the duties are copied below.

REAP Bylaws State:

Section 1. Election and Term of Office.

There shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer.

Chair. The Chair shall be the chief policy officer of REAP and shall exercise all the powers and duties in the leadership of REAP as are generally associated with such office, including but not limited to the power to execute on behalf of REAP such documents and legal instruments as are authorized by actions taken by REAP.

The Chair shall preside over and call all regular and special meetings of REAP in accordance with these bylaws, and shall represent REAP before all bodies in his/her official capacity, serving as the spokesperson for the organization. The Chair shall be responsible for the execution of all directives and actions taken by REAP. The Chair shall also serve as the Chair of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall appoint one member of the Executive Committee to serve as the Treasurer. The Chair is selected through the Nomination and Election process detailed in section 1(c).

Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair. In addition the Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Chair or prescribed by the Board. The Vice Chair is selected through the Nomination and Election process detailed in section 1(c).

Update:

Commissioner Voran has appointed Mayor Longwell, Mayor Somers, Mayor Haines, and John Walter to serve on the nominating committee along with her.

Recommended action: direct nominating committee to present nomination for Chair and Vice Chair at the January 19, 2017 REAP Board of Directors meeting.

Item:

Legislative Outreach

- **Local Elected Officials Reception**

Background:

At the 09.08.2016 REAP Executive Committee meeting it was discussed and agreed that REAP would co-host a local elected officials reception with the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce. The event took place in lieu of the annual REAP Policy Summit as a way to engage local elected officials and state representatives. The Wichita Metro Chamber hosts this reception annually, and is the first time REAP is partnering on this event. The reception was typically well-attended and a great opportunity for dialog with other elected officials and build relationships. The event was two days after the election.

Update:

Feedback from the first co-hosted Local and State Elected officials reception was very positive.

Attendance:

25 State Legislators and Senators

17 REAP members

10 Elected officials/managers from Sedgwick County/USD 259

The Chamber was also pleased with the business turnout for the event and they have expressed interest in co-hosting this event in the future and other events.

Recommended action: provide feedback on reception.

- **South Central Delegation Meeting and Reception**

Background:

Annually the South Central Delegation meets at Wichita State University for a meeting before the session begins. This year's meeting in January 5, 2017. REAP is on the agenda to present to the delegation during their meeting. Tentative time is 3:00pm for the presentation. Historically the Chair, Vice-chair, or the Legislative Committee Chair do a brief presentation on regional legislative priorities.

At the 10.27.2016 REAP Legislative Committee meeting it was discussed and agreed that REAP would co-host a South Central Delegation Reception with Wichita State University. The event takes place after the Delegation meeting on January 5, 2017 as a way to engage local elected officials and state representatives. Staff will prepare and email and hard copy invitation to send out to the South Central Delegation.

Recommended action: encourage all REAP members to attend the meeting and reception (1.05.17 from 3:30 to 5:00pm)

December 8, 2016

Submitted By: Marla Canfield

Item:

2017 Possible 2017 Priorities Discussion Draft

Background:

At the October 27, 2016 REAP Legislative Committee discussed possible 2017 legislative priorities draft were discussed. Staff worked on drafting new language for the priorities. The committee agreed the top priorities at this time are the following:

2017 Priorities:

- **Tax / Spending Lid**

REAP is supports correcting the unworkable procedure in the 2016 tax lid legislation on local governments as it will have a stifling effect on the ability to support infrastructure necessary for high quality of life and strong economic growth. In the absence of a correction, REAP supports repeal of the tax lid.

Update: Staff collaborated with KAC and LKM to update and to develop a consistent message on this priority.

- **WATC/WSU Merger**

REAP supports legislation to merge Wichita Area Technical College and Wichita State University. In order to increase educational opportunities from the GED to the PhD to Kansans, help satisfy the workforce needs of south central Kansas and create a stronger partnership between higher education and industry, WATC and WSU are seeking legislative action to merge the two institutions and create a new School of Applied Science and Technology within Wichita State University while increasing the level of service to private industry and receiving the same level of funding from the State of Kansas.

- **Innovation Campus**

REAP supports legislation that helps grow the Kansas economy and provide additional educational opportunities to students at WSU by continuing to allow and encourage development of the Innovation Campus.

- **Medicaid Expansion**

REAP supports expansion of the Kansas Medicaid program to extend healthcare coverage for at-risk Kansans and support the pursuit of public health which will complement the counties' efforts in public health by bringing federal dollars to Kansas, providing vital revenues to our local hospitals.

REAP encourages the Kansas Legislature to have a public dialogue, debate, and vote about the economic and social benefits of expanding KanCare.

Update: Staff collaborated with the KAC and Alliance for a Healthy Kansas to update and to develop a consistent message on this priority.

- **Comprehensive Transportation Program**

December 8, 2016

Submitted By: Marla Canfield

Support the continued funding of the Kansas T-Works comprehensive transportation program. We oppose any further use of these funds to balance the State's general fund budget and emphasize the need for adequate and dedicated money to build and preserve the states infrastructure. Any reduction in T-Works funding would jeopardize existing programs.

- **Passenger Rail Service**

LKM's language: Rail Service. We support existing and enhanced passenger and freight rail service in Kansas and seek a strong partnership with the state and federal government to achieve this.

REAP supports existing and enhanced passenger and freight rail service in Kansas including recent events; the secured future of the SW Chief is now in place; Amtrak has successfully started and operates a daily charter bus service connecting Newton/Wichita passengers to the Oklahoma City-Ft Worth train; For the first time since Amtrak was formed, Amtrak is now a part of the overall Federal transportation budget "FAST Act" which includes billions of dollars allocated to Amtrak including expanding routes.

Update: Council Member Meitzner drafted language on this priority for REAP to consider.

Ongoing Regional Priorities

- **Water and Energy Resources**

REAP supports policies and strategies to recognize the development of energy resources and protection of water resources critical to the economy of South Central Kansas. Support including of the protection of the Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) initiative in the "50 year Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas" as a regional asset and critical economic growth tool, supplying water for 20% of the Kansas population.

REAP recognizes the importance of energy to the regional economy and supports access to and production of a variety of energy sources from oil and natural gas to renewable resources such as wind and solar power.

Preservation and Protection of Water Supplies

Support reasonable, scientifically-based regulations to protect the quality and quantity of water. Such regulations should take into account cost-benefit analyses and should not be unduly restrictive. Additionally, we support legislation and regulations to protect sensitive or important groundwater areas from possible contamination by humans, animals, or other sources. We also support efforts at all levels of government to protect and preserve water resources, including partnerships aimed at remedying sedimentation and other problems that affect public access to water.

- **Economic Development Strategies**

REAP supports regional collaborative sector strategies such as Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG), the South Central Kansas Regional Export Plan and "ExportNOW".

December 8, 2016

Submitted By: Marla Canfield

The purpose of BREG is to grow the region's economy, leading to more jobs and a better quality of life for by focusing on strategies and resources for eight wealth generating industries in South Central Kansas.

The South Central Regional Export Plan was created in 2014, led by Kansas Global Services and supported by JP Morgan Chase, Brookings Institute, REAP and other regional stakeholders.

"ExportNOW" is a partnership between Kansas Global Services and the Kansas Department of Commerce to promote exports as a growth strategy for companies all across Kansas.

Update: Staff will collaborate with Kansas Global and BREG to update these priorities.