

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
January 11, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome: Mayor Shelley Hansel, Chair

Mayor Shelley Hansel, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from October 12, 2017

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County (Kathy Sexton, Derby) moved to approve the minutes from October 12, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.

3. Strategic planning update

Misty Bruckner, WSU, reviewed the REAP Strategic Planning Taskforce's recommendations for mission, vision and purposes with strategies, outputs, outcomes and indicators..

Motto/Tag Line

We're better together.

Vision

Be the connection between communities in South Central Kansas to convene partners for collaboration on regional issues, to develop and support regional initiatives and strategies, and to advocate for the region.

Mission

Provide a strong voice for the region at the state and national levels, advance greater economic prosperity through regional cooperation, and address issues that cross governmental boundaries.

Objectives with Strategies

1. Connect local government elected leaders with stakeholders in the region.

A. Extend reach and membership of REAP and promote benefits.

B. Host social and networking events.

C. Improve communication between REAP organization and the members, through specific strategies.

D. Develop new member orientation.

- E. Dedicate resources for communication.
- F. Provide professional development/training for REAP Members.
- G. Identify a planning group for research and training.

2. Advocate for South Central Kansas to state and federal government officials.

- A. Build trusted relationships through direct contact with REAP members.
- B. Promote regional assets of all communities.
- C. Convene regional stakeholders on issues where the regional voice is needed.
- D. Prioritize and promote regional projects and agree on criteria to evaluate success.
- E. Develop and leverage REAP contacts to promote REAP's agenda.

3. Champion initiatives on significant regional issues.

- A. Identify issues from existing plans and initiatives.
- B. Solicit input from members on evolving issues.
- C. Conduct member surveys and research for the REAP initiatives.
- D. Conduct information sessions to advance elected leadership.

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to take Strategic Plan as proposed to the Board of Directors on January 18, 2018.

- 4. 2018 Proposed Work Plan and Budget
The DRAFT 2018 REAP Work Plan, Budget, and WSU Work Plan were presented and will be presented to the full Board of Directors January 18, 2018. The REAP work plan was created based off the feedback and comments made during the Strategic Planning process during fall 2017.
- 5. 2018 Proposed WSU Work Plan
Misty Bruckner presented the proposed WSU work plan for 2018. The committee requested a more specific plan to the proposed addendum.
- 6. Identification of common issues for region
Misty Bruckner shared the proposal of an identifying an issues of common concern for the region for WSU to collect data and information. The committee supported moving forward with the TAC identifying a some identified common issues for the organization.
- 7. Kansas Leadership Center - Leadership Transformation Grants

REAP was awarded a Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) - Leadership Transformation Grant for 40 spots (worth \$25,000). Each grant in 2018 and covers 100 percent tuition for any of the three core leadership training in 2018.

As of January 1, 2018, 15 people have signed up to participate in the programs.

There was an informational meeting held on November 28th to inform REAP members about the programs and an email was also sent to follow up and provided the directions to the website. The information for sign up is located on the "members only" section on the REAP website. Please email staff if you need the password.

8. Regional Transportation Strategic Planning

BREG/WAMPO/REAP Meetings

To date there have been three meetings. The first meeting was held on May 18, 2017 for Butler / Sedgwick Counties in Andover. The second meeting was held on June 29, 2017 for Harvey / Reno Counties in Burrton. The most recent occurred October 24th for Cowley/Sumner/Harper/Kingman Wellington. The final meeting will be held January 17th, 2018, from 12:30 to 2:00pm (lunch will be provided), at the Wellness Center at Pine Village, 68 22nd Ave, Moundridge, KS 67107.

9. Other Business: Executive Committee Members

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:09p.m.

Executive Committee Members Attendance

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| Mayor Shelley Hansel, Wellington | Kathy Sexton, Derby |
| Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County | Bob Myers, Newton (phone) |
| Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County | |
| Mayor Jon Daveline, Hutchinson (phone) | |

REAP Members Attendance

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| Council Member Carl Koster, Cheney | Council Member Tom Jones, Cheney |
| Scott Hildebrand, Valley Center | John Waltner |
| Anthony Swartendruher, Harvey County | David Dillner, El Dorado |

Staff/ Guests

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| Marla Canfield, REAP | Misty Bruckner, WSU |
| Craig Crossette, WSU | |