

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
July 12, 2018 ~ 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 April 12, 2018

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to approve the minutes from April 12, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.

3. Washington Fly-In

Mayor Hansel attended the Wichita Regional Chamber annual Washington, DC Fly-In. The purpose of the trip was to advocate pro-business and pro-growth positions on issues vital to South Central Kansas.

The trip was three days, meeting with all six members of the Kansas federal delegation (Representatives Estes, Jenkins, Marshall, and Yoder, and Senators Moran and Roberts). Discussions with the delegation included lengthy conversations about the impacts of NAFTA. They also discussed trade and how the current tariffs were affecting KS farmers and businesses. Part of the agenda included discussing transportation, education, FAA reauthorization, environment, and workforce development.

The group received issue briefings on Trade Policy, Energy Policy and Tax Policy. The 18 attendees included: The business sectors of manufacturing, aerospace, construction, engineering firms, health care, financial services, higher education and legal services. There were also meals and receptions with the Kansas delegation and staff along with some unique opportunities such as a night tour of the Capitol.

4. Project Wichita

REAP is represented on the Vision Team by Mayor Terry Somers. The listen step has been completed and a survey closed July 6th.

The focus groups found eight areas the community would like to focus on:

- Economic opportunity
- Transportation
- Education
- Cultural arts and attractions
- Community wellness

- Downtown area
- Riverfront
- Neighborhoods and communities

Share - Fall 2018

Report community vision, priorities and action plan

During the Share phase of the process, WSU and the Vision Team will share final results and recommendations with the community including regional vision and priorities. The estimated timeline for the report is late Fall 2018. In addition to a regional vision, the community engagement process will produce an action plan focused on the next 10 years.

5. REAP Leadership for 2019

Mayor Hansel appointed Mayor Longwell, Mayor Somers, Commissioner Westfall, and Ty Lasher to serve on the nominating committee along with her.

REAP also holds several seats on regional committees. Below is a list of committee and current appointments.

- Wichita Transit Advisory Committee – Keith Lawing
- WAMPO TAC – Keith Lawing (Marla Canfield – alternate)
- Airport Advisory Committee – Randy Frazer, Moundridge
- Wichita Regional Chamber Ad hoc Committee on Transportation – Bob Myers, Newton; Marla Canfield

Staff are recommending appointing REAP members to participate on these committees in some key areas. Staff requested Andover make a selection to participate on this committee Wichita Transit Advisory Committee and to change WAMPO TAC from Keith to Marla to align with regional priorities in the area of transportation.

Recommendation of item is to send Mayor Longwell a letter of desire to appoint a REAP member to Wichita Transit Advisory Committee.

6. Ongoing Agenda Items:

- WSU Update
*WSU will provided updates to the progress of the 2018 Work Plan items including TAC Research, Grants program and trainings, Workshops and professional development trainings. **Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope, (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to approve the 2nd Quarter payment of \$6250. Motion adopted.***
- John Walter Recruitment Update: John Walter (pg. 18)
*John Waltner provided a membership recruitment update for the 2nd quarter. **Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, (Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope) moved to approve the 2nd Quarter payment of \$2500. Motion adopted.***
- Airport Advisory Committee Update: Randy Frazer, Moundridge
Randy Frazer provided an update on the Airport Advisory Committee

Recommended action: receive and file.

7. Other Business: Executive Committee Members

2018 City-to-City Leadership Visit, taking place October 10-12 in Boise, Idaho! Focus areas for this trip will include Boise's livability and quality of place, rapid regional growth, talent attraction, and partnerships between business and higher education. Cost is \$2500 per person. Mayor Hansel is interested in attending this year.

Bob Myers, Newton, (Ty Lasher, Bel Aire) moved to approve sending 2 REAP members on the trip and providing 2 (1/2 registration fees to subsidize two member communities) for a total of \$7500. Motion adopted.

2018 – 39th Annual Kansas Economic Outlook Conference is Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 7:30-11:30 AM at Century II Convention Center. A table for 10 is \$1250. Decision was made to not purchase a table at this time.

A Taskforce to discuss regional collaboration will be formed with other organizations working in the region with elected officials and communities to see if some process can be developed to enhance regional collaboration and decrease duplication of services.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:20p.m.

Executive Committee Members Attendance

Mayor Shelley Hansel, Wellington	Bob Myers, Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County	Ty Lasher, Bel Aire
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope	

REAP Members Attendance

Council Member Tom Jones, Park City	Mayor Tom Brown, McPherson
Mayor Donna Clasen, Maize	Scott Hiledbrand, Valley Center

Staff/ Guests

Marla Canfield, REAP	Keith Lawing, REAP
Misty Bruckner, PPMC	John Waltner, REAP