

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita
September 13, 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 July 12, 2018

Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita, (Bob Myers, Newton) moved to approve the minutes from July 12, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.

3. **Project Wichita**

According to figures released by Project Wichita, about four out of five (86 percent) survey-takers said that Wichita "has to be willing to change to keep and attract the next generation."

Some of the other findings included:

- About 80 percent of respondents said they either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that the Wichita region should be a place that all children have the chance to succeed.
- About 85 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed the region "should be a place that provides opportunities for people willing to help themselves."
- Just over 77 percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed the region should be a place that "ensures career opportunities and advancement for all ages."
- Three out of four respondents (about 75 percent) agreed or strongly agreed that the region should be a place that values diversity and inclusion.
- The numbers began to shrink a little when participants were asked about their optimism for the future of the region and about how an increase in population might affect the area.

Only 67 percent of respondents said they agreed or strongly agreed that they are optimistic about Wichita's future (only 21 percent said they strongly agree). Also, only 52 percent of respondents said they agreed or strongly agreed that an increase in population would "make the Wichita region thrive." Just under 14,000 people participated in the Project Wichita survey, which closed in July.

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. Fall 2018. In addition to a regional vision, the community engagement process will produce an action plan focused on the next 10 years.

The Executive Committee requested to see the list of the forming Project Wichita Committees. Mayor Somers signed up for the Economic Development as a first choice and Strong Communities as a second. Mayor Longwell signed up for Quality of Life.

4. REAP Nomination Committee

Mayor Hansel appointed Mayor Longwell (Wichita), Mayor Somers (Mount Hope), Commissioner Westfall (Harvey County), and Ty Lasher (Bel Aire) to serve on the nominating committee along with her.

The REAP TAC met and an update on the nomination committee recommendations for 2019 was provided to them. The TAC suggested an email be sent to all communities asking if anyone had any interest in a leadership role before finalizing the recommendations going to the Board in January. Mayor Hansel sent an email out to engage interest in serving on a leadership role or a committee to the full REAO membership for a final decision is presented to the full Board.

5. Regional Collaboration Meeting Update

A taskforce was developed to identify strategies to enhance coordination amount the active regional organizations. The taskforce met on August 22, 2018, to determine feasibility and interest in moving the conversation forward. There was consensus with the groups it is an important conversation and will continue to meet to develop some strategies to move collaboration forward in the region.

Taskforce Members include:

Steve Wilkinson, SCKEDD

Council Member James Clendenin, SCAC Chair

Laura Rainwater, SCAC

Kaylene Haug, K96 Corridor

Phil Nelson, WAMPO

Andrew Nave, Greater Wichita Partnership

Bob Myers, Harvey County Council of Governments

Gary Plummer, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Shelley Hansel, REAP

John Waltner, REAP

Marla Canfield, REAP

Keith Lawing, REAP

Matt Stiles, WSU

Potential benefits of coordinating regional organizations:

- Consistent regional agenda items across multiple organizations
- Leverage meeting and administrative support
- Enhanced collaboration around regional issues including: Transportation, Commercial Air Service, Passenger Rail Service, Workforce, Water/Natural Resources/ Energy
- Development and management of a joint marketing plan

- Regional communications plan
- Monthly regional report
- Monthly leadership meetings

6. Ongoing Agenda Items:

- **Representation on Advisory Committees and City to City Update**

Regional Advisory Boards:

Ongoing reports of activities will be provided and part of the monthly regional updates. Below is a list of current appointments.

- Wichita Transit Advisory Committee – Council Member Greg Schneider, Andover (Mark Detter, Andover – Alternate)
- WAMPO TAC – Marla Canfield (Keith Lawing – alternate)
- Airport Advisory Committee – Randy Frazer, Moundridge
- Wichita Regional Chamber Ad hoc Committee on Transportation – Bob Myers, Newton; Marla Canfield

City to City:

The REAP Executive Committee on July 12, 2018, approved 2 - full scholarships and 2 - ½ scholarships to attend 2018 City-to-City Leadership Visit, taking place October 10-12 in Boise, Idaho. Attending for REAP: Full – Mayor Shelly Hansel, Chair, and Ty Lasher, TAC Chair and 1/2 –David Dillner, El Dorado Manager, and Beth Shelton, Harvey County Economic Development

- **WSU Update**

WSU provided an update to the 2018 work plan and presented the Regional Philosophy Statement for approval.

Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita, (Bob Myer, Newton) moved to approve Introduction to Economic Development and the Regional Philosophy Statement. Motion adopted.

- **John Walter Recruitment Update**

John Waltner provided a membership recruitment update.

- **Airport Advisory Committee Update**

Randy Frazer provided an update on the Airport Advisory Committee

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:20p.m.

Executive Committee Members Attendance

Mayor Shelley Hansel, Wellington

Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County

Ty Lasher, Bel Aire

Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope

Bob Myers, Newton

Council Member Gib Burgan, Moundridge

REAP Members Attendance

Council Member Tom Jones, Park City

Council Member Greg Schneider, Andover

Mayor Donna Clasen, Maize

Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley

Staff/ Guests

Marla Canfield, REAP

Keith Lawing, REAP

John Waltner, REAP