

**REAP Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

Wichita Workforce Center

2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita

November 8, 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 October 18, 2018

***Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County (Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita) moved to approve the minutes from October 18, 2018 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.***

**3. 2019 Work Plan Proposals**

As REAP continues efforts to connect local leaders, to advocate for South Central Kansas, and to support initiatives on significant regional issues, a taskforce was formed of regional organizations to address operations, organizational structure and common concerns. Results were identifying similar missions, overlapping members, perception of duplication / redundancy, lack of awareness, and limited resources of the regional partner organizations for enhanced coordination.

A taskforce worked 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. The taskforce reconvened on September 25, 2018 to continue to discuss process and goals of the regional collaboration and consensus was developed on a number of key points and possible actions. REAP was identified as the best regional partner to coordinate collaborative strategies.

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

Staff provided two potential models (work plans and budgets) for consideration in 2019.

The Executive Committee discussed needing to add value to member and potential members. The organization needs to create a budget with strategies to build new relationships. REAP staff will modify the budget to build capacity in 2019. Work plan items will include:

- Continue to convene region on key issues and advocate for South Central Ks.
- Create a corporate membership level.
- Strategic recruitment of key communities for membership.
- 6 month work plan – potential for hiatus summer of 2019 based off budget and revenue.
- Fold the Legislative Committee into the Executive Committee responsibilities. Host weekly (or as needed) legislative update calls during the session.
- Executive Committee to expand and take on responsibilities of business decision for the organization.

#### 4. REAP Nomination Committee

The bylaws call for the REAP Chair to appoint a nominating committee of at least 5 members to present names of REAP members for Chair and Vice Chair. Mayor Hansel selected the nominating committee to determine leadership nominations for 2019 for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Legislative Committee Chair.

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.

Selected for 2019 leadership: Mayor Shelley Hansel as Chair, Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, Mayor Vince Haines as Treasurer. This will be taken to the full membership in January 2019 for approval.

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 on 9/10/2018 to engage interest in serving on a leadership role or a committee to the full REAP membership before a final decision or nominations are made. There were two responses to the email. Council Member Tom Keil and Mayor Donna Clasen is interested in serving on the Executive Committee.

***Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita (Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County) moved to approve the nominations for REAP Leadership 2019. Motion adopted.***

## 5. Ongoing Agenda Items:

- **WSU Update**

WSU provided updates to the progress of the economic develop research including the Economic Development Summit and approved Regional Philosophy Statement. There will be a discussion on the summit regard the need for a Regional Philosophy Statement.

- **John Walter Recruitment Update**

John Waltner provided a membership recruitment update. John has visited 20 communities and has the rest to visit in the next month or two.

## 6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p.m.

### Executive Committee Members Attendance

Mayor Shelley Hansel, Wellington  
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County  
  
Ty Lasher, Bel Aire

Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita  
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County  
  
Bob Myers, Newton

### REAP Members Attendance

Mayor Donna Clasen, Maize  
Steve Wilkinson, SCKEDD  
Kaylene Haug, K96 Corridor

Council Member Tom Keil, Derby  
Andrew Nave, Greater Wichita Partnership

### Staff/ Guests

Marla Canfield, REAP  
John Waltner, REAP  
Laura Rainwater, Wichita

Keith Lawing, REAP  
Matt Stiles, WSU  
Phil Nelson, WAMPO