

## REAP Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Wichita Workforce Center  
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita  
April 11, 2019 ~ 11:30 am

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1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Shelley Hansel, Chair
2. Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from March 14, 2019: Mayor Shelley Hansel, Chair (pp. 2-5) (11:40 am)  
**Recommended action: approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019, Executive Committee meeting.**
3. Staffing Update: Keith Lawing (pg. 6) (11:45 am)  
**Recommended action: approve Laura Rainwater as Executive Director.**
4. Ongoing Agenda Items:
  - Membership Update and Budget: Laura Rainwater (pp. 7-8) (11:55 am)  
*Current membership listing with assessments update.*  
**Recommended action: receive and file.**
  - John Waltner Update: John Waltner (12:00 pm)  
*John Waltner will provide an update on activities.*  
**Recommended action: receive and file.**
5. Legislative Activities Update: Keith Lawing & Andrew Wiens (pp. 9-10) (12:10 pm)  
*An update to legislative activities in the region.*  
**Recommended action: receive and file.**
6. April 18 Regional Convening: Keith Lawing (pp. 11) (12:35 pm)  
*In partnership with Farm Bureau and sponsorship by Cargill: The spotlight topic will be to talk about the impact of the Ag Industry on the South Central Kansas Economy.*  
**Recommended action: receive and file.**
7. Regional Collaboration Workgroup: Keith Lawing (pg. 12) (12:45 pm)  
*Staff will provide an update to regional organizations workgroup.*  
**Recommended action: receive and file.**
8. Other Business: Executive Committee Members
9. Adjourn

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**1. Welcome and Introductions: 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 February 14, 2019

***Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County (Bob Myers, Newton) moved to approve the minutes from February 14, 2019 Executive Committee meeting. Motion adopted.***

**3. Ongoing Agenda Items:**

a. Membership Update and Budget

2019 Current Membership listing with assessments update: In December 2018, REAP assessment invoices were sent to all REAP members. Attached is the 2019 current assessment received. To date \$123,359 in revenue has been received of the \$134,861 in the 2019 Budget. Staff has followed up with all of the communities who have not paid to date and anticipate receiving those funds soon. Kingman is not renewing their membership. Harper, Lindsborg, and McPherson are all new members in 2019.

The following communities have submitted signed South Central Kansas Regional Guiding Principal Resolution:

Andover  
Augusta  
Cheney  
Derby  
Harvey County  
Newton  
Wellington

b. John Waltner Update

John Waltner will provided an update on activities for the past month including a meeting he attended in Topeka around Medicaid Expansion.

**4. Washington Fly-In Invitation**

The Wichita Regional Chamber is planning the annual Washington, DC Fly-In for **May 7-9, 2019**. The purpose of the trip is to advocate pro-business and pro-growth positions on issues vital to South Central Kansas. The indirect benefit is certainly the camaraderie with fellow business and community leaders from our region.

The trip is three days, meeting with all six members of the Kansas federal delegation (Representatives Estes, Jenkins, Marshall, and Yoder, and Senators Moran and Roberts). There will

also be meals and receptions with our Kansas delegation and staff along with some unique opportunities such as a night tour of the Capitol.

The \$2,500 package includes two nights at a hotel on Capitol Hill, round-trip airfare, most meals and ground transportation. The funds to support a REAP member attending would come from the projects line item in the budget. Current amount available in projects is \$12,319.

Part of the agenda will include discussing transportation and workforce development. Mayor Hansel attended on behalf of REAP in 2018.

The committee decided to not send a REAP member, but encouraged individual communities to participate.

#### **5. Regional Collaboration Committee Meeting**

The Taskforce met on February 20, 2019. WAMP, SCAC, Kansas Global, and Harvey County Council of Governments participated in the meeting. There was agreement among taskforce members to support using new ways to engage the region. The taskforce agreed there needs to be new and innovative ways to engage the region around key topics. Some of the items discussed were:

- Quick videos highlighting key topics featuring the region such as trade, Eisenhower Airport, partnerships, water, transportation partnerships.
- A regional website that could be a landing place with links to relevant issues or organizations in the region.
- REAP will host a quarterly convening around key topics. The next topic is the impact of agriculture in the region.
  - Commissioner Chip Westfall, Marla Canfield, Keith Lawing met with Ks Farm Bureau representatives to discuss the April 18<sup>th</sup> REAP members meeting. They were supportive of the event and will assist in presentations and research for the meeting.
  - Keith worked with the Regional Chamber and secured a presentation and financial sponsorship from Cargill for the event as well.
  - More information will be forth coming as it is developed.

#### **6. Legislative Activities Update**

REAP co-sponsored the Wichita Regional Chamber elected official's reception for the South Central Delegation on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Topeka. This is an evening event from 5pm-7pm. This event was attended by regional partners including the Greater Wichita Partnership, and the South Central Delegation and includes board members of the Wichita Regional Chamber.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, REAP co-sponsored with the Wichita Regional Chamber lunch for the South Central Delegation in Topeka. Commissioner Chip Westfall shared the support on transportation projects and behavioral health in the region. Mayor Tom Brown shared the workforce challenges facing the region and the importance of transportation.

Here are the REAP attendees:

Marla Canfield, REAP Executive Director  
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County and REAP Vice-Chair  
Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County

Mayor Tom Brown, McPherson  
Randy Frazier, Moundridge City Administrator  
John Waltner, former chair of REAP and associate member

Marla Canfield attended the 2019 Chamber Issues Forum with Governor Laura Kelly on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Governor Kelly shared her plans to move the state forward followed by a Q & A opportunity.

Marla Canfield, Bob Myers, and the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition, participated in a conversation with KDOT Secretary Julie Lorenz and Kansas Contractors Association Exec. Dir. Michael White on February 21, 2019. The discussion centered around regional transportation and infrastructure issues.

Secretary Lorenz stress that regional support for projects is very impactful and will be key in getting projects selected for the next highway program.

The South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition has been pivotal in developing regional priorities for transportation improvements and communicating that vision to the Kansas Department of Transportation and other stakeholders.

Marla Canfield, Keith Lawing, and the South Central Kansas Transportation Coalition, participated in a conversation with Senator Carolyn McGinn on March 4, 2019. The discussion centered around regional transportation and infrastructure issues and recommendations of the taskforce. Without new funding the North Junction work would not begin until 2022.

Some of the highlights included:

- Bills186-192
  - SB186 Creates the transportation planning program.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb186/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb186/)
  - SB 187 Increasing the permits for heavy loads from \$50 to \$100.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb187/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb187/)
  - SB 188 3-year phase in of the .4% sales tax to transportation.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb188/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb188/)
  - SB 189 Adding registration fees of \$150 for Electric and \$75 for Hybrid vehicles.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb189/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb189/)
  - SB 190 Ad Valorem Tax-local counties could use for transportation if project is approved by KDOT
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb190/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb190/)
  - SB 191 Tax lid allowing for transportation projects if approved by KDOT.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb191/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb191/)
  - SB 192 Tolling options for specific roads – technology allows for some new options.
    - [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019\\_20/measures/sb192/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2019_20/measures/sb192/)

Staff are working to coordinate weekly (or as needed) Legislative Conference call during the session (typically these will be Thursday afternoon or Friday mornings). REAP will invite lobbyists from Topeka representing regional organization to participate as well as invite members of the South Central delegation to participate. The calls will be for REAP member communities only.

**7. Other Business: Executive Committee Members**

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p.m.

**Executive Committee Members Attendance**

Mayor Shelley Hansel, Wellington	Council Member Tom Jones, Park City
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County	Mayor Tom Brown, McPherson
Council Member Gib Burgan, Moundridge	Bob Myers, Newton
Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley	Lucas Neece, Lindsborg
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope	Ty Lasher, Bel Aire

**REAP Members Attendance**

Council Member Clayton Snyder, Harper

**Staff/ Guests**

Marla Canfield, REAP	Keith Lawing, REAP
John Waltner	Andrew Wiens, Chamber of Commerce
Laura Rainwater, SCAC	Kelly McElory, Newton

**Item:**  
Staffing Update

**Background:**

Marla Canfield resigned as REAP Executive Director/Administrative Services Director at Workforce Alliance on March 14. The position was publically posted and we received many applicants. Two finalists were selected and interviewed by an executive panel on March 20. After meeting with Mayor Hansel to review resumes and interview notes, Keith Lawing made an offer to Laura Rainwater on March 25. Rainwater started her new position on April 1.

Laura's background is diverse and extensive. With over eight years of experience in government and community relations, her experience with the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County Association of Cities demonstrates her ability to support governing boards and advisory councils. From preparing agendas, minutes and treasurer's reports, to creating PowerPoints for council members and establishing meeting logistics, her organizational and leadership skills are exceptional.

Working with multiple agencies and departments at the city, county, and federal level, she has established good working relationships with policy makers at all levels. While at the City of Maize, Laura worked with city council members, developers, land owners and staff at GWEDC and WSU-CEDBR, to establish the Maize Industrial Park. The success of the development has brought new jobs and tax revenue to the City of Maize. More recently, while at the City of Wichita, she, along with community services representative, Becky Fields, proposed to Wichita City Council members the *Plates For Parks* program. This program established capital improvement funding for city-owned parks through the sale of Wichita flag state-issued license plates.

As part of the city manager's office for the City of Wichita, Laura provided supervision and oversight of the management fellows who are responsible for the coordination of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC). This council provides youth with the opportunity to weigh in on community issues and learn about city government. In addition, MYC members develop leadership skills through coordinating projects focusing on local policy issues, and engage with their community through public service at local events.

Laura currently serves as executive director of Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC). She plans and organizes informative and educational monthly meetings that are relevant to the communities we serve. She continually monitors proposed legislation and advises municipal officials on issues that could impact their communities. She has developed strong relationships with elected officials and city staff in an effort to bring regional collaboration to the forefront to promote economic efficiency and sustained growth for the area.

***Recommended action: approve Laura Rainwater as Executive Director***

**Item:**

Membership update and budget

**Background:**

2019 Current Membership listing with assessments update: In December 2018, REAP assessment invoices were sent to all REAP members. Attached is the 2019 current assessment received. To date \$132,293 in revenue has been received of the \$134,861 anticipated in the 2019 Budget. Revenues are on track to meet projected expenditures. Staff has followed up with all of the communities who have not paid to date and anticipate receiving those funds (\$2,670) soon. Kingman is not renewing their membership. Harper, Lindsborg, and McPherson are all new members in 2019.

One of the ongoing work items from 2018 is the South Central Kansas Regional Guiding Principal Resolution. This document was developed and presented at the Economic Development Summit in November. The following REAP communities have submitted signed resolutions:

Andover	Harvey County
Augusta	Newton
Cheney	Wellington
Derby	Wichita
Harper	

**REAP 2019 Membership Assessments\***

Jurisdiction	2017 Certified Population*	2019 Proposed Assessments
Under 3k		\$200+(0.16*population)
Bentley	525	\$ 284
Mount Hope	805	\$ 329
Garden Plain	898	\$ 344
Conway Springs	1,212	
Kechi	2,007	\$ 521
Harper	1,355	\$ 417
Cheney	2,107	\$ 547
Clearwater	2,524	\$ 604
North Newton	1,773	\$ 484
Moundridge	1,874	\$ 500
South Hutchinson	2,507	

<b>3k-10k</b>		<b>\$1000+(0.16*population)</b>
Lindsborg	3268	
Maize	4,557	\$ 1,729
Hesston	3,782	\$ 1,605
Rose Hill	3,980	\$ 1,637
Goddard	4,746	\$ 1,759
Bel Aire	7,914	\$ 2,266
Valley Center	7,300	\$ 2,168
Park City	7,729	\$ 2,237
Augusta	9,389	\$ 2,502
Wellington	7,822	\$ 2,252
<b>Over 10k</b>		<b>\$3000+(0.16*population)</b>
Andover	13,111	\$ 5,098
El Dorado	12,993	\$ 5,079
McPherson	13,201	\$ 5,112
Newton	18,869	\$ 6,019
Derby	23,673	\$ 6,788
Hutchinson	40,772	\$ 9,524
Wichita	390,591	\$ 65,495
<b>Counties</b>		
<b>Under 10k</b>		<b>\$1000+(0.065*population)</b>
Kingman County	7,360	**Will not be joining in 2019
<b>Over 10k</b>		<b>\$3000+(0.065*population)</b>
Harvey County	34,544	\$ 5,245
<b>Total Cities &amp; Counties</b>		<b>\$ 130,543</b>
<b>Associate Memberships</b>		<b>\$250 or \$50</b>
Carol Voran		\$ 50
Gary Meagher		\$ 50
Commissioner Ron Hirst		\$ 50
John Waltner		\$ 50
Commissioner Mike Wheeler		\$ 50
Black Hills Energy		\$ 250
Greater Wichita Partnership		\$ 250
K-96 Corridor		
Kansas Global Trade Services		\$ 250
Sumner County ED		\$ 250
SCKEDD		\$ 250
Westar		\$ 250
<b>Total Associate Members</b>		<b>\$ 1,750</b>

<b>Total 2019 Revenue from Membership</b>		<b>\$ 132,293</b>
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**Item:**

Legislative Activities Update

**Analysis:**

**Medicaid :** On March 21, the Kansas House recommended HB 2066 expanding KanCare (Medicaid) favorable for passage by a vote of 70-54, and on Final Action the next day, the bill passed on a vote of 69-54. HB 2066 was originally a bill that would allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to practice independently without a collaborative agreement with a physician. Rep. Kathy Wolfe-Moore (D-Kansas City) made a motion to do what is referred to as a "gut and go" which removed the original content of HB 2066 and inserted the Medicaid expansion bill. Her motion received a majority of votes to pass, but Majority Leader Dan Hawkins (R-Wichita) challenged the germaneness of the amendment in that this amendment does not address the same subject matter as the original APRN bill. The rules committee determined the amendment was not germane to the APRN bill, but a motion to overturn the ruling succeeded by a simple majority vote (62-55).

HB 2066 has been referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee where no hearing is planned. Sen. Gene Suellentrop, the chair of the committee has recommended to the Senate Republican caucus that the issue be forwarded to an interim committee to study it further and forward a recommendation for the 2020 session. It is very possible Medicaid expansion will become part of a "grand bargain" between the Governor and legislative leadership to pass a budget and adjourn the 2019 session sometime in May.

A new APRN scope of practice bill was introduced earlier this week (HB 2412).

**Electric Rate Study:** The House passed SB 69 on a 117-7 vote, and the Senate then concurred with the House's changes, sending this bill to Governor Kelly. The legislation authorizes a study of retail electric rates in Kansas, in an attempt to find ways to bring them more in line with rates of surrounding states. The study will be conducted in two parts – one due next January and one due January 2021.

**Wireless Franchises:** SB 68 was approved by the House on a 112-12 vote, sending it to the governor for likely approval. The bill prohibits a city from requiring a wireless services provider or wireless infrastructure provider to enter into a franchise, franchise agreement, franchise ordinance, contract franchise, or contract franchise ordinance for the provision of wireless services.

The bill also allows a city to govern wireless services providers' or wireless infrastructure providers' use of the public right-of-way by requiring a small cell facility deployment agreement or a master license agreement, or through permitting requirements, municipal ordinances or codes, or any combination of such mechanisms in a manner consistent with federal and state

law. It allows a city to assess a wireless services provider or a wireless infrastructure provider a fixed right-of-way access fee for each small cell facility a provider deploys that requires the use of the city's right-of-way. The fee cannot be based on such a provider's gross receipts derived from services provided within a city's corporate limits.

**Oath of Office:** Governor Laura Kelly signed SB105. This legislation is specific to local cities and swearing in of local, elected officials. Cities can now set their swearing in dates for new elected officials by resolution. The bill requires the swearing-in occur on or after December 1 following certification of the election and no later than the second Monday in January following certification of the election.

**Andrew Wiens, VP of Government Relations Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce,** will discuss current activities on the regional legislative agenda.

***Recommended action: receive and file.***

REAP Executive Committee  
April 11, 2019  
Submitted by Laura Rainwater

Item #6

**Item:**

April 18 Regional Convening

**Update on April 18<sup>th</sup> Regional Convening**

The spotlight topic will be to talk about the impact of the Ag Industry on the South Central Kansas Economy.

**Location:** Exploration Place

**Audience:** Partner regional organizations: SCKEDD, SCAC, WAMPO, K-96, Harvey County Council of Governments, REAP, Kansas Global, Greater Wichita Partnership, Chambers of Commerce, area legislators, Congressional Delegation

**Purpose:** To highlight the impact of the Ag industry in South Central Kansas, and get a better understanding of emerging employment trends, market forecasts and policy priorities that are effecting the industry.

Host and Sponsors- REAP and Cargill

**To register access this link:** [South Central Kansas Regional Convening - April 18th](#)

Draft Agenda:

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| Noon to 12:30 | Networking lunch (food lines will open at 11:45).  |
| 12:30         | Welcome and Introduction: Mayor Shelley Hansel, REAP, Congressman Ron Estes and John Niemann, President, Cargill Protein Ingredients |
| 12:45         | Overview of Ag Industry in South Central Kansas  |
| 1:00          | Remarks from Congressman Roger Marshall, Member of the House Agriculture Committee   |
| 1:15          | Ag Biz Panel: Moderator, Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County and Vice-Chair of REAP  |
| 1:45          | Wrap up and next Steps   |
| 2:00          | Adjourn  |

**Recommended action: receive and file.**

**Item:**

Regional Collaboration Workgroup

**Background:**

REAP created a workgroup to focus on regional collaboration and how to enhance regional coordination. REAP engaged the following organizations on the workgroup: SCKEDD, SCAC, Harvey County Council of Governments, WAMPO, Hwy 254, Greater Wichita Partnership, Wichita Chamber, Kansas Global Trade Services, and K96 Corridor.

**Analysis:**

The workgroup met on Wednesday, March 20. WAMPO, SCAC, and Harvey County Council of Governments participated in the meeting. April 18 Regional Convening event DRAFT Agenda was shared. Some other items discussed were:

- Agreed to rename the workgroup the Center for Regional Collaboration (CRC)
- Communication strategy – How do we raise awareness?
  - Shocker studios can produce video content
  - More social media presence – Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat
  - Use of captions
  - Impact on policies at the local and state level
- CRC purpose, vision and mission – a coalition of regional government officials collaborating to enhance economic efficiency and sustained growth for the area
- Upcoming Regional Convening's:
  - July 18, 2019
  - October 17, 2019
  - Possible topics:
    - Commercial air service
    - Local funding incentives
    - Cell towers/technology
    - Renewable energy
    - Right-of-way franchise fees
    - Broadband width

***Recommended action: receive and file.***