

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Chip Westfall, Vice Chair

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from March 14 14, 2019

Bob Myers (Newton) moved to approve the minutes from March 14, 2019 Executive Committee meeting. Seconded by Mayor Terry Somers (Mt. Hope). Motion carried 8-0.

3. Staffing Update

Keith Lawing provided a staffing update on the vacant REAP Executive Director position. The position was publically posted and 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.

Mayor Tom Brown (McPherson) moved to approve Laura Rainwater as Executive Director of REAP. Seconded by Council Member Tom Jones (Park City). Motion carried 8-0.

4. Ongoing Agenda Items:

Laura Rainwater provided the following update:

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 \$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.

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

Andover
Augusta
Cheney
Derby
Harper
Harvey County
Newton
Wellington

Wichita

REAP 2019 Membership Assessments*

	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	

3k-10k		\$1000+(0.16*population)
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
Over 10k		\$3000+(0.16*population)
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
Counties		
Under 10k		\$1000+(0.065*population)

Kingman County	7,360	**Will not be joining in 2019
Over 10k		\$3000+(0.065*population)
Harvey County	34,544	\$ 5,245
Total Cities & Counties		\$ 130,543
Associate Memberships		\$250 or \$50
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
Total Associate Members		\$ 1,750
Total 2019 Revenue from Membership		\$ 132,293

B. Sedgwick County Invitation

Invitation (memo) will be sent to Sedgwick County Commissioners inviting them to the May 9 Executive Committee meeting to discuss the County rejoining REAP. Committee members agreed to a one page format with an attachment outlining the benefits. Letter will be hand delivered by Mayor Hansel and Laura Rainwater on Monday, April 15. Bob Myers (Newton) encouraged committee members to write letters of support asking the County to rejoin to bring regionalism and partnerships to the forefront to grow the region.

C. 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.

5. Legislative Activities Update

Andrew Wiens, Vice President of Government Relations, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

- April 24, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm at the Hyatt Hotel, Federal Issues Forum with Congressman Ron Estes
- Washington, DC Fly-In, May 7
- KPERS pay back - \$115 million

- SB 22 (Tax Bill) – vetoed by Governor
- Education funding bill – signed by Governor
- Medicaid expansion – passed House and it's in Senate committee
- House passed CBD bill
- Budget - the Senate and House have both passed a budget haven't agreed to a conference committee report and passed the same version on to the Governor yet
- Aviation tax credit bill – Passed House and it's in Senate
- SB 69 Electricity rate study – Signed by the Governor
- Tolan confirmed as Sect. of Commerce

Keith Lawing, President & CEO, Workforce Alliance

- SB 199 signed by the Governor. This bill establishes a career pathways program model that assists students in obtaining a high school equivalency, becoming ready for transferable college-level courses, and earning an industry credential
- WIOA funds released. Kansas to lose over \$1 million in funding this year based on the funding formula

Debbie Luper, District Director, Office of Congressman Ron Estes

- Reform the IRS
- Reduce cost of prescription drugs
- Address the opiate epidemic
- United States Marine Corps Panel appointment
- Committee on Ways and Means appointment
 - Subcommittee on Social Security
 - Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

6. April 18 South Central Kansas Regional Convening on Agriculture

Keith Lawing provided an update on the speakers and panelists confirmed for the meeting

7. Regional Collaboration Committee Meeting

Keith Lawing provided a summary of the workgroup which met on Wednesday, March 20. WAMPO, SCAC, and Harvey County Council of Governments participated in the meeting.

- Agreed to be called 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 communication and economic efficiency for sustained growth of the region
- 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

8. Other Business: Executive Committee Members

Commissioner Chip Westfall shared that the parent company of the Hillsboro Hospital has filed bankruptcy

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Executive Committee Members Attendance

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Mayor Rex Satterthwaite, Bentley
Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope
Donna Clasen, Maize

Council Member Tom Jones, Park City
Mayor Tom Brown, McPherson
Bob Myers, Newton
Ty Lasher, Bel Aire

REAP Members Attendance

Council Member Clayton Snyder, Harper
Sean Fox, City Administrator, Park City
Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, Harvey Co.

Staff/ Guests

Laura Rainwater, REAP
Keith Lawing, REAP
Debbie Luper, Office of Congressman Ron Estes
Andrew Wiens, Wichita Metro Chamber
John Waltner