

**REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wichita Workforce Center  
2021 N. Amidon, Suite 1100, Wichita  
January 16, 2020 ~ 11:30 a.m.

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1. **Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Chip Westfall, Chair**  
REAP Chair, Commissioner Westfall called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.
  2. **Recognition & Presentation**  
Westfall recognized former Wichita Mayor, Jeff Longwell, and retired Newton City Manager, Bob Myers for their years of service and support to REAP, by presenting both with a gift of appreciation by local artist, Rollin Karg.
  3. **Approval of Minutes**  
Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from November 21, 2019.  
  
***ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) moved to APPROVE the minutes from November 21, 2019 Executive Committee meeting. Seconded by Council Member Cindy Claycomb (Wichita). Motion carried 11-0.***
  4. **On-Going Agenda Items**  
  
**John Waltner Update:** Communications and engagement with member communities is paramount to the success of REAP. Presented at the Hesston City Council meeting, along with Laura Rainwater, and encouraged them to appoint a member to the REAP Executive Committee meeting. Will reach out to county governments (Reno, Butler, Sumner, Cowley and Kingman).
  5. **Scoop Technologies: Jonathan Bell, Regional Director, Sales, Scoop Technologies, Inc.**
    - Managed carpool program (app) - Scoop aims to improve the daily commute by offering convenient and enjoyable carpooling. Scoop partners with employers of any size, enabling them to offer carpool solutions to their workforce recruitment and retention
    - Over eight million trips taken
    - Commute is the third highest reason employees leave jobs
    - Commute plays a big role in overall employee happiness
    - Funded by participating organizations but councils of governments can provide grants to employers to subsidize cost
    - Increase in take-home pay due to reduced transportation costs
    - Decrease in absenteeism
    - Income to drivers is non-taxable
  6. **Kansas Secretary of Labor, Delia Garcia**
    - Coordinating State services provided by three departments: Department of Labor, Department of Commerce and Department for Children & Families
    - Wichita Workforce Center is our base of operations

- Website launched this week: <https://www.dol.ks.gov/AviationWorkerResponse>
- Air Capitol Commitment team

**7. Amendments to REAP Bylaws: Keith Lawing**

Keith Lawing discussed the need to amend the REAP Bylaws.

- Bob Myers (Newton) edited
- A 10-day comment period will be given to general membership to allow for feedback
- Most of the amendments were for consistency in wording and formatting, but a few of the changes were made to reflect the new REAP operating model. Those changes include:
  - Change quarterly REAP meetings to regional convenings
  - Invite regional partner organizations to attend and participate in the quarterly convenings
  - REAP business to be done by the Executive Committee not the full membership at quarterly meetings
  - The REAP Treasurer position will become an elected position by the Executive Committee, instead of an appointed position by the REAP Chair

**Action Taken:** *Council Member Cindy Claycomb (Wichita) moved to APPROVE amendments to REAP Bylaws pending no objections during 10 (ten) day comment period beginning January 17, 2020, and ending January 27, 2020. Motion seconded by Mayor Rex Satterthwaite (Bentley).*

**MOTION PASSED 11-0.**

**8. Election of REAP Officers: Commissioner Chip Westfall, REAP Chair**

At the November 21, 2019, REAP Executive Committee meeting, REAP Chair, Commissioner Chip Westfall, appointed Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) and Mayor Donna Clasen (Maize) and himself to serve as the 2020 REAP nominating committee for REAP executive officers.

At 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019, the nominating committee met via conference call. After consideration of many, the nominating committee unanimously approved the following slate of officers:

Chair: Mayor Tom Brown (McPherson)  
Vice Chair: Council Member Cindy Claycomb (Wichita)  
Treasurer: Council Member Tom Jones (Park City)

No other nominations were made from the floor.

**Action Taken:** *Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope) moved to APPROVE the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Mayor Donna Clasen (Maize).*

**Motion PASSED 11-0.**

**9. Other Business**

Keith Lawing provided an update on coordinated regional efforts being made to aid laid-off Spirit workers.

Mike Zamrzla, Office of Senator Jerry Moran:

- Times like this is when regional organizations like REAP come to the forefront and should take the lead
- Senator Moran has met with the new Boeing CEO and the FAA Administrator
- Air Capitol Commitment – taking care of people
- Need to continue to diversify our aerospace industry
- USMCA Trade Agreement passed the Senate this morning
- Senator Moran has been appointed to chair the Veteran’s Affair Committee

Commissioner Chip Westfall encouraged members to participate in Local Government day in Topeka on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Kelly McElroy, Assistant City manager, City of Newton:

- 2020 Passenger Rail Meeting hosted by Senator Carolyn McGinn
  - Wednesday, Jan. 22, Noon-1:00, Topeka Capitol Building – Senate Ways & Means Chambers
  - BNSF cost study will be presented
  - Amtrak’s Director of Government Relations, Ray Lang, will provide remarks

**10. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.**

REAP Executive Committee Attendees:

Commissioner Chip Westfall, Chair Mayor Tom Brown, Vice Chair Council Member Cindy Claycomb Council Member Tom Jones Mayor Donna Clasen Mayor Terry Somers Mayor Rex Satterthwaite Council Member Tom Keil Randy Frazer, Moundridge Kelly McElroy, Newton Lucas Neece, Lindsborg	Guests: Sec. Delia Garcia, Dept. of Labor Mike Zamrzla, Office of Senator Moran Jeff Longwell Bob Myers Marla Canfield, Dept. of Commerce Wiley Smith, Dept. of Commerce John Waltner, Harvey County EDC Jonathan Bell, Scoop Technologies Laura Rainwater Keith Lawing
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