

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wichita Workforce Center
2021 N Amidon Ave #1100
Wichita, KS 67203
May 12, 2022 ~ 11:30 am

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Tom Brown, Chair
REAP Chair, Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from April 14, 2022.

ACTION TAKEN: Council Member Tom Jones (Park City) made a motion to approve the April 4414, 2022 REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Fentanyl Crisis Education:** Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter
- In 2022, as of the end of March, over 100 overdose cases, ¾ likely due to Fentanyl
 - Multiple overdose calls every day
 - Overdose deaths skyrocketing – From 128 in 2018 to 263 in 2021
 - Over 500,000 pills and one brick of Fentanyl seized in last three months
 - Fentanyl positive exhibits have risen from 3 in 2018, to 190 in 2021
 - Pills are very cheap
 - Fentanyl coming in from Mexico
 - All types of drugs are now laced with Fentanyl, including marijuana
 - Education campaign underway through media, social media, school districts – One Pill Can Kill
 - May 16, 2022 – TV and radio station ads will blanket the market
 - Huge need for more rehab and recovery services – we can't arrest ourselves out of this crisis
 - Legalizing Fentanyl test strips only enables drug use and should not be considered
 - [Sedgwick County Drug Misuse Information Page](#)
 - Sheriff Easter and REAP Executive Director, Laura Rainwater, will schedule Zoom meeting with area school superintendents and other community leaders
4. **2022 State Legislative Update:** Kimberly Svaty, Gencur Svaty Public Affairs
- Adjourned until May 23 Veto Session
 - Congressional Maps
 - Issue lies within the 3rd District and how Wyandotte County is split
 - Oral arguments on May 16
 - Filing deadline might be moved to June 10 for state and federal offices
 - Medical marijuana – likely will not move forward this session, but could

- Gaming bill was passed – sports wagering
- Tax package passed – delivery charges exempt from sales tax
- Plastic bag ban did not pass
- Interim committees have yet to be announced
- Legislative Post Audit on Groundwater Management Districts
- SPARK Grants – over 800 projects submitted for BASE grants, approximately 34 projects awarded

5. Groundwater Management District 2 (GMD2) Annual Meeting Report: Laura Rainwater

- Meeting held April 26, 2022, at Halstead High School
- GMD2 voting members passed (43-12) a GMD2 a policy to increase the size of the GMD2 Board, effective immediately
- The Board shall consist of 11 positions (previously 9), and each position shall be assigned the following representative condition and will be elected initially at the GMD2 annual meeting in the year indicated and every three years thereafter:

Position 1: McPherson County Agriculture Irrigation Water User (2023)

Position 2: Harvey County Agriculture Irrigation Water User (2024)

Position 3: Sedgwick County Agriculture Irrigation Water User (2022)

Position 4: Reno County Agriculture Irrigation Water User (2022)

Position 5: Municipal Water User (2022)

Position 6: Municipal Water User (2022)

Position 7: Industrial Water User (2022)

Position 8: At-large Water User or Landowner (2023)

Position 9: At-large Water User or Landowner (2023)

Position 10: At-large Water User or Landowner (2024)

Position 11: At-large Water User or Landowner (2024)

- Rodney Eggleston, Public Works Director, City of Valley Center, and Ethan Reimer, City Administrator, City of Halstead, were elected to the Municipal Water User positions
- Alan Burghart was re-elected to the Industrial Water User position
- GMD2 Manager, Tim Boese, gave an overview of the district's 2021 activities and work performed, including climate and monitoring summaries, to protect the natural water quality of the aquifer and remediate groundwater contamination
- Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, closed out the meeting with an update on the 2022 legislative session
- Mr. Lewis also shared that the Legislative Post Audit Committee approved a post audit on the GMD's

6. Committee Reports

A. Airport Advisory Board: Randy Frazer (Arkansas City), provided the following written report:

DIRECTORS REPORT

- The Airport will not be receiving ARPA money from Sedgwick County, nor will it receive a BASE grant from the state. We are still awaiting word on the submittal to obtain SPARK funding.
- Presentations were made to City Council (acting as the Wichita Airport Authority) on April 5, 2022, to accept the contract with Greteman group for Specific Airport Marketing Services. The item was tabled to allow staff the opportunity to explore the City's own media capabilities to see if there is some cost savings and ways in which we could collaborate. The City Council did approve the contract for the General Aviation Apron Reconstruction project.

PROJECT UPDATES:

- Airspace Protection presentation by John Oswald and Brad Christopher. The FAA has been identifying new obstructions in the area that are impacting the minimums to our instrument approaches. Staff will be taking steps to help mitigate the impacts and will continue to work with City planning staff to help limit future impacts.
- Bill Longnecker with Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) made a presentation regarding a signage zoning variance request. The sign proponent was also present and spoke to the project. Airport staff suggested the proponent enter sign information into the FAA's online Notice Criteria Tool to see if it violates Part 77 and requires an airport airspace analysis.

AIR SERVICE:

- 109,747 passengers flew in and out of ICT during the month of March, a 30.9% increase from March 2021.
- Enplanements increased 30.63% over last March. Year-to-date, enplanements are 143,817, an increase of 54.64%, and total passengers are 290,599, up 54.28%. There were 26% more scheduled seats in March than last year.
- Outgoing air cargo increased 3.45% and incoming air cargo decreased 5.48%. For the year, total air cargo is down 4.48%.
- Concession revenue increased substantially. Food and gift receipts increased 55.27%, rental cars were up 54.42%, and parking revenue increased 91.89%.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- On April 18, 2022, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provided the following guidance regarding the withdrawal of its mask Security Directives" "Due to today's court ruling, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) January 29, 2021 Order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at public transportation hubs is no longer in effect. Effective immediately, TSA will not

enforce its mask-related security directives. TSA also is withdrawing Security Directive 1542-21-01E for airports, Security Directive 1544-21-02E for aircraft operators, Security Directive 1582/84-21-01E for Surface transportation, and Emergency Amendment 1546-21-01E for Foreign air carriers that were issued on April 15, 2022 and scheduled to take effect on April 19, 2022. The CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings. TSA's withdrawal of its directive does not preclude a transportation operator from imposing its own face mask requirements."

- In accordance with this decision, face masks will no longer be required at Wichita Eisenhower National Airport.

B. Transit Advisory Committee: Council Member Troy Tabor (Andover) provided the following written report:

Discussion Items:

- A. Multimodal Center Update: Brett Letkowski, TranSystems, provided an update regarding the Delano Multimodal Center project. Most current preferred building concept was reviewed. One level of the parking garage has been removed for the project to be within budget. Plans and project update will be presented to the Access Advisory Board once the project design is at 60% of the goal. It is currently 30%. It was presented to and approved by the Design Council and District Advisory Boards in April.
- B. AA Meeting Information: Transit Staff has reviewed best practices to get information out to those attending AA meetings. Wichita Transit will proceed with a similar plan to other organizations. A link is available for those to access the Wichita Transit website for most up to date route and other general information. Wichita Transit staff is also willing to attend meetings to educate attendees about transit services if needed.

Information Items:

A. Special Projects Update:

- Raven Alexander provided updates regarding two ridership programs. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has begun receiving 6-month bus passes/ID cards for incoming families. To date 23 passes had been issued. Training was provided to DCF staff as they will provide travel training with the families needing to attend English classes and for those seeking employment.
- The pilot for the Mental Health Coalition began at the end of February. Substance Abuse Center of Kansas strategically select clients that may potentially benefit from a monthly bus pass to get to appointments, treatments, the grocery stores, or travel to locations to enhance quality of life. Selected individuals will receive month passes for three months via the Ride Wichita mobile ticketing app. To date there have been 11 passes distributed.

B. Director's Report:

Director Tann provided the Director's Report. Wichita Transit staff will provide Transit Board members with the 2015 Performance Review and the 2016 Implementation Plan regarding strategic planning. This will allow board members to get a feel of what was going on at the time of the system changes. This was reviewed at the April TAB meeting.

WAMPO funding was awarded to look at a system redesign. Funding is programmed for 2023 therefore an RFP will be drafted over the next few months to be sure all components are included. With the multimodal center being built, this will allow for the system to be looked at differently and a realistic concept can be developed. Board input will be important for the direction and guidance of the consultant.

Staff intends to apply for both the Low-No and Bus and Bus Facilities funding currently available. Wichita Transit will be requesting battery electric buses and vans that are no emissions for solar panels and charging stations for the multimodal center. Operating funds from a sustainable funding source is still needed or service expansion to show the need for additional vehicles.

The current Teamsters contract will expire December 2022. Negotiations have already begun. One goal will be to have a competitive entrance wage.

7. **REAP Vice Chair Appointment:** Mayor Tom Brown, REAP Chair Andover Council Member and REAP Vice Chair, Troy Tabor, has resigned his duties on the REAP Executive Board.
ACTION TAKEN: REAP Chair, Mayor Tom Brown (McPherson) motioned to appoint Sedgwick County Commissioner Pete Meitzner as REAP Vice Chair. Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **Community Updates**

- Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Sedgwick County
 - WSU Build Back Better Grant - *Driving Adoption: Smart Manufacturing Technologies*
 - Meeting on May 11, 2022, with US Economic Development Administration Assistant Secretary Alejandra Castillo to discuss the region and its vision for the Build Back Better Regional Challenge proposal
 - Application made cut to 60 finalists – 20 to 25 will be awarded
 - Secretary Castillo said regional collaboration was key to funding
 - Debbie Franklin, Associate Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Wichita State University, is overseeing

- Mayor Terry Somers, Mount Hope
 - Fir in the Hills: Bull riding benefit event at 6PM on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Proceeds will benefit victims of the Cottonwood Hills wildfire
- Lucas Neece, Lindsborg
 - New childcare facility set to open later this month
 - 100+ kids
 - \$3.5 million invested
 - Open house: 3-7PM, on Sunday, May 22, 2022
- Council Member Nick Engel, Derby
 - New star bond district (Crystal Lagoon) approved by city council unanimously
 - Indoor/outdoor water features
 - Hotel, apartments and senior living
 - Big win for the City of Derby
- Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
 - New airport taxiway almost complete
 - Newton looking at proposing an elected mayor position
 - County budget hearings progressing
- Mayor Tom Brown, McPherson
 - All Schools Day tomorrow in McPherson – Big celebration
 - New bronze

9. Meeting adjourned at 12: 36 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Council Member Tom Jones (Park City) motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Pat Stivers (Maize) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attendees:

Name	City	In Person	Zoom
Mayor Tom Brown, Chair	McPherson	X	
Sheriff Jeff Easter	SG County	X	
Commissioner Pete Meitzner	Sedgwick County	X	
Kimberly Svaty	Gencur Svaty Public Affairs		X
Commissioner Chip Westfall	Harvey County	X	
Diane Tinker Hurst	WSU Tech		X
Justin Henry	Goddard USD		X
Lucas Neece	Lindsborg		X
Marc Howell	SCKEDD	X	
Council Member Mike Hoheisel	Wichita		X
Council Member Nick Engle	Derby		X
Mayor Pat Stivers	Maize	X	
Mayor Russ Kessler	Haysville	X	
Lauren Clary	Kansas Gas Service	X	
Tim Boese	GMD2		X
Council Member Tom Jones	Park City	X	
Council Member Toyia Bulla	Bentley		X
Will Black	Haysville		X
Don Koci	Burns & McDonnell		X
Dr. Justin Henry	USD 265 Goddard		X
Keith Lawing	Workforce Alliance		X
Mayor Ashley Velazquez	Kechi		X
Mayor Terry Somers	Mount Hope	X	
Charles Jennings			X
Laura Rainwater	REAP	X	