

## REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Wichita Workforce Center

2021 N Amidon Ave #1100

Wichita, KS 67203

December 8, 2022 ~ 11:30 am

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1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Tom Brown, Chair (11:30 a.m.)
2. Approval of Minutes from Executive Committee Meeting from Nov. 10, 2022 (pp.2-4): Mayor Tom Brown, Chair

***ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Pete Meitner (Sedgwick County) made a motion to approve November 10, 2022, REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Tom Jones (Park City) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

3. REAP 2023 Budget & Work Plan (pp. 5-9): Mayor Brown and Laura Rainwater  
***Recommended Action: Approve the REAP 2023 Budget and Work Plan***  
***ACTION TAKEN: Kelly McElroy (Newton) made a motion to approve moving REAP Executive meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Nick Engel (Derby) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

***ACTION TAKEN: To Jones (Park City) made a motion to approve the REAP 2023 Work Plan. Nick Engel (Derby) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

***ACTION TAKEN: Chip Westfall (Harvey County) made a motion to approve the REAP 2023 budget. Mayor Russ Kessler (Haysville) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

4. 2023 Joint Regional Legislative and Policy Priorities (pg. 10): Mayor Tom Brown  
***Recommend Action: Approve the 2023 Joint Regional Legislative and Policy Priorities***  
***ACTION TAKEN: Council Member Nick Engel (Derby) made a motion to Approve the 2023 Joint Regional Legislative and Policy Priorities. Tom Jones (Park City) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

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- Kimberly still spark & left committee is meeting next week
  - State is flush with cash. Should be a strong push to fund
  - Water Supply & Regulatory uncertainty
  - KMU water summit last week excellent collaboration
  - Cleaning up water supply, addressing contamination slums that are threatening water supply chemicals and sedimentation.
5. Election of REAP Executive Committee Officers (pg. 11): Laura Rainwater  
***Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.***  
***ACTION TAKEN: Council Member Tom Jones (Park City) made a motion to approve the Election of REAP Executive Committee Officers. Chip Westfall (Harvey County) seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***
6. Committee Reports
- A. Airport Advisory Board (pg. 12): Randy Frazer (Arkansas City)
- B. Transit Advisory Committee (pg. 13): Troy Tabor (Andover)
- NOFA was released 2 hours ago
  - Much credit to Cory Davis & KDOT
  - Segment qualifies under NOFA
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter submission
  - 20% match may be required
  - Transportation- we need to monitor who is going to be the next KDOT secretary. In need of a highly qualified Kansan.
7. Community Updates
- Closure of cabinet-making shop, which has 480 jobs, Rapid Response services from Workforce
  - Agco, Black & Decker, Bunting, Park Aerospace, and Frito King have all stepped up to absorb
  - Wind Energy regulation
  - Prairieview Building purchase by County to become courthouse annex
  - January 6, 2 pm-4 pm, reception for Chip Westfall (Harvey County)
  - Mayor Kessler Partnership w/PBS helped out with pledge drive Kansas from above
  - Pete Wichita one of 19 cities of WW11 making airplanes
  - Chimpanzee viral video over 3 billion views
8. Adjourn (12:28 p.m.)  
**NEXT MEETING: NO MEETING IN JANUARY! Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.**

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Attendance:

Name	City	In Person	Zoom
Mayor Tom Brown	McPherson	X	
Commissioner Peter Meitzner	Sedgwick County	X	
Will Black	Haysville		X
Council Member Mike Hoheisel	Wichita		X
Leslie Schragg	Kingman County EDC		X
Chip Westfall	Harvey County	X	
Diane Tinker Hurst	WSU		X
Council Member Tom Jones	Park City	X	
Council Member Nick Engle	Derby	X	
Mayor Russ Kessler	Haysville	X	
Council Member Troy Tabor	Andover		X
Kristi Norcutt	Lindsborg		X
Dr. Justin Henry	Goddard USD		X
Marc Howell	SCKEDD	X	
Laura Rainwater	REAP	X	
Kennisha Rolfe	Workforce Alliance	X	
Keith Lawing	Workforce Alliance	X	
Ashely Bryers	WAMPO		X
Lauren Clary	KS Gas Service	X	
Kelly McElroy	Newton	X	
Tim Boese	GMDZ		X
Kimberly Svaty			X
Randy Frazer	Ark City		
Daniela Rivas	McPherson		X