

REAP Executive Committee Meeting minutes

Wichita Workforce Center

2021 N Amidon Ave #1100

Wichita, KS 67203

February 2, 2023 ~ 11:30 am

1. Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Chair (11:35 am)
2. Approval of Minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting from December 8, 2022 (pp. 2-6): Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Chair

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Russ Kessler (Haysville) made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022, REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Council Member Nick Engel (Derby) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Amtrak Heartland Flyer Extension Federal Railway Administration Grant (pp. 7-8): Cory Davis, Director, Multimodal Transportation and Innovation, KDOT

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Don Schroeder (Harvey County) made a motion to Approve REAP Letter of Support for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation's joint application for the Heartland Flyer Extension to be accepted into the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program. Mayor Russ Kessler (Haysville) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Connecting OKC to Newton with stops in Ark City and Wichita
- Service Development Plan
- Next Step includes Formalize partnerships (KDOT, ODOT, BNSG, Amtrak) with local communities
- Pursue Capital and Operating Funds
- Expression of interest submitted to FRA last year
- Corridor ID Program, we are ahead of the game with project planning underway
- Federal funding of 80% cost
- Application process KDOT is taking land, ODOT is a joint application
- Due March 20, 2023
- Letters of Support

4. 2023 Kansas Legislature Update (pp. 9-22): Kimberly and Josh Svaty
 - State Finance Council Meeting today to approve APEX 2
 - House Water Committee 3 pieces of leg introduced
 - Z dealing with GMDS
 - Dealing with the time frame allowed for reviewing water rights and cases to 15 days
 - Genuinely dedicated portion of sales tax to go to water
 - Around \$46million annually with \$ 15 million set aside for smaller communities for water infrastructure
 - Pay down existing water debts
 - Hearing starts next week
 - Written testimony will be very beneficial
 - Hb2150 3 milk zoning
 - Would be a huge shift in policy
 - SB86 substantial interest low for County Officials
 - Micron industries semiconductor meeting visited in Wichita
 - Nation Science Foundation President Visit
 - Appointed to Senate Foundation President Visit
 - Mental Health Continuum of Care and housing the homeless
 - Sally Stag taking the lead
 - Hot team vouchers for housing
 - State Mental Health Hospital in the governor's budget, will be located in the region, asking Sedgwick County for the und location by issuing RFP
 - Partnerships between WSU/KU on the biomedical campus
 - Tremendous momentum in Topeka to fund
 - Location in downtown Wichita
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Wichita Airport Advisory Board (pp. 23-24)
 - B. Wichita Transit Advisory Board (pp. 25-27)
6. Community Updates
 - Chambers Chairs Lunch at 11:30 am on Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023, at Century II. Three seats left at the REAP table. First come first served
 - Chamber's Sunrise Scramble with Jeremy Hill, Wednesday, Feb 15, 8 am-9:30 am at Holiday Inn East
 - New REAP member
 - City of Sedgwick Mayor Bryan Chapman and City Administrator Kyle
 - Park City Star Bond Haring February 14, Mayor Lehner Project
 - \$500 million Echo Hills Golf course and Sean Fox

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- Aquarium project 100K facility, hotels, retail stores, restaurants, baseball fields not in Starbond district, 3.1 million people yearly

7. Adjourn at 12:40 pm

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

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Attendees:

Name	City	In Person	Zoom
Chairman Pete Meitzner	Sedgwick County	X	
Council Member Mike Hoheisel	Wichita		X
Will Black	Haysville		X
Mayor Russ Kessler	Haysville	X	
Mayor John Lehnherr	Park City	X	
Diane Tinker Hurst	WSU		X
Dr. Justin Henry	Goddard USD		X
Commission Don Schroeder	Harvey County	X	
Anthony Schwartzendruber	Harvey County		X
Council Member Nick Engle	Derby	X	
Kelly McElroy	Newton		X
Mike Zamrzla	Senators Moran's Office	X	
Chip Westfall		X	
Lauren Clay	Kansas Gas Service	X	
Kevin Cocchetella	Transfer Capital	X	
Cory Davis	KDOT		X
Josh Svaty			X
Kennisha Rolfe	Workforce Alliance	X	
Laura Rainwater	REAP	X	
Sean Fox	Park City	X	
Don Koci	Colwich		X
Daniela Rivers	McPherson	C	