



**Legislative Committee
Meeting Agenda
8:00 AM, January 27, 2012**
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chairman

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** *Council Member Jeff Longwell*
2. **Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2011:** *Council Member Jeff Longwell*
Recommended Action: *Approve or modify minutes as needed.*
3. **REAP 2011 Legislative Priorities Report**
 - a. **Legislative Liaison Report:** *Mr. Tom Bruno*
An update from Topeka on the 2012 Legislative Session will be provided.
 - b. **Kansas Affordable Airfares Update:** *Mayor Kristey Williams*
 - i. Required Reporting Update
 - ii. Palm Card and Talking Points Materials Update
4. **South Central Delegation Meeting Sponsorship:** *Council Member Jeff Longwell*
REAP will serve as the host/sponsor for the weekly South Central Delegation Meeting on February 8th. Additional details will be provided and the Committee is asked to discuss attendance and message.
5. **Membership Discussion:** *Council Member Jeff Longwell*
The Committee is asked to discuss the composition of the Committee and to help identify potential expansion of membership.
6. **Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Update:** *Mr. Joe Yager*
Staff will provide an update on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant. All REAP committees are being asked to discuss potential roles in the grant process.
7. **Upcoming Events:** *Council Member Jeff Longwell*
 - a. **South Central Delegation Meeting:** *Noon, Wednesday, February 8, 2012, Room 783 Docking Building, Topeka*
 - b. **REAP Board Meeting:** *8:00 AM, February 13, 2012, Welcome Center on the campus of Butler County Community College, 901 S Haverhill Rd El Dorado, KS 67042*
 - c. **REAP Legislative Committee Meeting:** *Noon, February 24, 2012, Workforce Alliance*
 - d. **South Central Kansas Delegation Forum:** *7:00 PM, February 27, 2012, Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry RD, Derby, KS 67037*
8. **Unscheduled Topics:** *Committee Members*
9. **Adjourn**

Legislative Committee
Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2011
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chair

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita, opened the meeting; members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

2. Review of Minutes from the June 24, 2011 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting

Mr. Bob Myers, Newton, moved (Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta) to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Kansas Affordable Airfares Update

Mr. Joe Yager, Chief Executive Officer of REAP, stated funding was received a week ago for Affordable Airfares. Appropriate funds were transferred to Sedgwick County to continue administering the program. The Committee discussed funding requirements for the Garden City award noting that there was still no final determination on several requirements. Yager added that there was a request by the Kansas Department of Commerce to conduct a feasibility/performance study. It was noted that staff will have further discussion to understand this request and provide a report to the REAP Executive Committee.

4. Visioneering Wichita 2012 ULA Update

Yager directed the Committee to note the information on page four of the agenda packet which included the updated Unified Legislative Agenda for Visioneering Wichita. It was noted that the nursing expansion issue was no longer on the agenda and should be reflected on the official publication.

5. 2011 Legislative Committee Regional Listening Tour

Council Member Longwell shared the Listening Tour highlights on page 5 of the agenda packet. It was noted that several issues that were identified, such as fracking, can help encourage partnerships, bringing the communities with common issues closer together. It was noted that the tour encouraged members who are usually not engaged to participate. The Committee asked for continuation of the tours to be proposed to be held annually. Mayor Williams added that different themes would keep participants eager to continue attending. Council Member Longwell noted that this effort provided a process to help the communities feel like they are getting something additional out of their REAP membership.

6. Identification of Legislative Priorities for 2012

Council Member Longwell noted that on the list of priorities Affordable Airfares should still be considered one of the top priorities. It was noted that with the Southwest Airlines acquisition of AirTran, Southwest will be a hot topic among the legislature, however, we will have to wait to see how they incorporate themselves into the Wichita airport. It was also noted that Affordable Airfares has never been about specific carriers and the purpose is to retain revenue in Kansas.

Mr. Dane Baxa, Executive Officer Water Resources, noted a few of the issues that were developed by the WRC. He mentioned the reevaluation of the Kansas Water Authority and the language on support for ground water regulation, meant to allow for some attention to the fracking issue. Mr. Tom Bruno, REAP Legislative Liaison, noted that some larger oil companies are not having a lot of agreement about the fracking issues and there will be a lot of discussion before anything is finalized. The Committee directed Bruno to redraft the language on this particular item.

The Committee discussed each of the proposed items and directed staff to refine and reorganize the priorities. Staff was also directed to forward the new language to the Committee via email. It was noted that the final version would be forwarded to the Executive Committee for inclusion in their suggested work items for 2012 to be voted on by REAP at the December Board meeting.

7. Review and Discussion of 2011 Work Plan

Council Member Longwell discussed the different activities that were focused on in 2011 and which of those the Committee would like to see as important in 2012. The Committee provided general concepts and identified the items they would like to carry forward from 2011. Any additional items were asked to be forwarded to Yager for inclusion in the 2012 work items that will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

8. 2012 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule

Yager presented the 2012 meeting schedule to the Committee. He pointed out that summer meetings will be substituted for continuance of the Listening Tours that were successfully implemented in 2011. The Committee approved the schedule unanimously.

9. 2011 REAP Policy Summit

Yager provided a preview of the 2011 Policy Summit to be held on December 8th at the Drury Broadview Plaza Hotel in downtown Wichita. Representative Jim Ward, KS District 88, asked for discussion on how to increase attendance and substance. It was noted that outreach to others outside of South Central Kansas and bringing them in to share their thoughts could be interesting. Mayor Williams stated perhaps coordination with Western Kansas could help. Attracting legislators and REAP members is a key part of this event. Yager noted that all ideas will be considered as staff works to put together the event.

10. 2012 Legislative Liaison Discussion

Council Member Longwell brought Mr. Bruno's contraction extension before the group. Addition of some water items are one of the biggest changes. Mr. Bob Myers, Newton, moved (Council Member Longwell, Wichita) to approve the extension of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Unscheduled Topics

No unscheduled topics were brought up for discussion.

12. Adjourn

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

REAP Legislative Committee	
Attendance	
11/18/2011	
Name	Jurisdiction
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chair	City of Wichita
Mayor Kristey Williams	City of Augusta
Mayor Dion Avello	City of Derby
Ms. Stephanie Knebel	City of Derby
Mr. Bob Myers	City of Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh	Sedgwick County
Mr. Marv Duncan	Sedgwick County
Mr. Dale Goter	City of Wichita
Mr. Tom Bruno	Bruno & Associates (Via Phone)
Guests and Staff	
Representative Jim Ward	KS District 88
Mr. Jason Watkins	Wichita Metro Chamber
Mr. Andy Schlapp	WSU
Dr. Nancy McCarthy-Snyder	WSU
Mr. Joe Yager	WSU
Mr. Dane Baxa	WSU
Mr. Tylour Tedder	WSU



ANDOVER, AUGUSTA, BEL AIRE, BENTLEY, BENTON, BUTLER COUNTY, CHENEY, CLEARWATER, COLWICH, CONWAY SPRINGS, DERBY, EL DORADO, GARDEN PLAIN, GODDARD, HALSTEAD, HARVEY COUNTY, HAYSVILLE, HESSTON, HUTCHINSON, KECHI, KINGMAN COUNTY, MAIZE, MCPHERSON COUNTY, MOUNT HOPE, MULVANE, NEWTON, PARK CITY, RENO COUNTY, ROSE HILL, SEDGWICK, SEDGWICK COUNTY, SUMNER COUNTY, VALLEY CENTER, WELLINGTON, WICHITA

REAP Legislative Committee 2012 Legislative Priorities

Adopted December 8, 2011

Legislative Priorities

- Maintain Kansas Affordable Airfares Program to assure more flight options, more competition for air travel, and affordable airfares for Kansas.
- Advance legislative and administrative action to secure state financial participation in:
 - the Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project to preserve the aquifer for agricultural, industrial, and municipal use that is essential to the regional economy.
 - sediment and nutrient reduction programs that protect and sustain the region's public water supplies.
 - aviation research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University.
 - orthopedic research at the Center of Innovation for Bio Orthopedic Research (CIBOR).
- Support a reevaluation of current state water policy including Kansas Water Authority representation; revenue sources and distribution for the state water plan fund; and, the process for adopting the annual state water plan fund budget.
- Promote science-based, common sense policies that protect the safety of the region's water supply; recognizing that the region's job creation potential should not be unnecessarily jeopardized.
- Support research and development efforts regarding renewable energy sources.
- Support a stronger system of business-driven technical training and education in Kansas including enhanced funding support, better alignment and articulation of education and training programs, and transition programs to better serve adult learners.
- Support federal reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include maintaining local control through private sector and employer driven Local Workforce Investment Boards.

South Central Delegation Meetings

Time: 12 Noon – Wednesdays

Place: Room 783 Docking Building

Chair - Rep. Pete DeGraaf

Office Assistant – Alan Stambaugh 785-296-7693

Vice Chair - Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau -

Office Assistant – Sharon Scarbrough 785-296-7387

Dear Potential Sponsors:

Thank you for expressing your desire to present information to the South Central Delegation.

We will do our best to get as many presenters before this group as possible.

We will begin our meeting at Noon and delegates will likely begin leaving at 12:45.

We would like to let the Delegation know prior to each meeting a little about each presenter and also tempt them with specifics on the meal.

Please provide the following:

- A Short Summary of the Issues your group will be discussing.
- Contact info for the Key Members in your organization. Brief Bios are helpful, particularly about the one(s) making the presentation.
- 3 questions that you would like someone to ask.
- Time is limited, so how much time do you anticipate needing for your presentation?

The Meal

- Plan to start serving the meal by 11:45.
- We anticipate needing 50 meals.
- Provide Table Service and napkins as necessary (we may need boxes for the meals that are served in the Capitol).

The Committee room will be used following our meeting so we need to be out of the room, cleaned up and everything back in place by 1:00 PM.

If you need a projector, white board , or screen please let Alan know.

If you have further updates on your issue as the session continues please let me know so I might inform the caucus.

If you have questions, call or email.

Respectfully,

Rep. Pete DeGraaf

Item

Membership Discussion

Background

The REAP Legislative Committee is comprised of delegates from member jurisdictions that are self-appointed. There are no qualifications or restrictions included in the REAP bylaws for committee composition. The following table provides the composition of the Committee in 2011 (active members) in the first column and members, alternates, or participants from member jurisdictions who have requested staff for inclusion on notifications in the other column.

2011 Active Committee Members

Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita (Chair)
Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta
Mayor Dion Avello, Derby
Ms. Stephanie Knebel, Derby
Mr. Bob Myers, Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Mr. Marv Duncan, Sedgwick County
Mr. Dale Goter, Wichita
Mr. Tom Bruno, REAP Legislative Liaison

Other Members, Alternates, or Participants

Ms. Jennifer McCausland, Andover
Mr. Will Johnson, Butler County
Ms. Kathy Sexton
Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard
Mr. John Waltner, Harvey County
Mr. John Deardoff, Hutchinson
Mr. Lunda Asmani, Newton
Ms. Dana Walden, Park City
Ms. Kay Johnson, Wichita

A top priority identified by the Committee for the 2011 work plan was to increase the engagement of REAP through identifying members to serve on the REAP Legislative Committee. Although there were no direct new invitees, the Committee did discuss methods for identifying and engaging REAP member jurisdictions to increase engagement with the Legislative Committee. This item was asked to be carried over for 2012 for additional consideration.

Non-REAP Committee Representation

Another priority identified by the Committee for the 2011 work plan was to explore the potential of including members to the Committee of partner organizations. The Committee identified the following partners to be included in invitations to participate at Committee meetings:

Lea Stueve, District Director, Congressman Pompeo's Office
Mike Zamrzla, Deputy State Director, Senator Moran's Office
Renee Anderson, Visioneering Wichita
Suzie Ahlstrand, Visioneering Wichita
Keith Lawing, WA
Andy Schlapp, WSU
Bill Bolin, SKEDD
Barby Jobe, Wichita Metro Chamber
Jason Watkins, Wichita Metro Chamber

South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Public Forum

Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Derby Welcome Center

611 Mulberry RD

Derby, KS 67037

788-9003

The Sedgwick County Legislative Delegation is conducting this public forum to receive comments from citizens. This is your opportunity to share your concerns and ask questions of area legislators.

Follow the signs directing you to the Derby Welcome Center. Parking available north of City Hall. Enter the east side marked "Derby Welcome Center."



Public Forum hosted by the City of Derby, Derby Chamber of Commerce, and AT&T Kansas.