



Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)

Meeting Agenda

8:00 a.m., February 11, 2013

Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th Street North, (29th and Oliver)
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introductions: Commissioner Dave Unruh

2. News and Announcements: Commissioner Dave Unruh

3. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports: Commissioner Dave Unruh

The action items in the reports have been reviewed, discussed and acted upon at the Committee level. Members of the Board of Directors may request discussion on any of the action items at the meeting or the reports may be accepted as presented in a single motion.

- A. Review of REAP Minutes from January 14, 2013
- B. REAP Committees and Taskforces Reports
- C. REAP Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Report
- D. Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Recommended Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

4. REAP 2013 Strategic Planning Update: Joe Yager

Highlights from the discussion at the January Board meeting will be presented and an update on the planning process that will lead to a revised three year strategic plan will be provided.

5. Special Program: Economics of Wind Energy

The State of Kansas has taken an active role in wind energy generation over the past decade. There have been two separate studies conducted recently on the economic impact of this energy source. We have invited representatives of both studies to provide their findings.

- **The Economic Impact of the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard, July 2012**
Kansas Policy Institute and Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy Research at Suffolk University
- **The Economic Benefits of Kansas Wind Energy, November 2012**
Polsinelli Shughart Energy Practice Group and the Kansas Energy Information Network

6. Around the Region: REAP Members and Partners (*Time permitting*)

7. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates: REAP Members and Partners

8. Adjourn

The next Board meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013 at the WSU Hughes Metroplex.

Mission

Guide state and national actions that affect economic development in the region and adopt joint actions among member governments that enhance the regional economy.

REAP Meeting Minutes January 14, 2013

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, called the meeting to order; members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. News and Announcements

Chairman Unruh informed the committee of a change in staff as Mr. Brandon Mills joined REAP as a graduate assistant following the departure of Mr. Taylour Tedder who moved on to a position with the City of Derby. The Chairman and Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer, congratulated Mr. Tedder on his new position and presented him with a certificate of appreciation to his service to REAP.

3. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports

Chairman Unruh led the review and discussion of the following REAP committee reports. He noted that the full reports can be found on pages 5-20 of the Board Agenda Packet.

A. Review of the REAP Minutes from November 5, 2012.

No changes or additions were noted.

B. Individual Committees and Taskforces reports:

The Executive Committee addressed the staffing updates as candidates for the assistant director are being identified and beginning the interview phase. This also included the treasurer's report and the approval of fourth quarter payments to Wichita State University for staffing and operations.

The Legislative Committee reviewed a report from the Policy Summit held on December 13 at the Drury-Broadview that had over 90 people including legislators in attendance. It was also noted that Commissioner Unruh and REAP Legislative Chair, Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County, presented to the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation. It was also noted that REAP is scheduled to host a delegation luncheon on Wednesday, February the 13th.

Council Member Jeff Longwell, Wichita, reported that the Economic Development Committee will continue to serve as the CEOB of the local Area IV for WIA in conjunction with a community board. More details will be developed and reported at a later date.

Mayor Marcey Gregory, Goddard, reported that the Water Resource Committee will see some changes as they continue to integrate with the work team of the grant and work on the changes with the staffing structure. It was also noted that the Committee would meet immediately following the REAP Board meeting.

C. REAP Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Report:

Ms. Paula Downs, Project Director, noted the appointment of Harvey County Administrator John Waltner as Consortium Leadership Chair and work on nomination for work team chairs along with approvals on RFP's for a communication and planning consultants. She also mentioned the February 1st kickoff event that will include an elected officials breakfast with WSU President John Bardo speaking on the importance of regionalism. Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton will also be involved in this event. Overall there is a desire for this to be an open and engaging process. The work teams are focusing on not offering duplicative services, but rather to give options and bring already existing initiatives together.

D. Report of the Chief Executive Officer:

Mr. Yager noted that the 2013 assessment letters had been sent out and reviewed points in the budget. He also mentioned that REAP would be willing to give a presentation to any community on any of the items in the 2012 Annual Report or the 2013 Workplan.

Mayor Robert Jackson, Kechi, (Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta) moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation of the REAP 2012 Annual Report and 2013 Work Plans

Mr. Yager presented members with a draft of the 2012 REAP Annual Report, which will be published and mailed to member jurisdictions later this week. He also gave an overview of the individual committee's adopted work plans for the 2013 year. Some specific items of note for the 2013 work plans are staff initiatives that include: improving communication, continued website development, community visits, strategic planning and analyzing assessments structure.

5. REAP 2013 Strategic Planning Discussion

Mr. Yager led a discussion meant to serve as the first in a series of discussions on strategic planning as REAP evaluates an update to its current strategic plan. In response to the question of "What makes REAP special?," many things were noted. Councilmember Longwell mentioned that the shared voice with partner organizations such as GWEDC, Visioneering, Airport Advisory and WAMPO was important. Mayor Jackson and Mayor Gregory felt that the networking and sharing of contacts and information was found of value especially by smaller communities. Mayor Jackson recalled that REAP was instrumental in helping Kechi obtain a joint grant with Bel Aire. Chairman Unruh stated that the Water Resources Committee makes REAP significant as water is a regional issue. Mr. Walter mentioned the importance of the partnership with the Hugo Wall School at Wichita state as giving credibility. Commissioner Willis Heck, Newton, added that the relationship with the various State departments was especially helpful regarding water issues. Mayor Williams added how the regional stance of bringing diverse perspectives together on matters of importance locally and at the state level was seen as important piece of the organization. Mr. Yager agreed to have the highlights of this discussion included in the REAP Review and mentioned that the process of strategic planning will take about half a year.

6. Around the Region

Commissioner Unruh asked members and partners to share anything of note that was occurring in their jurisdictions that might be of interest to the full board. Mr. Cody Sims, Wellington, mentioned that issues on horizontal drilling were still arising in Wellington. Commissioner Westfall noted that in Harvey County the security at the courthouse is going to be required and this is a potentially troubling funding issue. The issue of school funding was also mentioned as an important item to pay attention to at the local level. Commissioner Unruh noted that this would become a routine part of the meeting to help bring awareness of issues in the region to REAP as a whole.

7. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates

No unscheduled items were discussed at this meeting.

8. Adjourn

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

REAP Attendance 01/14/2013

Members/ Alternatives

Chair – Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta
Mr. Randall Oliver, City of Cheney
Ms. Diana Brooks, City of Colwich
Ms. Kathy Sexton, City of Derby
Mayor Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Mayor David Kauffman, City of Hesston
Ms. Irene Hart, City of Hutchinson
Mayor Bob Jackson, City of Kechi
Mr. Daniel J. Shea, Kingman County
Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mt. Hope
Commissioner Willis Heck, City of Newton
Commissioner Jim Nickel, City of Newton
Ms. Dana Walden, City of Park City
Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County
Ms. Kathy Raney, City of Rose Hill
Council Member Thom Noone, City of Sedgwick
Mr. Cody Sims, City of Wellington
Councilmember Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita

Guests

Councilmember LaVonta Williams, City of Wichita
Councilmember Pete Meitzner, City of Wichita
Commissioner Tim Norton, Sedgwick County
Mr. Harland Priddle, K-96 Corridor Assoc.
Mr. James Kilpatrick, Kansans for Liberty
Mr. Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County
Mr. Mike Jacobs, City of Wichita
Mr. Marv Duncan, Sedgwick County
Mr. Randy Riggs, City of Newton
Mr. John Todd, Citizen
Mr. John Walter, Harvey County
Mr. Tim Witsman, WIBA
Mr. Taylour Tedder, City of Derby
Mr. Bill Bolin, SCKEDD

Staff

Dr. Nancy McCarthy-Snyder, WSU
Mr. Joe Yager, WSU
Mr. Dane Baxa, WSU
Ms. Paula Downs, WSU
Mr. Brandon Mills, WSU
Ms. Rebecca Likiardopoulos, WSU

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Item

REAP Committees and Taskforces Reports

Background

Since the November 5, 2012 Board meeting, the REAP Committees received information or acted upon the issues and projects listed below. Agendas and minutes from the committee meetings are available on the REAP website at <http://www.reap-ks.org>.

Report of the Executive Committee

The REAP Executive Committee did not meet, however, the Committee was notified of issues of importance for review. The following is a report of various updates on behalf of the Committee:

REAP Treasurer's Report

The Executive Committee is charged to serve as the treasury for REAP, collect all REAP revenues, make disbursements in accord with the budget adopted by REAP, and conduct financial management of REAP assets in accord with REAP fiscal procedures.

In accordance with the REAP Bylaws and REAP Fiscal Procedures, the annual fees for membership are assessed each calendar year and the official population figures used for state purposes, as recorded by the Kansas Secretary of State. Invoices for 2013 REAP annual members assessments were sent out in December. The attached charts details the 2013 assessment levels and payments received to date (pgs. 12-13). If there are any questions or invoices have been misplaced or not received by the proper individuals please let staff know.

Kansas Affordable Airfares Program Update

In accordance with KSA 74-50, 150, REAP is assigned authority for administering the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program (KAAP). REAP is required to provide an annual financial status report on the expenditures of the state annual grant and local matching moneys under the program to date. As required, staff prepared and provided the official annual expenditure report to the appropriate individuals on January 14, 2013.

REAP Staffing Update

At the November 5, 2012 REAP Board meeting action was taken to approve a structural change to the organization of staffing through the creation of an Executive Director and Assistant Director position. Staff was also directed to initiate the process to accomplish these changes.

The Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University has officially advertised for a public affairs associate to serve as the Assistant Director for REAP. This position will assist the REAP Executive Director with program development, communication and administrative support for the broad implementation of REAP's operations and ensuring that its goals are achieved. The Assistant Director will report directly to the Executive Director.

Required Qualifications: Master’s degree in public administration or closely related field; demonstrated experience working as a member of an organizational team; excellent oral and written communication skills; experience with governmental and administrative issues; demonstrated ability to conduct applied research.

Preferred Qualifications: Successful work experience in local government; and successful experience developing and coordinating conferences and other special events.

Nearly 40 applicants were evaluated and following an evaluation four individuals were selected for interviews. At the time of this report those interviews have been scheduled and an update will be provided at the full Board meeting.

Report of the Legislative Committee

The REAP Legislative Committee met on January 25, 2013. The following highlights information from the Committee.

Legislative Liaison Reports

Mr. Tom Bruno, REAP Legislative Liaison, provides the committee with updates on the 2013 legislative session. Mr. Bruno’s reports in their entirety are available on the REAP website at www.reap-ks.org.

REAP 2013 Legislative Priorities Report

The Committee received an update on the REAP 2013 Legislative Priorities. It was noted that several of the items had not been addressed to date and would be included in future reports as appropriate. The following are some of the highlights of that report:

- **Affordable Airfares** – Airfares is included in the Governor’s recommended budget at the full amount of \$5 million for both FY 14 and FY 15. No hearings are currently planned.
- **ASR Funding** – The Governor has included ASR in his recommended budget for \$500,000 and there are serious discussions on water resources in general.
- **Elections** – There are serious discussions regarding moving local elections to the fall.
- **Taxes** – The governor’s tax bill has received extensive discussion, including talk regarding amendments—letting the penny sales tax die, retaining deductions for home mortgage interest and property tax payments—but there had not been any substantial amendments to the governor’s plan to date.

The Committee also received the following brief updated synopsis of the 2013 priorities:

Maintain Kansas Affordable Airfares Program to assure more flight options, more competition for air travel, and affordable airfares for Kansas.

- KAAP is a partnership with the State that began in 2006 with annual funding each year since (7 consecutive years for a total of \$35 million in State funding).
- Key partners include the Wichita Chamber, Wichita, Sedgwick County, and Garden City.
- Funding is included in the Governors Budget for KAAP for FY 14 & FY 15.

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.

- ASR involves pumping water out of the Little Arkansas River, treating it to drinking-water quality and injecting it into the Equus Beds aquifer. Current consumers of the aquifer are irrigators, municipalities and various industries. Annual requests from the state water plan fund of \$1 million started four years ago. Total appropriations to date amount to about \$3 million.
- Key partner is the City of Wichita.
- The Governor has recommended \$500,000.

Sediment and nutrient reduction programs that protect and sustain the region's public water supplies.

- Improving water quality through a coordinated local, state and federal program targeted at reducing sediment and nutrients in surface water to protect public water supplies and reduce treatment costs for drinking water.
- Key partners include the REAP WRC and the Kansas Water Office.

Aviation research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University.

- NIAR is a university-based aviation research center, providing research, design, testing and certification to the aviation industry and government agencies. From 2003-2006 \$7M was approved for aviation related research to support future products. The Kansas aviation industry then requested enhanced funding, and from 2007-2012 received \$29.65M (roughly \$5M/yr).
- Key partner is Wichita State University.
- The Governor proposes funding for NIAR in the upcoming budget.

Orthopedic research at the Center of Innovation for Bio Orthopedic Research (CIBOR).

- A joint venture by Via Christi Health System and Wichita State University researchers for the development of medical devices through use of composite materials.
- Key partner is Wichita State University.

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.

- An examination of current appropriations of the state water fund would be a healthy and productive exercise that will lead to consensus among the various categories of water users as agricultural, industrial and municipal users must work together for the overall benefit of the state.
- Key partners include the REAP WRC, LKM and Kansas Water Office.

Promote science-based, common sense policies that protect the safety of the region's water supply and air quality; recognizing that the region's job creation potential should not be unnecessarily jeopardized.

- To ensure an affordable and abundant drinking water supply, that will protect and sustain the region's high quality groundwater.

- Air quality added at the Nov. 5th REAP Board meeting with the ozone awareness presentation.
- Key partners include the City of Wichita and REAP WRC.

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.

- The National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT) fuses Kansas’ aviation experience and expertise with cutting-edge instructional techniques and technology.
- Alignment at the State for education and training to benefit the workforce development system.
- Key partners include Sedgwick County and Workforce Alliance.
- The Governor proposes NCAT funding for FY 14 and FY 15.

Support continued evaluation of the feasibility of expanded and existing passenger rail service throughout the State of Kansas.

- Developing the potential of the Wichita MSA into a regional destination along the I-35 corridor.
- East-West rail service included in discussion regarding Newton/Hutchinson/Western Kansas.
- Key partners are the cities of Hutchinson, Newton, and Wichita.

Support home rule authority to provide cities and counties the ability to fund service for local residents.

- As the tax burden continues to shift from the state to the local level, this hope to ensure the ability for cities and counties to obtain funds to serve local residents.

Oppose any changes to existing business incentives that would negatively affect the ability to retain or expand existing businesses or the recruiting of new businesses (i.e. To include but not limited to HPIP and PEAK).

- Key partners include the regional economic development partners and REAP EDC.

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.

- The reauthorization of WIA presents an opportunity to refocus the workforce investment system to focus on skill enhancement, connection on programs, and promote long-term, inclusive economic growth.
- Key partner is the Workforce Alliance.

South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Luncheon Presentation

The Legislative Committee identified two areas of importance in the REAP Strategic Plan:

- 1) **Guide state and national policies** that impact regional economic development by engaging local leadership to represent the region at the state level and developing relationships with state governmental officials.

- 2) **Engage stakeholders** on issues shaping our regional economy by providing regional forums that connect REAP membership with public sector stakeholders and conducting outreach on the purpose and accomplishments of REAP.

In an effort to address these roles, REAP will serve as the sponsor of the weekly South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation luncheon on February 13, 2012. If members are interested in attending they are requested to contact staff.

“Town Hall” Discussion

In an effort to increase engagement, the REAP Legislative Committee has discussed and directed staff to evaluate potential “Town Hall” discussions with legislators while they are in Topeka. Staff is evaluating several methods that would allow REAP members to call in to a set “town hall” meeting with a legislator or several legislators.

Upcoming Events

- **Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) Meeting and Legislative Forum:** 8:30 AM, February 9, 2012, City Arts, 334 North Mead, Wichita, KS 67202
- **SCK Delegation Meeting:** Noon, Wednesday, February 13, 2013, TBD
- **REAP Legislative Committee Meeting:** Noon, February 22, 2013, Workforce Alliance
- **SCK Delegation Forums:**
 - 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 2, 2013, National Center for Aviation Training, 4004 N. Webb Road
 - 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 23, 2013, Wichita State University Metroplex, 29th and Oliver
 - 6:30 PM, Monday, May 6, 2013, Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry RD, Derby, KS 67037

Next Legislative Committee Meeting

The Legislative Committee will meet on **Friday, February 22, 2013**, at Noon at the Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices.

Report of the Economic Development Committee

The REAP Economic Development Committee did not meet in January, however, the Committee was notified of issues of importance for review. The following is a report of various updates on behalf of the Committee:

Workforce Alliance E-News

The WA has created a portal and dissemination of information electronically with the redesign of the website. One of the features allows people to receive notification via email pertaining to the calendar of events and job notifications. In addition there is a feature that allows you to subscribe to electronic versions of the newsletter, press releases, or labor market information. If you are interested please visit: <http://www.workforce-ks.com/index.aspx?page=98>,

Next Economic Development Committee Meeting

The next Economic Development Committee monthly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 28, 2013**, at Noon at the Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices.

Report of the Water Resources Committee

The REAP Water Resources Committee met on January 14, 2013. The following highlights information from the Committee. Additional information and presentations are available on the REAP website: www.reap-ks.org/water.

Water, Wastewater, and Storm Water Rate Survey

WRC staff has begun collecting water, wastewater, and storm water rate information from REAP member communities, and will have a report of findings available at the March 11th, REAP WRC Meeting.

REAP Annual Water Conference Discussion

The Committee provided direction to staff for formalizing an outline for this year's conference including discussion on the date and location of the event as well as session topics and speakers. The theme agreed upon was a focus on drought and staff was directed to work with REAP members in Sumner County to identify a potential venue. An additional possible location was Hesston. In addition, the Committee identified the Governor as a potential keynote and several potential speakers and programs were identified to be highlighted.

Governor's Request for Drought Preparedness Discussion

Members of the Kansas Water Office were invited to share information regarding Governor Brownback's recently convened meeting to discuss the persistent drought and the toll it is continuing to take on Kansas. Plans for 2013 were identified to assist communities, businesses, farmers and ranchers to help cope with the decreasing water supply and historic dry conditions. The Governor asked all Kansans to do their part and take conservation seriously. The main message shared by state leaders was cities and rural water districts need to measure their current water supply as well as review and use their conservation and drought emergency plans. They need to evaluate their experience from this past year and update those plans to make sure they are prepared to address water supply needs should the drought continue as predicted.

Role of the WRC and Sustainable Communities Water Work Team

The REAP Water Resources Committee (WRC) identifies and coordinates collaborative efforts on regional issues of water quality and supply in South Central Kansas. In May of 2007 REAP created the WRC to serve as a regional conduit for dissemination to members of information and education while providing a regional voice on behalf of the members before federal, state, regional and local agencies and organize member involvement in the activities of those agencies.

A key element of the WRC is to facilitate discussion on water supply issues. To support this type of inter-jurisdictional planning REAP was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create a toolbox of options, policies, and resources that local communities can utilize to address housing, transportation, water resources, economic and workforce development issues that impact our regional economy. This planning opportunity engages citizens across jurisdictional boundaries to discuss infrastructure investments that will enhance the region's current and future economic competitiveness in a global marketplace. The initiative will utilize work teams made up of citizens, professionals, and elected officials from cities and counties in the 5 County region (Harvey, Reno, Sumner, Butler, and Sedgwick) to develop regional data and analysis that will be used for the overall regional plan. One of the work teams identified is water resources.

The WRC most recently developed a water resource capacity survey that will be used by the Sustainable Communities initiative to inventory water supply information from communities in the region and the WRC identified the need to determine its role and participation with the sustainability grant and overall long-term planning in its 2013 work plan.

The WRC took action to endorse a proposal by staff to utilize the WRC to serve as the Water Work Team and meet during the off months of the regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings. The work team will include participants from other public water supplies in the region that may not be members of the WRC (rural water districts, whole sale water supplies, and agriculture, business, and residential water customers) as well as local and state agencies that have an interest in public water supplies. All team meeting information as well as progress will be posted on the sustainable community's initiative website.

The WRC will continue to meet bi-monthly as scheduled to carry out their work plan agenda items (see below). The WRC will also be updated on the progress of the water work team regularly, and be given opportunity to provide feedback as needed.

2013 WRC Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the meeting schedule for 2013, survey results on potential meeting days and times, and noted that the committee will continue with the current dates and times for the time being.

Next Water Resources Committee Meeting

The WRC will meet **Monday, March 11 2013** following the REAP Board meeting.

Report of the Bylaws Taskforce

The REAP Bylaws Review Taskforce did not meet since the last REAP Board meeting. With the changes to the organization in regards to staffing the taskforce will need to reconvene to determine appropriate revisions for consideration. There is no official timeframe for completion at this time.

REAP Treasurers Report

Assessments of REAP Members for Calendar-Year 2013

(as of 2/6/13)

Member Jurisdiction	2012 Certified Population	2013 Assessment	Paid Assessment
Andover	11,779	\$3,766	\$3,766
Augusta	9,265	\$1,602	\$1,602
Bel Aire	6,806	\$1,442	
Bentley	534	\$235	
Benton	879	\$257	\$257
Butler County	65,817	\$4,645	
Cheney	2,106	\$337	\$337
Clearwater	2,496	\$362	\$362
Colwich	1,334	\$287	\$287
Conway Springs	1,252	\$281	
Derby	22,279	\$4,448	
El Dorado	13,008	\$3,846	\$3,846
Garden Plain	853	\$255	
Goddard	4,367	\$1,284	\$1,284
Halstead	2,095	\$336	\$336
Harvey County	34,846	\$2,371	\$2,371
Haysville	10,883	\$3,707	
Hesston	3,725	\$1,242	\$1,242
Hutchinson	42,142	\$5,739	
Kechi	1,919	\$325	\$325
Kingman City	3,176	\$1,206	
Kingman County	7,853	\$1,696	
Maize	3,437	\$1,223	\$1,223
McPherson County	29,241	\$2,231	
Mount Hope	816	\$253	\$253
Mulvane	6,127	\$1,398	
Newton	19,230	\$4,250	\$4,250
Park City	7,336	\$1,477	\$1,477
Reno County	64,607	\$4,615	\$4,615
Rose Hill	3,928	\$1,255	\$1,255
Sedgwick	1,703	\$311	\$311
Sedgwick County	501,076	\$15,527	\$15,527
Valley Center	6,861	\$1,446	
Wellington	8,057	\$1,524	
Wichita	384,445	\$27,989	
Total		\$103,170	\$44,926

REAP Treasurers Report

Assessments of REAP WRC Members for Calendar-Year 2013 (as of 2/6/13)

Member Jurisdiction	2012 Certified Population	2013 Assessment	Paid Assessment
Andover	11,779	\$3,883	\$3,883
Augusta	9,265	\$1,695	\$1,695
Bel Aire	6,806	\$1,510	
Benton	879	\$366	\$366
Butler County	65,817	\$800	
Clearwater	2,496	\$487	\$487
Conway Springs	1,252	\$394	
Derby	22,279	\$5,671	
El Dorado	13,008	\$3,976	
Goddard	4,367	\$1,328	\$1,328
Harvey County	34,846	\$800	\$800
Hesston	3,725	\$1,279	\$1,279
Hutchinson	42,142	\$7,161	
Kechi	1,919	\$444	\$444
Kingman County	7,853	\$800	
McPherson County	29,241	\$800	
Mount Hope	816	\$361	\$361
Newton	19,230	\$4,442	\$4,442
Park City	7,336	\$1,550	\$1,550
Rose Hill	3,928	\$1,295	\$1,295
Sedgwick	1,703	\$428	\$428
Sedgwick County	501,076	\$800	\$800
Valley Center	6,861	\$1,515	
Wellington	8,057	\$1,604	
Wichita	384,445	\$32,833	
Total		\$76,222	\$19,158

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REAP Sustainable Communities Grant Report

Background

By entering into the Fiscal Year 2011 Sustainable Communities cooperative agreement REAP officially began the 36 month (February 15, 2012 to February 14, 2015) grant performance period making funds available for the purposes of the grant.

Work Plan Development Update

- Logic Model that addresses activities, measures and outcomes for the grant, is in the process of being updated and submitted as part of the annual report process.
- The budget document will be updated and submitted to HUD to better reflect how funds will be spent during the project. This document is being updated as part of the annual reporting.

Financial Oversight Update

- The reimbursement request has been submitted to Sedgwick County for expenses and payroll ending December, 2012.
- Payroll expenses are sent to Sedgwick County on a monthly basis. Reimbursement for “non-personnel” expenses is being requested quarterly.
- Quarter/Annual financial information has been prepared by Sedgwick County and submitted to HUD for annual report.

Annual Reporting

- All annual reports have been submitted to HUD. Documents address performance, goals and progress on the grant.

Consortium Leadership Team

- The governance of the grant sets out that REAP will appoint a Consortium Leadership Team (CLT). John Waltner, Harvey County Administrator, was appointed as the CLT chair.
- The CLT met January 10, 2013. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14th at the WSU MetroPlex from 9:00 – 11:00.
- The February 14th meeting will be utilized as a community engagement workshop. The CLT will provide information and guidance to the planning consultant in order to draft the community engagement plan. The plan will be submitted to HUD for approval.

Project Kick-Off Event

- The event was held on Friday, February 1st from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the National Center for Aviation Training facility.

- The event included an elected official breakfast from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. with Dr. Bardo, Wichita State University.
- Keynote Speaker Dean Katerndahl, Director of Government Innovations Forum, with the Mid-America Regional Council provided insight on the importance and necessity of thinking and acting regional.
- WSU-Hugo Wall School provided a presentation on regional; demographics, affordability, and financial information on the REAP jurisdictions within the Sustainable Community Grant area. The presentation is posted on the REAP website.
- Project Champion, Shelley Hansel-Williams, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, led the audience engagement by asking questions about advantages/disadvantages in the region and what we need to consider moving forward in the future. This information will be captured in a document that will be sent back out to the participants. It will also be used to help define priorities and considerations as part of the plan development.

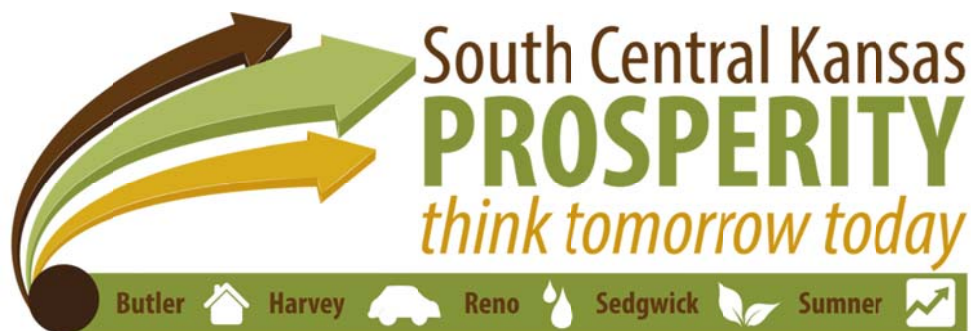
Work Teams

- The work teams have been developed and co-chairs have and are being established.
- Healthy Communities, Built Environment, and Transportation have all had an orientation meeting. Staff is working with the other teams to set up their initial meetings.
- Work teams will be provided assistance related to data/research and evaluation of existing plans.

Website Design/Set-Up

- A purchase order was issued to 360Wichita to develop and host a website in order to provide information about the planning effort. They are building the technical portion of the website.
- The URL thinktomorrowtoday.org has been secured and we are preparing information to place on the website when it goes “live”.
- The Communications Consultant, with the assistance of the CLT, developed the brand/logo/name and it was unveiled at the kick-off event. Staff is working with 360 and the communication consultant to confirm a “go live” date.

Brand/Logo/Name



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Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Background

The REAP Chief Executive Officer submits the following updates and report on relevant information to the REAP organization.

REAP Assessments for 2013

In accordance with the REAP Bylaws and REAP Fiscal Procedures, the annual fees for membership are assessed each calendar year and the official population figures used for state purposes, as recorded by the Kansas Secretary of State. Invoices have been forwarded to each member jurisdiction. Members were forwarded a packet that included a letter, invoice for 2013, 2013 work plan and legislative priorities, 2013 budget, and 2013 meeting schedule.

REAP Receives Sedgwick County Chairman's Award

REAP was honored at the January 16, 2013 Sedgwick County Board meeting with the prestigious *Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners 2012 Chairman's Award* by Sedgwick County Commissioner Tim Norton in recognition for REAP's efforts in enhancing regional economic opportunities through governmental cooperation in South Central Kansas.

Sedgwick County Commissioner Dave Unruh, REAP Chairman, accepted the award on behalf of the members and was joined in attendance by five former REAP Chairman: Former Wichita Mayor Bob Knight; Former Hutchinson Mayor Jeffrey Roberts; Newton Commissioner Willis Heck; Former Sedgwick County Commissioner Tom Winters; and Former Hesston Mayor John Waltner. Also in attendance were Former REAP Senior Consultant Dr. Ed Flentje, Hugo Wall School Director Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, REAP Chief Executive Officer Joe Yager, Former REAP Water Resources Officer Dane Baxa, and current REAP Graduate Assistants Rebecca Likiardopoulos and Brandon Mills.

View the presentation here: http://sedgwick.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=22. (Note: It is the first video under the archives and is item D on the agenda)

Reports Online

REAP staff has placed the official 2012 Annual Report as well as the 2012 South Central Kansas Legislative Policy Summit information on the REAP website: www.reap-ks.org.

Website Updates

REAP staff has made several adjustments and improvements to the website: www.reap-ks.org. Some of the more notable changes are on the Committee pages, meetings page, and general contact information. Staff is committed to ongoing improvement to the website.

REAP Presentations

REAP staff are available to make presentations to your governing bodies, chambers, or any other community groups that you feel would benefit from information about the organization and regionalism. Please contact [Mr. Joe Yager](#), REAP CEO, if you would like to inquire about a presentation.

Social Media

REAP staff has launched an official Twitter account and Facebook page to increase communication opportunities. Please “like” us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@REAPofSCK).

Investor Alert from GWEDC

From: Gary Plummer, Wichita Metro Chamber President and CEO

Re: GWEDC New President Tim Chase

Date: February 6, 2013

We wanted to keep you up-to-date on the news coverage about our newly named GWEDC President Tim Chase. Below is a quick recap with links to some of the recent coverage. He will be starting in Wichita in time to attend the GWEDC annual meeting on Thursday, February 21.

The Wichita Business Journal has several stories, including where a well-known site selector said he considered Tim among the best 10 economic development professionals in the U.S. - [Wichita Business Journal](#).

This past Sunday, the Wichita Eagle featured a profile of Tim and his work in Wichita Falls. That story in particular showed how in the midst of adversity (Wichita Falls was named as one of the 10 cities least likely to survive the recession), community leadership was focused on creating its own destiny. The community aggressively responded with collective strategies and calculated risks that are working. One of those investments mentioned was for a mattress company, but the story did not fully explain the collateral associated with it. On this project, the community’s collateral included a variety of liens and guarantees designed to safeguard their investment in the event the company ceased operations. Foreclosure on these assets would likely result in the recovery of all or most of the investment. - [Wichita Eagle](#).

The final link is to one of the stories that ran in the Wichita Falls area about Tim’s work there. Those who know him there speak highly of his perseverance and attention to detail. - [Wichita Falls](#).

We look forward to you meeting Tim. As always, if you have any questions or want to get even more involved, please let me know at gplummer@wichitachamber.org.

Update from KDOT

The following is an update forwarded from Secretary Mike King, Kansas Department of Transportation. To watch a video of this message, visit <http://youtu.be/ozABDI8bDWg>.

The 2013 legislative session is just three weeks old and already there’s been lots of news coming out of the Statehouse regarding KDOT. So, as promised in my letter to you last month, I want to update you on what’s been happening.

Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger and I have met with many returning and new legislators over the past few weeks and we are strengthening and developing good relationships. What we're hearing from them is that they have a high regard for KDOT, and I think that's due to the great people who work at KDOT and the broad support of Kansans.

I'm sure you've been hearing about several proposals being floated in the Statehouse that would divert revenue away from the State Highway Fund. One of the proposals is included in the Governor's budget for fiscal years 2014-15 and calls for transfers totaling more than \$300 million from the State Highway Fund to the State General Fund. Yes, that's a lot of money. But it's an amount KDOT can handle thanks to big savings from low bids, little or no inflation, great bond refinancing rates and the restructuring here at the agency.

Last week you may also have heard of a proposal that would shift away from the State Highway Fund the four-tenths-of-a-cent sales tax revenue scheduled to begin July 1. I want to assure you that the Governor continues to be a strong supporter of the program. He advocated for it when he campaigned for office, he included it in his Road Map for Kansas and he's reiterated his support numerous times over the past two years. Like most Kansans, he believes strong transportation infrastructure provides the basis for job growth here in the state.

A third item that's been getting a lot of attention early in the session is the Governor's proposal to bring the Kansas Turnpike Authority under the same umbrella as KDOT. I'm very excited about the potential for this partnership and I'll discuss it in my next letter.

Census Workshop Designed to Provide Community Data to Participants

The key to learning the future needs of your community is understanding the trends and changes that have occurred in the past years. Every day of every year, the U. S. Census Bureau collects data throughout the country and the results allow policy makers, local government staff, community based organizations and community leaders to implement and develop the policies necessary to create programs and services for the communities they serve.

The U.S. Census Bureau together with the Center for Economic Development and Business Research, and Wichita State University are offering a workshop to understand the different surveys and products available. This workshop will allow participants to learn how they can access, use data tools, and learn of all resources available to anyone, anytime.

This workshop free and open to the public, but registration is required. If you have any questions, please contact Angeles Ortega at angeles.ortega.moore@census.gov or 720.962.3872.

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Wichita State University, Hughes Metropolitan Complex

New HWS professor featured speaker at Public Finance Conference

Dr. Kenneth Kriz, professor of Public Finance and Economics with the University of Nebraska-Omaha will present the keynote: "Public Finance in the 2010's: an Environmental Scan", at the 2013 Midwest

Regional Public Finance Conference, Feb. 14 and 15 at the Marriott Hotel, Wichita. Dr. Kriz will soon be joining the Hugo Wall School team as the Regents Professor of Public Finance.

Additional conference speakers include Steve Winn, Communications Director, The Concord Coalition; Kelly Edmiston, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Chris Courtwright, Principal Economist, Kansas Legislative Research Department; Randall Allen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Counties; Jeff White, Managing Director, Columbia Capital Management; Tony Schertler, Bryan Kidney and Tom Kaleko, Springsted Inc.; Alan Shorthouse, Assistant Director of Resource Management, City of Olathe, KS; David Miller, Budget Director, and Lindsay Poe Rousseau, Principal Analyst, Sedgwick County, KS. Please visit [Public Finance Conference](#) for additional conference and registration information.

Sustainability Poll

In the February 3, 2013 Wichita Eagle, [Phillip Brownlee](#) wrote *Kansans unafraid of 'sustainability planning'*: Despite attempts by some local officials to portray “sustainability planning” as a United Nations plot to make us all ride bicycles and live in high-rise apartments, Kansans aren’t scared of it. In fact, 75 percent of those surveyed in a new Kansas Policy Institute [poll](#) agreed that communities should work with the Environmental Protection Agency and local groups to plan a “sustainable community.” This includes 62 percent of conservatives. What’s more, 65 percent of Kansans surveyed said that they wanted their federal and local tax dollars used to develop such plans. Read more here: <http://blogs.kansas.com/weblog/2013/02/kansans-unafraid-of-sustainability-planning/#storylink=cpy>

Passenger Rail Update

The following was reported by the *Wichita Business Journal* on February 4, 2013: *Proposed Oklahoma rail project could improve Northern Flyer's chances. A group of Tulsa residents is looking to develop a privately operated rail line between Tulsa and Oklahoma City that would require a relatively small initial investment from the state of Oklahoma, about \$50 million for track upgrades. The [Wichita Eagle reports](#) that if the project moves forward, it could be good news for Wichitans who are [pushing for Amtrak](#) to extend its Heartland Flyer route north from Oklahoma City through Wichita. Amtrak is also considering a different Heartland Flyer extension that would go through Tulsa. [Rick Westcott](#), a former Tulsa City Council member working on the Tulsa-to-Oklahoma City project, says he thinks the two routes could work in concert with one another.*

REAP Meeting Schedule

Meeting schedules for 2013 are available on the REAP website, www.reap-ks.org. Please note that the next REAP meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 11, 2013** at 8:00 AM at the **Hughes Metropolitan Complex**, (29th and Oliver).

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REAP Strategic Planning Process for 2013

Background

In 2010 a strategic planning process was utilized to reinforce the value of the REAP organization, strengthen commitment to the mission and set forth a framework for the direction of the organization through 2013. The 2013 work plan identifies determining a process to review the mission and strategic plan as a priority. At the January Board meeting REAP members were presented highlights from 2012 and work plan items for 2013. Members were asked to begin the process by discussing “What makes REAP special?” The following highlights that discussion:

- **Leadership**
 - **Networking and Connection** – Provide forums that focus on the larger picture for the various communities while providing understanding and connection to neighbors.
 - **Communication and Information** – Allow for a sharing of contacts and information that allow for improvement and opportunities.
 - **Education** – Raise awareness and provide education for various issues of regional significance, such as air, water, oil/fracking, job creation/corridors, etc.
 - **Representation and Consensus Building** – Ability to bring diverse perspectives together on regional matters of importance.
- **Partnership**
 - **Engagement of Various Stakeholders** – Bring several partners together for discussion on workforce development, water resources, economic partnerships, etc.
 - **Encouragement of Regional Planning** – Strong involvement with water as regional issue is vital; includes involvement with the various state agencies regarding water.
- **Advocacy**
 - **Unified Voice** – Provide for the opportunity of a shared voice on legislative issues and with partner organizations such as WAMPO, Visioneering, GWEDC, etc.
 - **Legislative Initiatives/Success** – Focus regional issues and help build local support.
- **Other**
 - **Partnership with WSU** – The partnership with the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University provides credibility with its research and capabilities.
 - **Efforts being duplicated** – Several other areas of the State are looking to replicate.

Next Steps

Staff will work with the information gathered to develop a planning process that will lead to a new or revised three year strategic plan to be presented to the REAP Board by July of 2013. This process will include evaluation of the REAP mission and include a focus from the activities of the Committees while utilizing the existing Strategic Plan to help identify specific and measurable objectives for accomplishing the goals that were identified. A detailed process will be presented at the March REAP Board meeting.

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Special Program: Economics of Wind Energy

Background

The State of Kansas has taken an active role in wind energy generation over the past decade. While it is clear that there have been numerous wind energy projects across the state and that there is an impact economically, specific data about the actual economic impacts generated by these projects is not readily available. Recently there have been two separate studies conducted on the economic impact of this energy source. We have invited representatives of both studies to provide different perspectives on this issue.

The Economic Impact of the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard, July 2012

Kansas Policy Institute and Beacon Hill Institute for Public Policy Research at Suffolk University

About the Kansas Policy Institute

Kansas Policy Institute is an independent non-profit organization that advocates for free markets and the protection of personal freedom. Our work is focused on state and local economic issues in Kansas with particular emphasis on education, fiscal policy and health care. KPI empowers citizens and legislators with credible research and creative ideas to promote a low-tax, pro-growth environment that preserves the ability to provide high quality services. In addition to publishing issue-specific policy analysis and research KPI also operates several web sites that specialize in investigative journalism, state capital news reporting, transparency in government spending and plain language descriptions of actions taken by the Kansas Legislature.

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The Economic Benefits of Kansas Wind Energy, November 2012

Polsinelli Shughart Energy Practice Group and the Kansas Energy Information Network

About the Kansas Energy Information Network (KEIN)

The primary purpose of KEIN is to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and a better understanding of energy issues by creating an archive of past energy news, providing details on individual projects, and making reliable information easily available to the public. The main goal of KEIN is to be the first stop for those who seek Kansas and Great Plains energy information on the internet. KEIN was founded by Scott White in 2001. If you have questions, comments or seek more information, please contact Scott and KEIN at: webmaster at kansasenergy.org

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