

**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Noon, June 21, 2013**  
Wichita Workforce Center  
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Acting Chairman

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**1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:** Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, welcomed attendees and asked for self-introductions.

**2. Minutes from the March 29, 2013 REAP LC Meeting:**

Bob Myers, Newton, moved (Daniel Shea, Kingman County) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. 2013 Legislative Review:** Tom Bruno

Tom Bruno recapped the 2013 legislative session. Bruno noted that the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program (KAAP) is fully funded but a provision in the legislation made Sedgwick County the administrator instead of REAP. Both Sedgwick County and Garden City will receive the same amount of funding in 2014 as they did in 2013. Commissioner Unruh noted that the committee should be concerned with the maintaining the quality administration process for the program and not with who runs it. The southwestern counties and Garden City Chamber of Commerce wanted the governor to line item veto the legislation, but Governor Brownback deferred to the legislature and the proviso remained.

Bruno stated that he has spoken with the Governors Chief of Staff and the proviso will not be in the Governors budget for FY 2015. Jim Heinicke asked Bruno how KAAP is going to work. Bruno noted that the airports would have to provide matching funds. Bob Myers noted that there are political issues with not providing matching funds. Commissioner Unruh noted that a member of the South Central delegation initiated the proviso.

Bruno noted that new conceal and carry legislation goes into effect on July 1, 2014, and the legislature is most likely going to attempt a pass a bill to prohibit publicly-funded lobbying efforts in the next session. Myers noted that all lobbying falls under the first amendment, and the committee expressed their concerns with the legislation. Bruno noted that the South Central region has been successful by having a joint message and working together. He suggested that REAP hold multiple meetings to educate the regions elected officials in the upcoming year. Heinicke asked if REAP could work with cities in Johnson County on crafting a joint message. Bruno noted that with the high levels of turnover in the legislature, some legislators are not fully informed on regional issues. Myers noted that the communities may need to rebrand aviation as advanced manufacturing.

**4. 2014 Legislative Agenda Planning**

Commissioner Unruh requested Henicke call a meeting of REAP partners to check in from time to time. Mr. Bob Myers asked how REAP can get aircraft companies to engage in the legislative efforts as in years past. Bruno noted that when Boeing left, a void was left, they had been the leader in legislative communication in their industry. Bruno also noted that Spirit is working to fill the hole but their changing leadership is making that a challenge. Myers noted that the aviation community might suffer with the cuts to NCAT and NIAR funding. Commissioner Unruh suggested that REAP should encourage the aviation community to engage elected officials, noting that REAP members need to tie together legislative efforts and present a joint message.

Myers suggested that more committee members should reach out to communities in an attempt to spread REAPs message to their counterparts in Topeka. Bruno noted that in the past, REAP has worked with other organizations to sponsor legislative events and felt that was an effective strategy. Myers mentioned that REAP could partner with the Kansas League of Municipalities.

**5. Management Partners Update:** *Jim Heinicke*

Heinicke announced that REAP will receive the organizational assessment from Management Partners on June 28 ,2013. The findings will be presented to the Board of Directors during the July 8, 2013 meeting. Heinicke encouraged all members to review the preliminary findings in the packet before the next meeting. Commissioner Unruh added that the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOTS) were particularly interesting.

**6. Next Meeting Time:** *Jim Heinicke*

Rebecca Likiardopoulos reminded members that the next schedule committee meeting will conflict with the Visioneering City-To-City visit. The committee instructed staff to take appropriate actions to reschedule or cancel the meeting.

**8. Unscheduled Topics:**

The committee discussed its concerns over the recent media attention associated with the Kansas Board of Regents.

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**Attendance**

**Committee Members**

Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County  
Marvin Duncan, Sedgwick County  
Dale Goter, City of Wichita  
Councilmember Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita  
Bob Myers, City of Newton  
Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta

**Guests**

Kelly Bergeron, Workforce Alliance  
Tom Bruno, Bruno and Associates  
Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance  
Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, WSU  
Rick Rekoske, City of Bel Aire  
Daniel Shea, Kingman County

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