

## **REAP Meeting Minutes November 5, 2012**

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

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### **1. Welcome and Introduction.**

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

### **2. News and Announcements**

Commissioner Unruh noted that the Governor was hosting an Oil & Gas Small Business Opportunities Conference on November 27 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Encampment Building, in Hutchinson.

He also noted that the City of Bel Aire sent their regrets for not being able to attend and had requested that Members be invited to the Bel Aire Groundbreaking event on Monday November 5 for Phase One of the Sunflower Commerce Park.

### **3. Special Presentation—Kansas Star Casino Update**

Mr. Scott Cooper, general manager of the Kansas Star Casino provided a presentation and update on the developments of the Kansas Star Casino. The Kansas Star has added the Hampton Inn Suites with 150 rooms attached to the casino. Along with this is a 5,000 seat arena that is a public private endeavor with a myriad of tourist possibilities. The Gaming is run by Boyd Gaming and the revenue is currently ahead of projections. 80-90% of the customers to the Kansas Star are from Kansas. The Casino has a tax burden of 25-27% which is reasonable along with this is 15 year commitment to education which has the possibility to be renewed afterward.

### **4. Special Presentation—Ozone Advance**

Ms. Kay Johnson, The Environmental Initiatives Manager for the City of Wichita, provided a presentation on a voluntary and joint initiative that focuses on reducing ozone levels in the regional airshed. The initiative, Ozone Advance, is meant to address the issue of the Wichita MSA potentially being in violation of the federal attainment numbers. The largest sources of air pollution are non-point, much of which come from burning the Flint Hills. To help in addressing this issue, Ozone Advance is an initiative that promotes a proactive approach working with agencies and groups to educate and engage communities. Dr. Flentje added that this could be a role of REAP and that staff could work with the EDC with plans and recommendations that could then be brought before the full board.

### **5. REAP Staffing Proposal**

Commissioner Unruh noted that pages 9-12 of the agenda packet laid out the proposal the Executive Committee compiled that addressed the organizational capacity and functional structure of staffing for REAP. These were proposed as a vehicle to make operation more efficient and effective looking forward. Ms. Kathy Sexton, City of Derby, noted that there were some language that needed clarification on page 11 regarding oversight, supervision and funding. Commissioner Unruh noted that the general concept could be approved and that the language would be revisited. Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County, (Mayor Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard) moved to approved the proposal. The motion carried on a vote of 15-2.

### **6. 2013 Work Plan, Legislative Priorities and Budget**

Commissioner Unruh presented the proposal, on pages 13-20 of the agenda packet, of the Executive Committee from their October 26 meeting regarding the 2013 legislative priorities, committee action items and the proposed 2013 budget. There was some discussion on the legislative priorities which

included T-works, continuation of monitoring HPIP and PEAK, air quality management, and to continue to monitor passenger rail.

Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County (Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mount Hope) moved to endorse the 2013 priorities subject to review by the Water Resource Committee on their specific items. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita (Commissioner Willis Heck, City of Newton) moved to adopt the 2013 Legislative Priorities. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dillon (Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County) moved to continue staffing assistance to REAP provided by the Center for Urban Studies, Wichita State University during calendar year 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dillon (Councilmember Longwell) moved to enter into contract with Bruno and Associates for legislative liaison to REAP for 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Unruh noted that the proposed budget for 2013 was consolidated to account for the structural change in staffing and that the budget and assessments would need to be a high priority in 2013.

Commissioner Dillon (Councilmember Longwell) moved to adopt the REAP budget for calendar year 2013. The motion carried on a vote of 15-2.

#### **7. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports**

Commissioner Unruh presented the consent agenda and committee reports which included the review of the REAP minutes from September 10, 2012 and October 1, 2012, REAP Committees and Taskforces Reports, REAP Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Report and the Report of the Chief Executive officer, pages 21-43 in the agenda packet.

Ms. Sexton (Mayor Keith DeHaven, City of Sedgwick) moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **8. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates**

No unscheduled items were discussed at this meeting.

#### **9. Adjourn**

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

## **REAP Attendance 10/5/2012**

### *Members/ Alternatives*

Chair – Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County  
Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta  
Mr. Dale Shaffer, City of Benton  
Ms. Kathy Sexton, City of Derby  
Mr. Herb Llewellyn, City of El Dorado  
Ms. Marcey Gregory, City of Goddard  
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County  
Mr. David Kauffman, City of Hesston  
Mayor Bob Jackson, City of Kechi  
Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County  
Mayor Terry Somers, City of Mount Hope  
Commissioner Willis Heck, City of Newton  
Commissioner Jim Nickel, City of Newton  
Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County  
Ms. Kathy Raney, City of Rose Hill  
Mayor Keith DeHaven, City of Sedgwick  
Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County  
Mr. Cody Sims, City of Wellington  
Councilmember Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita

### *Guests*

Mr. John Walter, Harvey County  
Mr. Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County  
Ms. Gina Bell, Harvey County  
Ms. Irene Hart, City of Hutchinson  
Mr. Harland Priddle, K-96 Corridor Assoc.  
Mr. Daniel J. Shea, Kingman County

Mr. Randy Riggs, City of Newton  
Mr. Marv Duncan, Sedgwick County  
Councilmember Lavonta Williams, City of Wichita  
Councilmember Pete Meitzner, City of Wichita  
Ms. Kay Johnson, City of Wichita  
Mr. Dale Goter, City of Wichita  
Mr. Mike Jacobs, City of Wichita  
Mr. Andy Schlapp, WSU  
Ms. Kelly Bergeron, Workforce Alliance  
Mr. Bill Bolin, SCKEDD  
Mr. Scott Cooper, Kansas Star  
Ms. Megan Strader, Kansas Star  
Mr. John Todd, Citizen  
Mr. Gerald H. Holman, Chamber of Commerce  
Mr. John Stevens, District 86  
Mr. David Traster, Foulston Siefkin  
Mr. Jim Heinicke, Jim Heinicke LLC  
Mr. James Kilpatrick, Kansans for Liberty

### *Staff*

Dr. Nancy McCarthy-Snyder, WSU  
Dr. Ed Flentje, WSU  
Mr. Joe Yager, WSU  
Mr. Dane Baxa, WSU  
Ms. Paula Downs, WSU  
Ms. Rebecca Likiardopoulos, WSU  
Mr. Taylour Tedder, WSU