



**Legislative Committee
Meeting Agenda
12:00 NOON, January 29, 2010**
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Mayor Kristey Williams, Chairman

I. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Kristey Williams

II. Special Presentation: Mayor Kristey Williams and Council Member Jeff Longwell

III. Review of Minutes from the November 20, 2009 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting:
Council Member Jeff Longwell

Recommended Action: Approve or modify minutes as needed.

IV. REAP Legislative Committee Business

1. Update of REAP Legislative Committee 2010 Work Plan: Mr. Tom Bruno
An update will be provided on the progress of the REAP 2010 legislative priorities.

2. KAAP Update: Mr. Joe Yager
An update will be provided on the KAAP program and upcoming Air Coalition meeting.

3. Water Issues Update: Ms. Angela Buzard
The League of Kansas Municipalities is sponsoring City Hall Day on Wednesday, February 3.

4. Historic Tax Credits: Council Member Jeff Longwell
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5. Kansas City, MO Legislative Initiatives: Mr. Joe Yager

6. Sustainability Conference Review: Ms. Angela Buzard
A report will be provided on the 2nd Annual Sustainability Conference on January 22-23 in Wichita.

7. City Hall Day: Council Member Jeff Longwell
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8. Legislative Engagement Discussion: Mayor Kristey Williams

9. 2009 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule: Council Member Jeff Longwell
The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2010.

10. Other Business: Council Member Jeff Longwell

V. Adjourn

Legislative Committee
Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2009
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Mayor Kristey Williams, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta, opened the meeting; members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

2. Review of Minutes from the September 25, 2009 and October 23, 2009 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting

Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita, moved (Mayor Williams) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of the South Central Kansas Legislative Policy Summit

Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer, presented a rough draft of the 2009 South Central Kansas Policy Summit that included confirmed and unconfirmed speakers. Mr. Yager noted that the Water 101 session would be renamed Perspectives on Water Issues, and that Ms. Angela Buzard, Executive Officer of REAP Water Resources Committee, was contacting presenters. Mr. Yager stated that due to timing the Information Technology session would be dropped from the meeting schedule. Mr. Yager noted that staff was working on confirming sponsors to lower costs. Finally, Mr. Yager noted that a finalized schedule with speakers would be forward to REAP members prior to the event. The Committee requested that with the agenda notification that REAP members be asked to talk to their legislators about the summit and encourage their involvement.

4. Update and Discussion of Unified Legislative Agenda

Mr. Yager provided LC committee members with an update on the ULA agenda. He noted that the agenda was proposed on Monday afternoon and that the final agenda would be presented at the policy summit on December 3rd.

5. Identification of Priorities for 2010

Mayor Kristey Williams noted that a copy of the 2010 LC priorities and work plan could be found on page 7 of the agenda packet. Mr. Yager noted that it contained priorities from 2009 and new priorities based on discussion at the REAP retreat. The committee discussed the issue of eminent domain and decided to move the issue from the list of priorities to the monitoring portion of the work plan. The CIBOR and Bioscience bullet was discussed by the committee who determined to keep it on the priority list. The issue of transportation was determined to be important and the committee suggested that the language of the bullet should be modified and re-endorsed. A third bullet addressing workforce training and technical education was added to the priorities list and members of the LC, and Mr. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance, discussed the importance of the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act to ensure continued local control. With respect to water, the issue of agreements between rural water districts and municipalities was considered a priority and added to the 2010 legislative priorities list. Mayor Williams also made the addition under the committee's work plan of adding a bullet that the committee would engage and educate REAP members so that they would be prepared to contact their legislators about issues of legislative importance. Ms. Stephanie Knebel, City of Derby, noted that the committee should really emphasize engagement and involvement in Topeka. When discussions concluded Mr. Yager noted that a final draft would be emailed to the committee for approval. Through consensus REAP staff was directed to forward a proposed work plan to the Executive Committee to be included in the 2010 work plan.

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6. 2010 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule

Mayor Williams presented the 2010 LC schedule. The schedule was approved by consensus by LC members.

7. Continuation of Legislative Liaison Contract for 2010

Members of the LC evaluated the option of continuing the agreement with Mr. Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates, as legislative liaison to REAP. Council Member Longwell stated that it was critical that REAP continue with him. Ms. Buzard noted that the WRC and Executive Committee may chose to add specific work on water issues to his contract, increasing compensation.

By consensus the LC recommended that a recommendation to retain Bruno & Associates be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjourn

Having no other business the August 28th Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned.

REAP Legislative Committee	
<i>Attendance</i>	
11/20/2009	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
Mayor Kristey Williams	City of Andover
Council Member Jeff Longwell	City of Wichita
Ms. Stephanie Knebel	City of Derby
<i>Guests and Staff</i>	
Mr. Tom Bruno*	REAP Legislative Liaison
Mr. Keith Lawing	WA
Dr. John Wong	WSU
Mr. Joe Yager	WSU
Ms. Angela Buzard	WSU
Ms. Becky Eby	WSU

*Present for items 1-6.

Agenda Item 1

Update of REAP Legislative Committee 2010 Work Plan

REAP Legislative Committee 2010 Work Plan

Adopted December 14, 2009

Legislative Priorities

- Maintain Kansas Affordable Airfares Program to assure more flight options, more competition for air travel, and affordable airfares for Kansas.
- Advance legislative action to establish the next phase of a comprehensive transportation plan for Kansas.
- Advance legislative and administrative action to secure state financial participation in:
 - business-driven technical education and training that supports the regional economy.
 - 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.
 - aviation research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University.
 - orthopedic research at a Center of Excellence on Composites Research and Development at Wichita State University.
 - graduate medical education program at the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education.
- Support amicable resolution to the territorial disputes between rural water districts and municipalities.
- 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.

Legislative Committee Work

- Monitor progress on legislative priorities for 2010 and give guidance to legislative liaison as issues arise.
- Monitor legislative action related to annexation for any threats to economic development in the region.
- Monitor legislative action that may limit the use of eminent domain for local economic development.
- Develop and sponsor regional legislative policy summit.
- Develop and implement ongoing communication procedures between REAP and area legislators.
- Identify and make REAP members aware of legislative issues of significance to South Central Kansas and promote engagement.
- Recommend legislative priorities to REAP for the 2011 legislative session.

Agenda Item 3 **Water Issues Update**

Water Legislation to Note

The following legislation has been brought to the attention of the Committee on behalf of the Water Resources Committee.

HB 2428 (drinking water fees): The House Vision 2020 Committee is considering this newly introduced bill which would assess a sustainability fee of 3 cents per 1,000 gallons of water to public water suppliers served by surface water systems. The fee would not be charged to groundwater systems. For a household using 5,000 gallons per month, the new fee is estimated to add 15 cents to the bill. The fee would generate an estimated \$2 million annually to fund monitoring and remediation of sedimentation in water supply lakes.

HB 2283 (RWD Service Area Annexations): This bill was originally introduced in the 2009 session and after being overwhelming approved in the house was combined with another bill in the Senate to create SB 51. This new bill was approved in the Senate and forwarded to the Governor who vetoed the bill due provisions in the annexation piece.

HB 2283 is being pushed again this session and is currently slated for a conference committee discussion, however the exact time and date of the committee is not yet known. Staff has been made aware that some members of the conference committee intend to strike section 6 of the bill relating to Intensive Ground Water Control Areas (IGUCAs) and add a section regarding the financial compensation cities should provide Rural Water Districts (RWDs) for territory with no customers or infrastructure. This amendment is being referred to as the “bare ground” amendment and essentially implies the value of such territory should be zero. The value of bare ground is the main issue of contention between cities and RWDs and this amendment would weigh heavily in favor of cities.

Agenda Item 4 **Historic Tax Credits**

REAP Support of Restoration of Historic Tax Credits

Senator Les Donovan, chair of the Senate Tax Committee, scheduled a hearing on SB378 at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28. This bill was drafted at the request of the City of Wichita and corrects the legislative error from last year's budget balancing effort.

Several entities, including, the City of Wichita, Wichita Downtown Development Corp., Wichita Chamber of Commerce, and others were scheduled to provide testimony. The message being conveyed is:

- 1) To encourage the Tax Committee to recommend SB378 favorably,
- 2) Note that the current situation is the result of unintended consequences from last year's budget balancing exercise, and
- 3) Acknowledge the tremendous value that HTCs bring to local communities.

Historic tax credits were not a REAP priority, however, by request of the REAP Chair and REAP Legislative Chair, REAP staff has compiled information on the impact the credits have had on the region. Please see the attached table for a breakdown of the projects that have utilized the credits since its inception.

Due to the large number of communities across the region that have accessed this important economic development tool, staff recommends REAP adopt a statement of support to accompany the compiled information.

Recommended REAP Legislative Position:

Historic Tax Credits were enacted by the 2001 Kansas Legislature and have spurred major investments in downtowns and old neighborhoods, allowing local governments to tap into a formerly unutilized source of property tax revenue. Out of 908 projects across the entire state of Kansas, the REAP region is home to 190, or 21% of those projects.

REAP supports incentives for economic development and believes that the Historic Tax Credits are essential to leverage financing, draw developers and investors to Kansas, create jobs, and to improve the Kansas economy.

Historical Tax Credits:

Project List for the REAP Region by County

Butler County

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Augusta	Augusta Historic Theatre	1
El Dorado	El Dorado Train Depot, Robert H. Hazlett House, Butler County Courthouse	3

Cowley

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Arkansas City	Osage Hotel, Buford Theater and Commercial Building	2
Winfield	Mundinger Hall, Petit Cleaners, West Dormitory – St. John’s College, Evely-Coffin House, Grace Methodist Church, Hackney House	6

Harvey

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Halstead	Halstead Heritage Museum and Depot	1
Newton	Cunningham Building, Frontier Building, Hanlin-Penneys Building, Lincoln School, Railroad Savings and Loan Building, Santa Fe Depot, 220 E 1 st Street, 324 E 3 rd Street, 328 E 3 rd Street, 419 E 1 st Street, 421 N Walnut Street, 500 N Main, 521 N Main, Anderson Book & Office, Supply, First National Bank, Masonic Lodge Building	16

Kingman

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Kingman County	Kingman County Courthouse	1

McPherson

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
McPherson	Darrah Barn, McPherson Opera House, McPherson Power Plant	3

Reno

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Hutchinson	American Hotel, Campbell Hotel, Hamlin Block, Kelly Mills, Plaza Towers, Ranson Hotel, Sentney Grocery Wholesale Warehouse, Wells Fargo Building, American Hotel/Anchor Inn, Armstrong Loft, Frank D. Wolcott Home, Hostetler Home, Judge Vandever House, Ramsey House	14

Sedgwick

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Sedgwick County	Kansas African American Museum, Historic Courthouse/Munger Buildings, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument	3
Wichita	Anawalt House, Campbell Castle (at Riverside) Brown Building, 134 North St. Francis, 1156 N Topeka Ave, 809 West Douglas Building, 811 West Douglas Building, 815 West Douglas Building, Broadview Hotel, Bronston Building, Bronson Building, Dunbar Theatre, Eagle's Lodge #132, Eaton Hotel, Fairmount (Granada) Apartments, Farmer's & Banker's Building, General Electric Warehouse/Office, Grant Telegraph Building, Hayford Building-East, Hayford Building-West, International Harvester, Keep Klean Build, Kirkwood Building, Kress Building, L.W. Clapp House, Lassen Hotel , Lawrence Block-Bowers Hotel, Lewelling House, Mullen Court Apartments, Nash Building, Navarre Apartments, Nokomis Apartments, Old English Court Apartments, Orpheum Office, R.A. Neely House Rock Island Depot, S.T. Major House (Purdue House), Schweiter-Bissantz Building, Stoner Apartments, Stopher Apartments, Virginia Apartments, W.A. Dye Chili Building, Wichita City (Carnegie) Library, Wichita High School, Wichita Hotel , 1101 Bitting Ave, 1139 N Bitting, 1240 N Emporia, 1244 N Emporia, 1245 N Emporia 1331 North Emporia, 1349 N Emporia, 1407 Park Place, 1504 Fairview Ave, 1552/1554 Fairview, 1631 N Fairview, 1631 Park Place, 1721 Fairview Avenue, 1744 Park Place, 519 N Broadway, Administration Building Municipal Airport, Arnold House, Atkeson House, Atkinson-Spark House, Beech (Yellow Cab Company), Bergman House, Bonham Residence, Bowers House, C.M. Jackman House, Calvary Baptist Church , Camp House, Carlisle House, Chain House, Chester Long House, Clapp Manson, Darrigrand House, Eaton Hotel, Elizabeth Orr House ,	134

	<p>Fairmount United Church of Christ, Fralick Building (Old Mill Tasty Shop), Franklin Apartments, Gelbach House, General Electric Supply Corporation, Grant Telegraph, H.C. Tilford House, Hauser Garrison Dry Good Company, Henry Sluss House, Hillside Cottage, Hopkins House, Howe House, Innes Station, J. Arch Butts House, Kansas Aviation Museum – Administration Building, Kaufman Building, Keck House II, Kessler House, Marc Clapp House, Matson House, McKibbens House, Meeker House, Middlekauff House, Mosley Street (previously Yellow Cab Co.), National Biscuit Company, Newbern-Gore House, Noble House, Nodurfth House, Occidental Hotel, Old Wichita City Hall, Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Orpheum Theater, Osborne House, Owen House, Petroleum Building (Ellis Singleton Building), Plant B (Coleman Lamp and Stove Co.), Pratt-Campbell House, R.D.W. Clapp Residence</p> <p>Reiff House, Roberts House, Rogers House, Root-Sternberg House, Rumley Building, Scottish Rite Temple, Smyth Building, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Sternburg Mansion, Stewart House, Tarrington House, The Dewey House, Trice-Strong House, Vermillion Home, Viele House, West House, Clendenin House, Wey Mansion</p>	
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Sumner

<i>City</i>	<i>Project List</i>	<i>Project Total</i>
Wellington	109-111 S Washington, Old Masonic Lodge (Lincoln Place), Smith Building, Smith Edwin House (Pink House), Chisholm Trail Museum, Wellington Icehouse	6

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Agenda Item 5 **Kansas City, MO Legislative Initiatives**

Kansas City, MO Focuses Legislative Initiatives on Economic and Job Gains

The article below appeared in the ICMA daily briefing for January 20, 2010. Also included is the adopted list of priorities for Kansas City, MO, including an addition since the article.

ICMA News Briefing

The [Kansas City Star](#) (1/19, Noble) reported Kansas City will focus on "economic development and job creation" this year in its legislative initiatives, and work toward incentives to help it compete with neighboring communities in Kansas that "have been poaching development from Kansas City for years." The city wants the state to provide incentives for developers "up front," and also wants "measures that expand childcare subsidies for the working poor, allow for the creation of tax-free areas, and direct tax revenues toward high-tech jobs and industry." The Star added, "Another city-backed proposal would allow municipalities to create 'duty-free zones' exempt from some taxation in economically blighted neighborhoods to spur development," and "Kansas City has identified a roughly two-square-mile area...as the potential site of such a zone."

KCMO Priorities

The City of Kansas City, MO joins the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Council, the Economic Development Corporation and other civic organizations in supporting the following proposals to promote regional economic development:

- Retaining existing state economic development incentives and programs – including MODESA, state TIFs, tax credits, and other programs – that benefit Kansas City area projects.
- Developing new economic development tools that help level the playing field with competing states and give Missouri – and the Kansas City region – a competitive edge in growing, attracting and retaining development that provides jobs and contributes to a high quality of life now and in the future.
- Reducing the eligibility threshold in Missouri's Quality Jobs Act for job retention projects.
- Developing innovative tools to grow and support science and technology industries, such as the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act and the Missouri Jobs for the Future Act.
- Improving access and lowering the cost of child care for low-income workers.
- Passing the Port Authority Act to allow for environmental remediation at Port Authority sites throughout Missouri.
- Adopting new mechanisms to promote development of the Vine Street District and similar distressed districts throughout Missouri.
- Fully funding the First Quartile Kansas City projects listed in the Joint Committee on Capital Improvements and Leases Oversight report: \$5 million for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority; \$10 million for East Village infrastructure; \$6.75 million for Oxford on the Blue; and \$2.8 million for the Metropolitan Community College's Homeland Security Regional Training Institute.
- Supporting additional funding for improvements to United States Highway 71 to upgrade the highway to Interstate Highway 49.