



**Legislative Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
12:00 NOON, March 26, 2010**  
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices  
Mayor Kristey Williams, REAP Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Kristey Williams
2. Review of Minutes from the February 26, 2010 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting: Mayor Kristey Williams

***Recommended Action: Approve or modify minutes as needed.***

3. 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.*
4. Kansas Affordable Airfares Update: Mr. Joe Yager  
*A Legislative Audit has been requested on the airfares program. An update will be provided.*
5. Water Issues Update: Ms. Angela Buzard  
*An update on legislative issues relating to water will be provided.*
6. Technical Education Day in Topeka: Mr. Joe Yager  
*A delegation of employers and business leaders from across Kansas is being assembled to spend March 31 in Topeka to raise awareness about the importance of technical education to economic growth. REAP representation is scheduled to attend some of the events for the day.*
7. Important Dates and Upcoming Events: Mayor Kristey Williams
  - Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Last day to CONSIDER BILLS NOT IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by committees listed above.*
  - Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> No bills considered after this date except BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND OMNIBUS RECONCILIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT BILL. Veto session approximately two and one-half weeks after last day of regular session.*
  - Sine Die To be announced*
8. 2010 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule: Mayor Kristey Williams  
*The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2010.*

9. Other Business: Members of the Committee

10. Adjourn

**Legislative Committee  
Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2010**  
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices  
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chair

**I. Welcome and Introductions.**

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

**II. Review of Minutes from the November 20, 2009 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting**

Mayor Dion Avello, City of Derby, moved (Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Derby) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. REAP Legislative Committee Business**

*1. Update of REAP Legislative Committee Workplan*

Mr. Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates, gave the Legislative Committee an update on the 2010 LC Workplan priorities via conference call. A copy was provided on page four of the agenda packet. He noted that funding was currently secure for the KAAP and for various other projects such as, CIBOR, ASR, and NIAR. On the issue of Historic Tax Credits he noted that both chambers were holding hearings. He also highlighted multiple water bills, and provided members with an update on state revenues. It was noted that due to a disparity between projected and actual revenues the legislature may be considering a one cent sales tax, an increase in liquor and cigarette taxes, or possibly the addition of another rate or surcharge for the state income tax. It was also noted that REAP members should do their best to contact their legislators while they are home in their districts about both their community's priorities and the REAP priorities.

*2. Historic Tax Credits*

Council Member Longwell thanked staff for crafting a position for REAP on Historic Tax Credits. A copy of the position was provided on pages 5-7 of the agenda packet. He also noted that Mr. Dale Goter, City of Wichita, had indicated that things were moving in a positive direction and that it was expected that the bill would be restored to its original intent.

*3. Water Issues Update*

Ms. Angela Buzard, Executive Officer of the REAP Water Resource Committee, provided LC members with an update on water issues. She specifically noted HB 2283, HB 2428, and HB 2549.

*4. Northern Flyer Alliance Update*

Mr. Joe Yager, Chief Executive Officer of REAP provided LC members with an email update on the passenger rail initiative. The update was provided on page eight of the agenda packet.

*5. Technical Education Day*

Mr. Yager noted that a delegation of employers and business leaders from across Kansas would be assembling in Topeka, on March 31<sup>st</sup> for a Technical Education Day. It was noted that REAP supported this event, especially since business-driven technical education was a legislative priority. More information was provided on page nine of the agenda packet.

*6. City Hall Day Review*

Council Member Longwell provided LC members with a review of City Hall Day. It was noted that all seven Wichita City Council members went to Topeka to participate in the League of

Kansas Municipalities sponsored event. It was also noted that this was a great opportunity for the mayor and council members to build relationships with other Kansas municipalities.

*7. Legislative Engagement*

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta, began a discussion on how REAP could get more individuals involved with the Legislative Committee. It was noted that the REAP Reviews and the Legislative Committee webpage updates were a great start.

*8. Kansas City, MO Legislative Initiatives*

Mr. Yager provided LC members with a copy of the KCMO legislative initiatives on economic and job gains. It was noted that this document was only meant to inform, but that it could be used to identify potential priorities in the future.

*9. 2010 Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule*

It was noted that the next LC meeting would be held at Noon on March 26, at the Workforce Alliance.

**IV. Adjourn**

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

<b>REAP Legislative Committee</b>	
<b><i>Attendance</i></b>	
<b><i>2/26/2010</i></b>	
<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Jurisdiction</i></b>
Council Member Jeff Longwell	City of Wichita
Mayor Kristey Williams	City of Augusta
Mayor Dion Avello	City of Derby
Ms. Stephanie Knebel*	City of Derby
*Ex-Officio	
<b><i>Guests and Staff</i></b>	
Mr. Tom Bruno	REAP Legislative Liaison
Mr. Joe Yager	WSU
Ms. Angela Buzard	WSU
Ms. Becky Eby	WSU



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## **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.

### ***REAP has taken the following stance on Historical Tax Credits: Adopted February 8, 2010***

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.





