

**Legislative Committee
Meeting Agenda**

12:00 NOON, August 27, 2010

Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introductions: Council Member Jeff Longwell
2. Review of Minutes from the May 28, 2010 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting: Council Member Jeff Longwell

Recommended Action: Approve or modify minutes as needed.

3. Kansas Affordable Airfares Update and Discussion: Mr. Joe Yager
An update on the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program will be provided. Members will be asked to discuss the future of the program.

4. Transportation Update: Ms. Kathy Sexton
It has been suggested that REAP take the initiative in bringing the region together to discuss and prioritize the projects for our region. The Committee is asked to discuss and help formulate a process for identifying the combination of projects that will best serve the region within the dollars available.

Recommended Action: Determine procedure for regional workshop(s) on transportation.

5. REAP Endorsement of State Water Plan Fund Reevaluation: Mr. Dale Goter
REAP provided a letter of support for a reevaluation of the State Water Plan Fund as part of the 2011 LKM Statement of Municipal Policy. An update will be provided.

6. 2010 REAP Policy Summit: Mr. Joe Yager
The Committee is asked to discuss and provide input into the agenda and content of the summit which is tentatively planned for December 2-3, 2010.

Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.

7. 2011 Issue Identification: Council Member Jeff Longwell
The Committee is asked to identify issues of importance in preparation of the Policy Summit and annual REAP retreat in November.

8. 2011 REAP Legislative Liaison Discussion: Council Member Jeff Longwell
The Committee will discuss the position of REAP legislative liaison for 2011.

9. Other Business: Members of the Committee

10. Adjourn

Reminder: The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2010.

**Legislative Committee
Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2010**
Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chair

II. 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 April 30, 2010 REAP Legislative Committee Meeting

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta, moved (Mr. Bob Myers, City of Newton) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REAP Legislative Committee Business

1. Kansas Affordable Airfares Update

Members of the Legislative Committee were provided with an Air Service Update handout provided by Ms. Valerie Wise, Mid-Continent Airport. Members discussed the KAAP schedule for the 2011 RFP, noting that the proposals were due on June 18th and that the Executive Committee would review the proposals on July 7th and bring the recommended proposal to REAP on July 12th. Ms. Tammy Bradley, Bothner and Bradley, noted that the committee should look at what needs to be done to continue the program in the future. Members discussed the KAAP's importance for economic development and noted that discussion had been initiated on this issue.

2. Update of REAP Legislative Committee 2010 Workplan

Kansas State Senator Carolyn McGinn and REAP Legislative Liaison Mr. Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates, provided committee members with an update on the 2010 Legislative Session. It was noted that the main priorities survived the session and received their necessary funding. Senator McGinn and Mr. Bruno also discussed the budget, new transportation plan, and sales tax increase. With respect to KAAP, Senator McGinn noted that the numbers and data were positive in showing the success of the program but that the committee needed to begin thinking about how to brand the program in order to receive future funding.

3. Water Conference Review and Update on Issues

Ms. Angela Buzard, Executive Officer REAP Water Resources Committee, provided members with a brief review of the 2010 REAP Regional Water Conference. It was noted that there were over 90 people in attendance at the conference and that initial feedback showed speakers and sessions were well received. In regards to water issues it was noted that the ASR project received funding and that steps had been taken to make conservation a beneficial use of water rights.

4. South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation Appreciation

To thank the SCK Legislative Delegation for their work over the session, staff suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent out to members of the delegation. Council Member Longwell moved (Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta) to approve that a letter of appreciation on behalf of REAP to be forwarded to the members of the SCK Legislative Delegation. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2010 Legislative Committee Schedule

Due to a potential staff conflict Council Member Longwell moved (Mr. Myers) to approve that the Legislative Committee not meet in June and evaluate the need for the July meeting. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that staff would still provide a June and July report if necessary.

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6. Other Business

There was no other business to note.

IV. Adjourn

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

REAP Legislative Committee	
<i>Attendance</i>	
5/28/2010	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>
Council Member Jeff Longwell, Chair	City of Wichita
Mayor Kristey Williams	City of Augusta
Mayor Dion Avello	City of Derby
Mr. Bob Myers	City of Newton
Commissioner Dave Unruh	Sedgwick County
Mayor Carl Brewer	City of Wichita
Mr. Dale Goter	City of Wichita
<i>Guests and Staff</i>	
Senator Carolyn McGinn	Kansas Senate, District 31
Ms. Tammy Bradley	Bothner and Bradley
Ms. Valerie Wise	Wichita Mid Continent Airport
Ms. Kelly Fuller	Workforce Alliance
Mr. Tom Bruno	REAP Legislative Liaison
Dr. Ed Flentje	WSU
Mr. Joe Yager	WSU
Ms. Angela Buzard	WSU
Ms. Becky Eby	WSU

Agenda Item 4 Transportation Update

Regional Transportation Discussions

On Monday, August 23, 2010, the Kansas Department of Transportation held the T-WORKS Wichita Workshop which was the kickoff of the new transportation program for the State of Kansas. Similar workshops are being held throughout the State and a webinar will be offered on September 7, 2010 for those who missed or had a conflict with any of the planned workshops. A note from Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller is attached.

The following are observations and concerns raised during the workshop:

- From the 2009 Local Consultation process with T-LINK, KDOT has created a top tier listing of potential projects to receive funding based on scoring through a model they developed. From this list KDOT will make a South Central Kansas package of projects. The Proposed Range of available funding for expansion and modernization projects is \$300-\$600 Million over 10 years, but the list includes 34 identified projects, which is far more than can be funded with the available money.
- With the new T-WORKS plan, it was suggested by KDOT that each region identify the top projects from those provided that it wishes to include as priorities. One of the issues is that with the limited funds, the high cost of the projects, and the density of projects in Wichita/Sedgwick County, there is a real need to identify as a region the top priorities and the rationale as to why they are the priorities.
- Furthermore, KDOT has placed a timeframe on this initiative with prioritization needing to be accomplished by October. In October, KDOT will host another round of meetings at which we can discuss our region's needs and the various projects. Then, KDOT plans to have the list for the State completed no sooner than February, with projects starting in 2013.

Therefore, it has been suggested that REAP take the initiative in bringing the region together to discuss and prioritize the projects for our region. WAMPO will also play a role for its region (Sedgwick County, Andover, & Mulvane), and REAP is in close communication with WAMPO. In order to do this we recommend that we hold one or two workshops on transportation mid to late September, perhaps one whole day or two half-day events that allow us to have presentations from our communities on their projects, discussion on the impacts of the projects, and finally a prioritizing of the proposed projects. We would also prepare a document/white paper about the results of the workshops, including the needs of the region and potential scenarios that should be considered in awarding funding to projects.

Recommended Action: Determine procedure for regional workshop(s) on transportation.



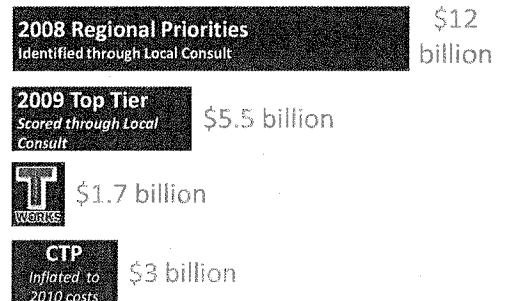
Welcome to the 2010 T-WORKS workshop. We wouldn't be here today without your support and I appreciate you making time to participate. I am excited about the new programs and approaches that are being implemented and recognize that most of the ideas came from you; emerging out of meetings like this one over the last four years. Your participation matters!

The purpose of today's workshop is two-fold; first to provide information about T-WORKS and the new programs and approaches that are being implanted and second – to begin preparing for the October local consult meetings.

..... **New Programs & Approaches**

At today's workshops, you'll have the chance to learn about the new Federal Fund Exchange Program which will make it easier for local governments to build projects that meet their needs. We'll share information about the reformed Economic Development Program and an expanded Rail Program – both of which are designed to be more flexible and improve economic development efforts. You can learn how we're stretching highway dollars as far as possible by attending the breakout session on Practical Improvements, and in the Transit breakout we'll discuss how we're improving service and efficiency through regional partnering approaches and revised funding formulas. We're on our way to implementing the Strategic Aviation Plan having recently pilot tested the new selection process, and we'll share results of that expanded process in the Aviation breakout.

Transportation Needs versus Funding



..... **Preparation for Local Consult**

While, the legislature wisely designed T-WORKS to protect the investment we've already made in our highway system by fully funding highway preservation, it only provides slightly more than half as many dollars for modernization and expansion projects as were provided by the CTP. To best address the transportation needs of the state, we'll have to be smart and strategic as we determine which regional priorities to fund with our limited dollars. Without your help we aren't likely to be either smart enough or strategic enough to make the right decisions so your input at the local consult meetings in October will have a significant bearing on the project selection decisions KDOT will make in 2011.

To help keep all of us grounded in fiscal reality at the October local consult meetings, we're providing a range of dollars that we anticipate will be available to spend in each region of the state. That information and more will be discussed during the workshop and should help you prepare for the meetings.

As you prepare, I strongly encourage you to talk with local leaders and with other communities in the region. We need to make the best regional decisions possible and that will require some give and take. The local consult meetings are open to everyone but we ask that each community designate a spokesperson. We will use a facilitated process to ensure that everyone gets to have their say. I know that each community has a specific project that they want to advocate for; what we need now though is to know the combination of projects that will best serve the **region** within the dollars available.

T-WORKS was designed through a flexible, transparent and collaborative process and as we move to implementation, we intend to deliver it in the same manner.

Sincerely,

Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation



August 4, 2010

Mayor Carl Brewer
Vice President
League of Kansas Municipalities
455 N. Main
Wichita, KS 67202

Mayor Brewer,

The Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Water Resources Committee recently discussed the State’s current water policy and funding procedures for the State Water Plan Fund. As you are aware, following this extensive discussion, REAP determined to request the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) to include a statement on the reevaluation of state water policy in the Municipal Utilities section of the 2011 LKM Statement of Municipal Policy.

The objective of this statement is to initiate a broad discussion of state water policy, with LKM serving as the appropriate venue to begin the discussion. The statement for reevaluation includes an assessment of the following: Kansas Water Authority representation; revenue sources to the state water fund; distribution of state water plan funds; and the overall legislative process for the introduction consideration and adoption of the annual Kansas Water Authority budget.

In order to address current and future water challenges and ensure there are sufficient resources; agricultural, industrial, and municipal users must all work together for the overall benefit of the state. Therefore, REAP feels this discussion is timely and supports the inclusion of this statement in the 2011 LKM Statement of Municipal Policy.

Our staff is available to speak with you in greater detail regarding the State’s water policy and its importance to our region at your convenience. Please contact Ms. Angela Buzard, Executive Officer of the REAP Water Resources Committee at either angela.buzard@wichita.edu or (316) 978-3401 if you have any questions regarding our position.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Willis Heck
Chair, REAP Water Resources

Mayor, Kristey Williams
Chair, REAP Legislative Committee

**State Water Policy statement for inclusion in the Municipal Utilities section of the 2011
Kansas League of Municipalities Statement of Municipal Policy**

State Water Plan: We support a reevaluation of current state water policy. Included in that reevaluation is an assessment of the following:

- Kansas Water Authority representation
- Revenue sources to the state water fund
- Distribution of the state water fund
- Kansas legislative process for introduction, consideration and adoption of the annual Kansas Water Authority budget

Points of Emphasis:

- The objective of this statement is to initiate a broad discussion of state water policy
- The League of Kansas Municipalities is an appropriate venue to begin the discussion
- The discussion is timely for several reasons:
 - A: State water policy has not undergone a serious review since the current water plan was adopted in the 1980s
 - B: Statewide demand for water-related resources may require the commitment of additional state resources, including state general fund and user fees.
 - C: 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.
 - D: Agricultural, industrial and municipal users must all work together for the overall benefit of the state.



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**South-Central Kansas Legislative Policy Summit
Courtyard Marriott Wichita at Old Town
820 E 2nd St N, Wichita**

Thursday, December 3rd

- 12:00 PM Registration and Lunch
- 12:45 PM Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Senator Carolyn McGinn, Past-Chair South Central Kansas Summit
Mayor John Waltner, REAP Chairman
- 1:00 PM Budget Challenges & Opportunities
Revenues and Sales Tax Exemptions
Secretary Joan Wagnon, Kansas Department of Revenue
Bradley Borden, Washburn University
State of Kansas Budget Outlook
Mr. Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research
The South Central Kansas Economy
Dr. John Wong, Wichita State University
- 2:30 PM Historical Preservation and Tax Credits
Jeff Fluhr, Wichita Downtown Development Corporation
- 2:55 PM Break
- 3:10 PM Healthcare in Kansas
Center of Innovation in Bio Orthopedic Research (CIBOR)
Dr. Paul Wooley, Via Christi
WCGME and KU Medical
Dr. David Wilson, University of Kansas
Dental Residency Program
Dr. Charles Fox, Wichita State University
- 4:30 PM Leadership Perspectives on the Upcoming Session

Visioneering Wichita's 2010 Unified Legislative Agenda and Reception

**Thursday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m.
CityArts, 334 N Mead St, Wichita**



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Friday, December 4th

- 8:00 AM Breakfast (Courtyard Marriott Wichita at Old Town)
- 8:30 AM Aviation: The Envy of the World
Aviation Research
Jim Krone, Cessna
Aviation Training
Jim Walters, Cessna
Workforce Initiatives
Mr. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance
- 9:30 AM Perspective on Water Issues
David Warren, City of Wichita Utilities
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:10 AM Perspectives on Transportation
Legislative
Senator Les Donovan
State of Kansas
Kyle Schneweis, KDOT
Kansas Affordable Airfares Program (KAAP)
Mayor John Waltner, REAP Chairman
Chris Chronis, Sedgwick County
- 11:30 AM Closing Remarks
- 11:45 AM Adjourn



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.