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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.

Strengthening the economy of South Central Kansas through joint action of cities and counties.