REAP Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025 | 11:30 AM

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
   - REAP Chair Ashley Coleman (Mayor, Kechi) called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and began introductions.

2. **Approval of Minutes from the REAP Meeting from December 19, 2024**

ACTION TAKEN: Pat Stivers (Mayor, Maize) motioned to accept the December 19, 2024 minutes as presented. Russ Kessler (Mayor, Haysville) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **REAP 2025 Workplan Committee Update**
   - Committee Chair, Nick Engle (Council Member, Derby) provided an update and overview of the Committee's work to date
   - Discussion/Suggestions on the topic included:
     - Create a Listserv for easy member communication
     - Put a directory of the website
     - Continue to clarify value
     - Look for services/value REAP can provide that other organizations are not
     - Think about "how REAP can be used as a conduit for action"
     - Continue to review/adjust the fee structure
     - Member recruitment is very important
     - Remember: "We are stronger together"
     - Look at what other organizations are doing and do not overlap
   - The Committee will continue meeting and have a recommendation for the membership by 3.13.2025

ACTION TAKEN: Receive and file report.

4. **Evergy Presentation**
   - Representatives of Evergy presented an update and answered questions from REAP members. The Slide Deck from the presentation was sent to members after the meeting.
   - Evergy Staff attending virtually:
     - Jason Humphry
     - Jess Bradshaw
     - Ebony Clemons

ACTION TAKEN: Receive and file report.

5. **Northwest Expressway Update**
   - Status Update and Regional Impact Discussion
     - Pat Stivers, Mayor, Maize
     - Nick Gregory, City Administrator, Maize

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    - George Liebe, Mayor, Goddard
    - Stephanie Wise, Comissioner, Sedgwick County
- Sedgwick County has approved $100K for a new feasibility study
- Almost 40% of the right-of-way has been purchased
    - KDOT has committed one million dollars per year to purchase additional RoW
- Increased Regional Support is needed, this will impact the entire region – we must be proactive for the future
- Marcy invited the NW Expressway group to the next K254 meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Receive and file report.

6. Executive Director's Report: REAP Executive Director Dr. Marcy Aycock shared an update and overview of activities from late December though mid-Feburary. A full report was included in the meeting packet.

ACTION TAKEN: Receive and file report.

7. REAP Member Updates.

- Toni Porter, VP, Wichita Regional Chamber, will share the link so REAP members can subscribe to The Advocate – the Chamber's weekly Legislative update. Toni will provide the subscription information and Marcy will send it out.
- Tom Brown, Mayor, McPherson, shared information about their upcoming Economic Development Summit and invited REAP members to attend. He will provide the flyer and Marcy will send it out.
- Nick Gregory, City Manager, Maize, shared a Western Sedgwick County Chamber is in development .

ACTION TAKEN: Receive and file reports.

Adjourn:

- Meeting Adjourn: Chair Ashley Coleman, Mayor, Kechi, adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 10 @ 11:30 AM

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Attendees

Member	Organization/City	In Person	Zoom
Ashley Coleman, REAP Chair	Mayor, Kechi	X	
Rod Kreie, REAP Vice Chair	Mayor, Newton		X
Russ Kessler, REAP Treasurer	Mayor, Haysville	X	
Amy Baker	City of Colwich		X
Jim Benage	Mayor, Bel Aire	X	
Tim Boese	GMD2		X
Tom Brown	Mayor, McPherson	X	
Lauren David	SCKEDD	X	
Joe Dessenberger	Assistant City Manager, Maize	X	
Nick Engle	Council Member, Derby	X	
Sean Fox	City Administrator Park City	X	
Nick Gregory	City Manager, Maize		X
Dr. David Guo	Council Member, Maize; Hugo Wall School WSU		X
Brad Harris	City Administrator, North Newton	X	
Homer Henry	Council Member, Andover		X
Mike Hoheisel	Council Member, Wichita	X	
Matt Jensby	City Administrator, Kechi	X	
Angelina Johnson	Greater Wichita Partnership		X
George Liebe	Mayor, Goddard	X	
Pete Meitzner, REAP Chair	Commissioner Sedgwick County	X	
Kristi Northcutt	City Administrator, Lindsborg		X
Toni Porter	VP, Wichita Regional Chamber	X	
Tracy Pribbenow	Mayor, Bentley	X	
Daniela Rivas	City Manager, Newton		X
Don Schroeder	Commissioner, Harvey County	X	
Sydnee Scribner	Council Member, El Dorado		X
Justin Shore	Council President, Clearwater		X
Terry Somers	Mayor, Mt. Hope	X	
Pat Stivers	Mayor, Maize	X	
Jim Toews	Mayor, Inman	X	
Stephanie Wise	Commissioner, Sedgwick County	X	
Lily Wu	Mayor, Wichita		X
Shirley Lindquist	Workforce Alliance	X	
Dr. Marcy Aycock	Executive Director, REAP	X	

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