



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
August 24, 2010

Participants

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC
Ryan Green, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State
Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State
Ruth Miller, Wind Applications Center
Becky O'Donnell, Ag Extension
Donna Schenk-Hamlin, KSU Libraries, ICDD
Jim Steichen, Ag Engineering, NILMT

Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda and concurred on its content.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- Movies on the Grass are sponsoring a showing of Bag It on this Sunday, at 8PM by Hale Library.
- The Climate and Energy Project is trying to organize a contest between Manhattan and Lawrence. Dorothy Barnett is the contact person for this.

Graduate Certificate for Sustainability Education

- Larry will begin moving forward with the approval process for this initiative. The group also strongly supports the development of a minor in sustainability.

Planning for 2011 Sustainability Conference

- The next conference will be held in March. It is planned as a two day event.
- Planning for the 2011 conference continues, please contact Ben Champion for further details,
- champion@ksu.edu.

Efforts to make our community sustainable

- Ruth reported on newly funded initiatives in wind energy, including a three year project to install four new wind turbines and offer workshops and technical support to county/city governments to increase the efficiency of their operations; the creation of a new small wind test center in Colby, and some funding for additional wind energy for K-State.



Climate Counts Program

- Mark from the Climate Counts program intended to be on the call to discuss this program. We will try to reschedule for the next meeting.

USDA Grant Biobased Products and Bioenergy

- This project is moving forward and has meeting planned at the University of Arkansas on October 18.

Plans for Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- On September 9, there will be a discussion of chapters 1 and 20 of Rhonda Janke's book, Farming in the Dark. This will be held at 7pm in 3039 Throckmorton. Rhonda will lead the discussion. Flyers are available for distribution.
- Following this meeting, we will reassess the ecoliteracy book club. It is hoped that we can partner with local community organizations to help reach a broader audience.
- A poster on ecoliteracy book clubs will be developed for submission to KACEE's annual conference this fall.

Black Lantern Synergy Program on September 13 in Forum Hall

- It was decided that CESAS would co-sponsor this event and provide \$100.

January 2011 Intersession on Brownfields and Urban Gardening

- A draft agenda has been developed for this event. The planning committee is in the process of organizing speakers. The annual extension conference will be held in October and it would be good to promote the intersession at this conference.

Friends of CESAS program and the All University Campaign

- Just a reminder of upcoming giving opportunities.

Development of Sustainability Assessment Protocols

- Larry asked for volunteers to help with this process. Donna volunteered to look for a bibliography.

Other

- Donna requested materials to distribute at Movies on the Grass this Sunday.
- Becky shared a resource from the Christian Science Monitor about living off the grid.

The link to this information is:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2010/0807/Green-living-Off-the-grid-families-pioneer-sustainable-energy-lifestyles>

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 5, at 3:30 p.m.