



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
October 5, 2010

Participants

Ken Barnard, Aviation, K-State Salina

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

Lisa Harrington, Geography, K-State

Mark Harrison, ClimateCounts.org

Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, K-State

Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State

Jean Waters, Pollution Prevention Regional Information Center, U-Nebraska Omaha

Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks.

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda.

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda. One item was added and conducted at the beginning of the meeting. Mark Harrison with ClimateCounts.org gave a report on their organization's efforts to bridge information gap between industry and consumers. An annual report and rankings of businesses is available at their web site.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK).

- Larry mentioned that KSU received a USDA Climate Education grant, and planned activities will serve Kansas communities.

Graduate Certificate for Sustainability Education and Other Educational Initiatives.

- Lisa Harrington presented information on the first offering of Geog 833 - Seminar in Sustainability Science, Thought, and Approaches - to be offered Spring 2011.
- Larry mentioned that he sees interest in sustainability education, and thinks one way to start is to augment economics courses with sustainability topics. Jean Waters will refer some instructors of sustainability-related courses to Larry, as potential book chapter authors for a CRC book.

Planning for 2011 Sustainability Conference. The next conference will be held in March 2011.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy."

- Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State. Larry will attend a meeting in Arkansas Oct 18 & 19 to continue curriculum planning.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities. A new book needs to be selected, perhaps on a climate change topic.

Feedback on Black Lantern Synergy Program. Larry attended the program and reported on it.

January 2011 Intersession on Brownfields and Urban Gardening.

- The International Phytotechnologies Society will sponsor this event, so members can attend.

Friends of CESAS program and the All University Campaign.

- Donations can be designated to The Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Foundation and The Hazardous Waste Research Foundation.

Water quality meeting in Prairie Village. Larry and Jim Steichen are attending the evening of October 7.

Kansas Energy Conference and the Kansas Water Conference take place this month.

Next meeting. Thursday, November 4 at 3:30 p.m. CST.