



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
December 4, 2012

Participants

Dr. Larry Erickson, CHSR, ChE, KNRC
Ellen Urton, K-State Libraries
Dr. Lisa Harrington, KSU Geography Dept.
Myles Alexander, CECD, ICDD
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Review of the Agenda

- The agenda was reviewed.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- Myles Alexander provided an update on the ICDD and CECD efforts. The facilitation workshop will be January 15 and 16, 2013. Community food efforts are continuing.

Sustainable Brownfields Program (TAB)

- Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities:
<http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/outreach/tab/index.html>

Eco-literacy Book Club:

- Two books were discussed for the next Ecoliteracy Book Club meeting. Those present were encouraged to review information on these two books.
 - The Hockey Stick and Global Climate Wars by Michael Mann and a new huge
 - Global Energy Assessment book with many authors.

Solar parking project

- The effort to install a charge station at K-State is continuing.

Follow up on Conference on November 10

- There was discussion and positive responses with respect to the November 10 KNRC conference.

I/UCRC Proposal and January 15 or 16, 2013

- On January 16, there will be a Dialog on Research Needs related to the electrification of transportation with wind and solar energy. Those who wish to attend should contact Sheree Walsh at smw@ksu.edu or Larry Erickson at lerick@ksu.edu. This is part of an effort to develop support for an Industry/University Cooperative Research Center on Electric Vehicles - Transportation and Electricity Convergence.



New projects at K-State related to sustainability

- There are two new USDA awards related to sustainability. Susan Sun is leading a project to develop camelina as an agricultural crop that has value to advance sustainability. The Dept. of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design has new funding to enrich its educational programs with sustainability content.

Other

- Jean Waters was not able to attend, but reported that the University of Nebraska at Omaha has proposed a university-wide sustainability policy and there is an advocate for the university to sign the American College and University Climate Commitment.
- The Nebraska Board of Regents has approved a Center for Urban Sustainability at UNO.
- There is movement toward offering a degree in sustainability at UNO
- There is a national meeting related to sustainable brownfields and sustainable communities in Kansas City, February 6-9, 2013. <http://www.newpartners.org>

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be January 8, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in Ward Hall 102.