



CESAS Meeting Summary  
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University  
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**Participants**

Dr. Larry Erickson, CHSR, ChE, KNRC  
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**Review of the Agenda**

- The agenda was reviewed and we added a report by Myles Alexander on recent activities of CECD and ICDD

**Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)**

- The next Resourceful Kansas seminar will be at the Riley County Public Works Facility, Thursday, April 11, 2013. To register and find more information visit [www.ResourcefulKansas.org](http://www.ResourcefulKansas.org).
- The University of Kansas is looking for an Energy Program Manager. See <http://employment.ku.edu> for more information.

**Sustainable Brownfields and TAB**

- Kansas State University has been selected to develop cooperative agreements with EPA for Technical Assistance for Brownfields work in Regions 5, 6, 7, and 8.

**Eco-literacy Book Club:**

- Those present discussed the idea of selecting a book related to hunger, food, sustainable agriculture, and the use of land for bioenergy. We will look for a good book that is of interest to those who wish to participate.

**Solar parking project**

- The charge station has been installed at the KSU Parking Garage. There is interest in a solar powered charge station at the proposed welcome center at I-70 and K-177. Research is continuing on the development of plans for solar powered charge stations at K-State. The effort to find more partners for the research is continuing.

**Dialog on Sustainability**

- Those present favored having the Dialog on Sustainability on Saturday, July 20 so community people will be able to participate. We will have youth from Europe at this dialog and we will want to consider that in developing the program. Renewable energy, climate change, and water were topics that were suggested.

**NSF EPSCoR**

The process of developing the next NSF EPSCoR proposal is continuing.

### **New Projects Related to Sustainability**

- Kansas State University has been selected to host youth from Europe this summer for an educational and cultural visit. David Carter is leading the effort.
- Kansas State University is part of a \$6.5 million biomass research project that is being led by Ceramatec, Inc. Praveen Vadlani is the lead investigator for K-State.
- Ecoreps Program
  - Many units now have ecoreps that are helping with sustainability efforts within their unit.
  - Nominations for Ecoreps Awards are Due, March 15, 2013. There are three awards: 1. Impact award, 2. Innovation award, and 3. Spirit award. See <http://sustainability.k-state.edu/ecoreps/awards/>
  - The Greening Your Workplace initiative is fully up and running at [http://sustainability.k-state.edu/ecoreps/greening\\_your\\_workplace/](http://sustainability.k-state.edu/ecoreps/greening_your_workplace/)

### **Report on CECD and ICDD**

- Myles Alexander reported on the Center for Engagement and Community Development programs and the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy activities.
- The small town grocery stores meeting on distribution of groceries was attended by 24 plus staff. There was good dialog on the issues that impact small town grocers.
- There was a meeting in Brown County on assessment and planning that addressed community issues related to food and health.
- There was another successful facilitation workshop to train individuals to be facilitators.
- There now is a Dialog on Deliberation and Public Engagement certificate program in cooperation with other organizations. This is a global effort with international networking.
- There are incentive grants available from CECD.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in Ward Hall 102.