



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
April 16, 2013

Participants

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

The agenda was reviewed and Kim Bellemere (Kansas Natural Resource Council) spoke about a coalition advocating for sustainability-related issues under discussion in the Kansas legislature. KNRC is a member of the Kansas for Clean Energy Coalition, which emerged from a working group of the Kansas Environmental Forum (KNRC & Kansas Interfaith Power & Light). Specifically, the Renewable Portfolio Standard was under review by both the Kansas House and Senate. The bill in the House was tabled and the bill in the Senate was defeated. This was a successful collaborative effort of many organizations including Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, the Sierra Club, KNRC, Kansas Rural Center, and others. This coalition will likely continue to collaborate, perhaps on issues related to energy, but specifics have yet to be decided.

Technical Assistance for Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- Seminars related to sustainable development in Kansas are continuing
- See the Resourceful Kansas' 2013 Road Show: <http://www.resourcefulkansas.org/dates#overview>
- Adamchak Lecture: "Adaptation vs. Coping in Response to Climate Change in the U.S. and Latin America" by Dr. Cornelia Flora and Dr. Jan Flora (5:00 – 6:00 p.m., 4/16/13 in the Union's Little Theatre)

Sustainable Brownfields (TAB)

- Team getting ready for brownfields conference in May, submitted package of materials which are now with the EPA; the package needs to go through some contracting and approval process, continuing to do TAB work with existing funds (for regions 5 & 7)

Eco-literacy Book Club

- Larry purchased a copy of *The Future: Six drivers of global change* by Al Gore but would like an eco-literacy book related to food sourcing and sustainable agriculture (but the book by Al Gore is a back up option).

Solar Parking Project and New Charge Station

- Work is continuing, making good progress

Dialog on Sustainability

- Save the Date: Saturday, July 20th

NSF EPSCoR "Building Capacity in Sustainability"

- Continuing, nothing new there

Earth Day Activities at KSU

- Prof Harvey Blanch to speak on April 22nd at 2:30, in Fiedler Auditorium on “Renewable fuels: A challenge for technology or for policy?” (from the University of California, Berkeley. Part of the L.T. Fan Lecture series from the Department of Chemical Engineering.
 - News Release: <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/apr13/fanlecture41213.html>
- Earth Day Celebration, 3:30 to 5:00, April 23rd, Alumni Center
 - RVSP here: <http://sustainability.k-state.edu/>
- K-State Libraries: There will be a book display on Hale Library’s second floor highlighting books from the collection and the Libraries Twitter presence will include tweets related to sustainability and environmentalism.

Sustainability Seminar

- May 31st - end of July, Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
- Wish to begin developing instructional materials that are supportive of Sustainability Seminar on issues such as developing a sustainability plan for university or community

E-Waste Event on April 27 (see attached flyer)

- Saturday, April 27th, E-Waste event in the west stadium parking lot (during the day); info will go into the minutes
- Press Release (K-State Today): <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/mar13/ewaste32713.html>

Co-sponsorship of America’s Grassland Conference by CESAS

- August 13 – 14, 2013: <http://www.nwf.org/What-We-Do/Protect-Habitat/Healthy-Forests-and-Farms/Americas-Grasslands-Conference.aspx>
- Organized by the National Wildlife Federation and Kansas State University
- Program will include presentations and tours on Monday August 12th (this is an optional day of events, the primary conference days are the 13th & 14th)
- Location: Hilton Garden Inn, downtown Manhattan, KS
- Programs related to greenhouse gases, using grasses for biofuels, etc.
- Sponsorship options: <http://www.nwf.org/What-We-Do/Protect-Habitat/Healthy-Forests-and-Farms/Americas-Grasslands-Conference/Sponsorship.aspx>
 - Gold Sponsor ≥ \$1,000
 - Company logo and link to company website on conference website
 - Logo on program in third largest format
 - Acknowledgement in opening and closing sessions
 - 1 complimentary full conference registration
 - Silver Sponsor ≥ \$ 500
 - Name listed on program and registration website
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- Larry: recommends a \$500 sponsorship. This recommendation was approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m.