

CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
November 17, 2015

Present:

Larry Erickson, Ch.E. and KNRC
Mark Walker, CHSR

1. Review of the agenda

There were no changes in the agenda

2. Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

The Kansas Water Conference is November 18 and 19.

3. Sustainable Brownfields (TAB)

This is the time for preparation of proposals for community Brownfield sites. CHSR is busy with helping communities with their proposals.

4. Sustainable communities and good news for LA/RCP programs

The K-State Landscape Architecture program has been ranked number 1 in the Midwest and number 6 nationally. Congratulations!

5. Solar Powered Charge Station Project and DOE Challenge

Jennifer Anthony presented a paper at the AIChE Meeting on "Sustainability metrics for charging infrastructure for electric vehicles." Andrey Znamensky presented a poster on the positive impact of electric vehicles on urban air quality.

6. Sustainability Education

There is progress on sustainability education at a number of universities based on reports at the AIChE meeting.

7. Ecoliteracy Book Club

One new book is by Bill Nye; the title is Unstoppable: Harnessing Science to Change the World. It addresses climate change.

8. Global Soil Partnership

There is interest in soil by many; communication has been established with professionals at Dow Chemical Co. on this topic.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, at 3:30 p.m.

10. Other

Manhattan, Kansas has been identified as a city where many walk to work. According to the report "Cities with Highest Percentage of Population Walking to Work", 9.41% of the population in Manhattan walks to work. This is the highest percentage for a city of more than 50,000 in Kansas. See <http://zipatlas.com>.

11. Future event: Climate Change "Ask the Expert," Wednesday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m., Cottonwood Room, KSU Union. Organized by Climate Change Group.

The minutes of prior meetings may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/sustainability>

Announcements and Events: See Events at: <https://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events>