

CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
December 15, 2015

Present:

Larry E. Erickson, ChE and KNR
Huston Gibson, RCP/LA
Oral Saulters, CHSR
Donna Schenck-Hamlin, KSU Library
Jean Waters, Univ. Nebr.-Omaha

1. Review of the agenda: There were no changes in the agenda

2. Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- Donna Schenck-Hamlin presented information on a new student film festival with competition. See <http://www.k-state.edu/48filmfest/>
- Kansas Natural Resource Council has a new film "Waters of Kansas." It is on the CHSR webpage (click 'Sustainability').
- Vision for the Future Water Supply in Kansas Education and Public Outreach Working Group Meetings January 7, March 10, May 12, Sept. 8, and Oct. 6. See Kansas Water Office Internet Site, Lead Contact: Dana Ladner (dana.ladner@kda.ks.gov)

3. Sustainable Brownfields (TAB)

K-State is preparing several proposals to continue the efforts related to sustainable brownfields.

4. Sustainable communities

A new sustainable communities effort: *Lutherans Restoring Creation*. This group has representatives in Kansas and Missouri Retreat planned for February 27 and 28, 2016 at Camp Tomah Shinga which is south of Junction City. Information is on the ELCA Central States Synod Internet site.

5. Solar Powered Charge Station Project and DOE Challenge

Those present have recommended that the 2016 Dialog on Sustainability focus on the Clean Power Plan and the Paris Agreement of Climate Change (COP 21).

6. Sustainability Education

The MOU related to the sustainability class that Valentina Pidlisnyuk will teach this May has been signed.

7. Ecoliteracy Book Club- Two new books

- Jeffrey Sachs - The Age of Sustainable Development
- Lester Brown and coauthors - The Great Transition

8. Global Soil Partnership

There is continuing interest in the Global Soil Partnership There are conversations with Dow Chemical Company representatives.

9. Search for Director of Sustainability at K-State

There is a search for a person to fill the position Director of Sustainability at K-State, which is 0.5 time.

10. Kansas Natural Resources Council is looking for new members and board members

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26 at 3:30 p.m.

12. Other: Jean Waters discussed air quality in Omaha as it relates to environmental justice issues in Omaha communities. This relates to the K-State EPA proposal..

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



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