



**CESAS Meeting Summary**  
**102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University**  
**October 1, 2009**

**Participants**

Ken Barnard, Aviation Department, K-State (via teleconference)  
Terrie Boguski, Harmony Environmental LLC (via teleconference)  
Susan Brown, The Energy Savings Store (via teleconference)  
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC  
Gary Gerhard, 4-H Youth Development, K-State (via teleconference)  
Ryan Green, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State  
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, K-State (via teleconference)  
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, K-State  
Sue Pray, School of Leadership Studies, K-State (via teleconference)  
Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State  
Lee Skabelund, Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning (via teleconference)  
James Steichen, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, K-State

**Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks**

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Review of the Agenda**

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda and concurred on its content.

**Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK) and CECD Call for Proposals**

- Given the various TASK-related efforts and initiatives (e.g., environmental education, extension, brownfields, gardens, energy, community development, etc.), Larry Erickson suggested partners collaborate to prepare a joint proposal for submittal in response to the Center for Engagement and Community Engagement RFP (deadline for proposals is November 2, 2009).  
<http://www.ksu.edu/cecd/>

**Update on K-State Sustainability Task Force Activities**

- The Task Force report has been finalized and delivered to K-State leadership, Lee Skabelund noted that a shorter version would be released for public distribution.

**K-State Sustainability Conference: Kansas Advancing Sustainability in Higher Education.**

- Larry Erickson noted that the submittal deadline for presentation abstracts was Oct 1.
- Sponsorship opportunities were discussed – CESAS group agreed to Silver-level Sponsorship in the amount of \$1500 which will provide two complimentary registrations, media release, website links, display, recognition in program, etc.
- Group expressed interest in supporting community group scholarships to encourage participation.

**Kansas NSF EPSCoR Phase VI - Climate Change and Energy: Basic Science, Impacts, and Mitigation**

- Larry Erickson observed that the award had arrived and was being coordinated by PI (Kristin Bowman-James); the 2009 Kansas Statewide NSF EPSCoR Conference will be held in Manhattan on Oct 6, K-State Alumni Center.



#### **Speakers' Bureau and Speakers on Sustainability Topics**

- Subject matter experts continue to join the list of available speakers, Susan Brown expressed interest and willingness to participate; Becky O'Donnell suggested including extension agents working toward sustainable communities.

#### **4-H Project Update**

- Gary Gerhard stated that the project leaders were meeting weekly and that graphic art and web design components were completed with other efforts under way (e.g., sustainability, engineering, curricula, inquiry based learning, field tests, etc.).

#### **New USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy"**

- Larry Erickson briefed the group on program developments including the last meeting which had representatives from university partners: K-State, South Dakota State, Oklahoma State, and the University of Arkansas; program tracks for the jointly offered graduate certificate were noted (feedstocks, processing/conversion, sustainability [life cycle analysis, environmental risk, and natural resources]).

#### **January 2010 Intersession "Greenhouse Gases, Carbon Taxes and Trading, and Carbon Sequestration"**

- Program schedule and speaker plans for the three day event (January 6-8, 2010) were reviewed by group; representatives from various universities, private companies, government agencies, and communities will be presenters and panelists; Sue Pray commended the organizing committee on its positive progress; Ken Barnard suggested including topic of invasive species and impacts; an open public session on "Public Policy Dimensions and Reducing GHG Emissions at K-State and in Communities" is scheduled for January 6, 2010, 7:00 PM.

#### **Fort Riley Sustainability Initiative**

- Oral Saulters noted that Army professionals in the subject areas of air quality (Ben Wissenburg) and sustainability (Craig Phillips) were invited to participate in the January 2010 Greenhouse Gas seminar/course.

#### **NSF Decision Making Under Uncertainty Proposal**

- While the DMUU multidisciplinary proposal has been submitted, other opportunities are being explored including President Obama's/congressional efforts to provide assistance to Africa with agricultural development; Becky O'Donnell expressed interest in supporting follow-up efforts.

#### **Announcements and Other Activities**

- Lee Skabelund provided an update on the green roof at Seaton Hall, noting that the vegetation was healthy and soil/water runoff parameters were being monitored.

#### **See Important Upcoming Events at**

- <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events/>

#### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, October 29, 3:30 PM Central, Ward 102.

**Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!**