



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
November 4, 2010

Participants

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC
Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State
Becky O'Donnell, Ag Extension

Welcome, Opening Remarks & Review of the Agenda.

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK).

- Becky O'Donnell discussed the work that her unit does related to TASK.

Graduate Certificate for Sustainability Education and Other Educational Initiatives.

- Larry Erickson reported on a new undergraduate major in sustainability that has been introduced at the University of Oklahoma. We thank John Harrington for sharing this information.

Planning for 2011 Sustainability Conference.

- Planning is continuing for the 2011 Sustainability Conference.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy," Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State

- There was a very good meeting at the University of Arkansas on October 18 and 19 for the "Biobased Products and Bioenergy" Certificate team. The University of Arkansas provided a tour of their new algae pilot plant where nitrogen and phosphorus from the city waste water treatment plant is being used to produce algae. The BPB project is on schedule.

Ecoliteracy Book Club Activities.

- We discussed the Ecoliteracy Book Club activities and gave Wendy three recommendations for the next book.

Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership.

- We briefly discussed the new Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership. Ben Champion is the PI on the project. We discussed ways to make use of earlier work for this project. Wendy will discuss this with Jackie Spears.

January 2011 Intersession on Brownfields and Urban Gardening.

- Those present approved using \$300 from the CESAS account to cosponsor the Brownfields and Urban Gardening Intersession event at the Silver level. This means that one person from a CESAS partner organization can participate in the January Intersession with registration provided by this contribution. If you are interested in attending, please inform Sheree Walsh (smw@ksu.edu).

Friends of CESAS program and the All University Campaign.

- The account balance in the CESAS account with the KSU Foundation was \$3712.52 on Nov. 4, 2010. We express our thanks to those who have contributed to this account for support of CESAS activities.

Kansas Interagency Working Group for Wind Energy.

- Governor Parkinson has established the Kansas Interagency Working Group for Wind Energy to help advance wind energy in Kansas. The Group will provide for smooth and responsible wind energy expansion in Kansas and appropriate interagency communication. The Kansas Board of Regents is represented.

Kansas Energy Conference Report

- Becky O'Donnell reported on the plans for the 2010 Sustainable Agriculture Conference in Emporia, Kansas on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010.
- More information is available from the Kansas Rural Center at <http://www.kansasruralcenter.org>

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, at 3:30 p.m.