



**CESAS Meeting Summary**  
**102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University**  
**January 20, 2011 meeting**

**Participants**

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC  
Ryan Green, CHSR  
Terrie Boguski, Harmony Environmental  
Lisa Harrington, Geography, K-State  
Jean Waters, University of Omaha at Nebraska  
Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, K-State

**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).**

- The Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK) activities include the Resourceful Kansas Program and other efforts which appear below. See the events calendar for more information also.

**Sustainability Education and Other Educational Initiatives.**

- Sustainability education includes a new seminar in Geography which Lisa Harrington is teaching. See the Internet for Robert Kates "Readings in Sustainability Science and Technology" if you want to see some of the available reading material for this new course. The Kates reader is available by going to <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/publications/faculty-working-papers/cid-working-paper-no.-213>
- The University of Nebraska at Omaha has a new MBA concentration in Sustainability; see <http://cba.unomaha.edu/mba/Concentrations.cfm>
- Activities are continuing related to the new certificate supported by the USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy." Some course are now available and being offered.
- We need to select a new book for the Eco-Literacy Book Club. Please send any recommendations to [smw@ksu.edu](mailto:smw@ksu.edu) for Wendy Griswold, Becky O'Donnell, Larry Erickson, and Sheree Walsh.
- Those present recommended that we work to enhance sustainability seminar activities at K-State by working with departments and encouraging sustainability related seminars. Ben Champion, Lisa Harrington and Larry Erickson will help with this. Requests for help with funding of speakers may be sent to [smw@ksu.edu](mailto:smw@ksu.edu) (Sheree Walsh) for consideration at a future CESAS meeting.

**2011 Sustainability Conference.**

- Those present approved \$500 from CESAS funds to support the 2011 Sustainability Conference, which will be at K-State, March 30 and 31, 2011. The first day of the conference will be workshops while the second day will feature invited and contributed presentations. Please see <http://sustainability.ksu.edu/conferences/2011/> for more information.

**Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership.**

- There are a number of developments associated with the Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership. The central objective is to develop an effective educational program related to climate change.

**Take Charge Challenge.**

- Ben Champion provided an update on the Take Charge Challenge in which Manhattan/K-State is in competition with Lawrence/KU to win \$100,000. See [www.takechargekansas.org](http://www.takechargekansas.org) for more information. The focus is on making homes more energy efficient and on public education to enable individuals to save energy and money.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 22, 2011 and by electronic connection.